

Sunday 8th October 2023

TRINITY 18

Year A

23/40

# ST JAMES Islington N1 8PH

**Collect: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Welcomer Hilary Roden  
 Readers Martin Allen and Eric Sorensen  
 Interceder Kerri Allen  
 E Min Susan Sorensen  
 Coffee Eva Kasella

**Music:**  
 Entry AM445 God is here  
 R Psalm Psalm 80  
 Offertory AM448 I come with joy  
 2SC *My eyes for beauty pine Howells*  
 Final AM584 All my hope  
 Mass Burley Mass, Simon Lole



**HARVEST** It was good to welcome a good crowd to St James' last Sunday as we used Harvest Festival to focus on global warming and the havoc brought about by medicanes and earthquakes - in Libya and Morocco. Thank you for flying those paper aeroplanes so successfully and for generously pinning your donations to the line across the Church. The appeal will remain open during October and we hope to be able to send off a decent cheque to the British Red Cross. Also in Church were some visitors, among them Jaz Payne, a wheel chair user, and Em Crampton and her fiancé Tom. All are hoping to be married within the next year, Jaz in Cambridge and Em and Tom here at St James'.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** Charlie and Olive got stuck in (literally) to their First Holy Communion course as they made bread in the Vicarage kitchen on Tuesday. Celebration day: 22nd October.



**ART EXHIBITION** St James' is suddenly looking rather bare after Caroline Griffiths' art show came down on Monday. But she managed to sell half of her paintings and we thank her not only for being willing to mount the exhibition single handedly but also for her very generous donation to the Proms Fund. We were also grateful to the Hanbury Pub who lavishly supplied the Proms events with wine, beer - and Guinness! A really successful festival - but hard work!

**WELCOME to everyone in Church today, especially those visiting for the first time.**

- Please ask the nearest person to you in the pews if there is anything you need. There is a carpeted area in the south aisle for our smallest children. A full service booklet is available and the T-loop system works well.
- A collection of money is taken during Mass *and there is a card-reader on the back wall for digital donations.* We are very grateful for your kind support.
- At the time of communion, please feel free to come forward to the front of Church - either to receive communion or a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too!
- Finally, do stay for a drink after Mass if you can and say hello before you leave. If you would like to keep in touch, please fill in a white Contact Card and we'll respond asap.

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**INCENSE** The use of incense has been part and parcel of our worship at St James' for at least forty years. Until recently it was in the capable hands of Kingsley Lewis. Now the new generation of Mohammad and Ethan are taking on the task and doing it very well. For now it will just be on 2nd Sundays.

**RAILINGS** While the current warm weather holds we have had the outside railings repainted. They really were in very bad condition so it is good that we can tick off another item in the long list of external repairs.

**ST JAMES' GARDENS** At last the contractors are lined up to start work on upgrading the Gardens outside Church, now scheduled for Monday 16th. As they are relaying the path directly outside our front door and retrieving the red bricks elsewhere to extend the hard standing, there will be major disruption to access for a short while. Please watch where you tread!

**CARD READER** No cash? Don't forget you can now give by card!

## PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Happy Returns this week to Kaitlin Church and to Louise Ahmet.
- SICK** Elizabeth Batchelor, Denise Clarke, Peter Freeth, Paul Hope, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Delia Rockett, Hazel Saunders, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Julia Taylor, Arthur Ward, Revd Marjorie Ward and Mary Whalley.
- INDOOR MEMBERS** Annie Bryan, Vivien Carlton, Kingsley Lewis (Bridgeside Lodge) and Wendy Fisher Gordon.
- ANNIVERSARIES** 9th: Florence Hill (1987); 10th: Joe Wilson (1993); 11th: Elizabeth Skeates (1974)
- INTERNATIONAL LINKS** *In the US:* Fr Travis Smith, Rector of Holy Comforter, Angleton and Mth Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. *In Japan:* Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa, now transferred to a university chaplaincy in Tokyo.
- PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE** We pray for the release of **Peter Jouvenal**, held by the Taliban since December 2021 and for all political prisoners.
- IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK** We pray for all those so affected by the disasters in Libya and Morocco.

**THE PCC** meets on Wednesday. Lots to talk about in preparation for the interregnum so we won't be spending the whole time wondering if and when the Vicarage is to be sold...

THIS WEEK (and next)

Sun **TRINITY 18** 8am Mass 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.  
 Mon 3pm A team from Islington Council discuss St James' Gardens plan. 7.30pm Epiphoni Concert in Church (see posters for details).  
 Tues **8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 10.30-5.30pm G6 rehearsal.** 11am HC to Kingsley Lewis. 4pm FC programme, Vicarage. 7-9pm *Corsican Brass rehearsal.*  
 Wed **10am Mass with Islington Deanery Chapter.** 1pm Three groups of children from Hanover School visit St James' (in half hour slots!) 'The five teachings of Jesus'. 7-9pm *Sing.* 7.30pm PCC, Vicarage.  
 Thurs 5.15pm Servers rehearsal. **6pm Evening Prayer.** 6.15pm Office session. 7-9pm *Cantallini.* 7pm Arlington Assoc. AGM, Hall.

Sun 15 **TRINITY 19** 8am Mass 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 3-9pm *English Chamber Orchestra rehearsal.*  
 Mon 9am Work on St James' Gardens begins. 2-9pm *English Chamber Orchestra rehearsal.*  
 Tues **8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 10.30-5.30pm English Chamber Orchestra rehearsal.** 6-10pm *Epiphoni rehearsal.*  
 Wed **10am Mass. 7-9pm Sing.**  
 Thurs **4pm FC Rehearsal and Preparation Service. 6pm Evening Prayer.** 6.15pm Office session. 7-9pm *Cantallini.*  
 Fri 4pm Wedding Rehearsal.  
 Sat 10.30am Wedding of Shaun Lake and Loretta Nistor. 2-10pm *Rehearsal and Concert in aid of Hampstead Hospice.*  
 Sun 22 **TRINITY 20** 8am Mass 10am PARISH MASS, SUNDAY SCHOOL and the BAPTISM of Rosie Green together with the ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION of Charlie Green and Olive Murphy.

Calendar and Daily prayer themes

Sun 8 **TRINITY 18** Scott, Amy, Freddie, Callum and Benjamin Kinch  
 Mon 9 **DEL Week 27** Kingsley Lewis and :Pauline McGovern; Beryl Lloyd  
 Tues 10 **Thomas Traherne, poet** Paula, Gianni and Giandre Morrison  
 Wed 11 **St Ethelburga** Sergio and Cecy Munoz; Isabel Nisbet; Joyce Owusu  
 Thurs 12 **Elizabeth Fry** Jade Nicholson, John, Charlie, Henry and Rosie Green  
 Fri 13 **St Edward the Confessor** Toni Parker; Miguel Pequenya; Anneke Pol  
 Sat 14 **Feria** Jess and Tayah Phillips; Rosemary Ross; Helen Schofield  
 Sun 15 **TRINITY 19** John, Hilary and Laura Roden, and Hope Dixey



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PARISH MASS  
for Trinity 18  
8 October 2023

as streamed from  
St James' Church  
Islington N1



May God bless every  
£1 we give so that St  
James' will be here,  
not just for today and  
for tomorrow, but for  
the future he wants to  
create.

PARISH MASS FOR TRINITY 18

Entry Hymn: **AM445 God is here**

[t AM337 Blauenwern]

*God is here! As we his people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of his Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are altar, font and pulpit,  
here the Cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!* (Words: Fred Pratt Green)

**The Greeting**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Confession**

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and in sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past,  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all those who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

**Gloria**

Dom Gregory Murray

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship  
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of  
God, you take away the sins for the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our  
prayer.**

**For you alone are the holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect**

**Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from  
unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*1st Reading: (Isaiah 5: 1-7)* Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning  
his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and  
cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower  
in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and  
my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done  
in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and  
it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown  
with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon  
it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of  
Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteous-  
ness, but heard a cry!

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*quietly*

God my de - liver - er - er, God my strong tower.  
On God a - lone we wait, pa - tient - ly.

[Ps 80] Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance  
and we shall be saved. **(R)**

You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of sadness to drink.  
But when you brought your vine out of Egypt;  
you prepared the ground,  
it took root and filled the land. **(R)**

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
and let your hand be upon the people whom you have chosen.  
So we will never turn away from you;  
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R)**

*2nd Reading: (Philippians 3: 4b-14)* If anyone else has reason to be confident in the  
flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Isra-  
el, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Phari-  
see; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,  
blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.  
More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of  
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things,  
and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,  
not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that  
comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*A short time of silence follows as we reflect on all we have heard.*

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

### Gospel Acclamation

We sing together:



**The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone.**

We sing once more: **Alleluia, alleluia...**

### Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(St Matthew 21: 33-46) 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Sermon

Stand

The Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father.**

**God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; though him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### The Intercessions

At the end:

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Stand

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: **AM448 I come with joy**

[t St Botolph]

*I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near,  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.*

(Words: Brian Wren)

Remain standing

### At the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, my friends, that our thanksgiving may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice from our hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

God of truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants,  
strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Remain standing

### Eucharistic Prayer B

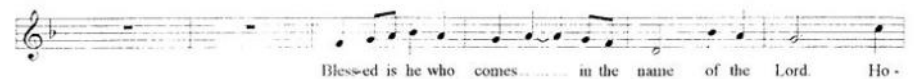
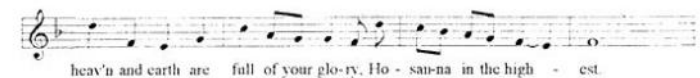
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you  
thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father God, from the very first you planted us in your Garden of Delight.  
Even after our disobedience you invited us to be stewards of your vineyard,  
so that we might enjoy the fruits of the earth and the wine that gladdens our  
hearts.

Live among, Lord we pray, so that where your servants are rejected you may  
sustain them; where your messengers are beaten they may be renewed and  
where your vineyard is in the hands of the headstrong, we may stand firm  
until that day comes when we and all your suffering people will see you face  
to face.

And so joining with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:



Sit or kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.  
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

We bring before you this bread and this cup  
and thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary the Mother God,  
St James, St Peter and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through him from whom all good things come,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty  
in songs of everlasting praise:



## Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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A  
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B

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy king - dom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,  
and for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.  
And lead us not in - to temp - tation, but de - liv er us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom the power and the glory for ev er and ev - er, A - men.

## Fraction

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share the one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy up-on us.

Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer-cy up-on us Je-sus, re-deem-er

of the world give us your peace.

## Invitation

Draw near with faith: receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 which was broken for you, and his blood which was shed for you.  
 Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you  
 and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving;  
 for this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
 Happy are those who are called to his Supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**  
**but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Sit

## After Communion

Anthem: *My eyes for beauty pine* Herbert Howells

*My eyes for beauty pine, my soul; for Goddè's grace,  
 no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face*

On splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:  
 'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,  
 is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but nothing shall be lacking to those who  
 fear the Lord.

Post Communion:

Almighty Father, may the body and blood of your Son give us a share in his  
 life, for he is a Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood  
 of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and  
 bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your  
 Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## Community Notices

Stand

## Blessing

May God who gives strength to all who call upon him,  
 fill us with courage and with insight,  
 so that all the world may live as one,  
 bearing one another's burdens and seeking the common good;  
 and so may the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
 be with us, now and for ever. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Final Hymn: **AM584 All my hope on God is founded**

[t Michael]

**All my hope on God is founded;  
 he doth still my trust renew.  
 Me through change and chance he guideth,  
 only good and only true.  
 God unknown, he alone  
 calls my heart to be his own.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
 deep his wisdom, passing thought;  
 splendour, light and life attend him,  
 beauty springeth out of naught.  
 Evermore, from his store,  
 new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Still from earth to God eternal  
 sacrifice of praise be done,  
 high above all praises praising  
 for the gift of Christ his Son.  
 Christ doth call one and all:  
 ye who follow shall not fall.**

(Words: Robert Bridges)