

THE PARISH OF FRIERN BARNET

Feast of St James the Apostle and ALMA Sunday
26th July 2020

OPENING HYMN

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-74)

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Introduction to the Liturgy

We gather today as the family of God to celebrate the Feast of St James the Apostle, giving thanks for his life and witness to Christ. We also hold in our prayers today ALMA, praying especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Angola and Mozambique.

CONFESSION

I set no store by life; I only want to finish the race and complete the task which the Lord Jesus assigned to me, of bearing witness to the gospel of God's grace.

Let us reflect on the past week in the silence of our own hearts.

Conscious of our failure to proclaim the gospel, let us call to mind our sins:

'I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink'
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

'I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me'.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

'I was sick and you did not visit me,
in prison and you did not come to me'.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

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 sin of 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.**

THE COLLECT

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death;
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING Acts 11.27 – 12.2

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according

to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced.*

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When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with songs of joy. **R/**

Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced. **R/**

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
As the river beds of the desert.
Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy. **R/**
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them. **R/**

THE GOSPEL Matthew 20. 20-28

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.' When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE CREED

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church and the wider world, especially for ALMA and our brothers and sisters in Christ, in Angola and Mozambique.

And at the end

Merciful Father...

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

HYMN

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.**

**Take up thy cross - let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.**

**Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
the Lord for thee the Cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.**

**Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly ev'ry danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to vict'ry o'er the grave.**

**Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

**To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
the heav'nly life that knows no end.**

Charles Everest (1814-77)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The children of the Diocese of Angola will now lead us in the Lord's Prayer in Portuguese, which is also subtitled in English.

THE AGNUS DEI

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The priest receives communion on behalf of all those joining in the service, as those at home make an Act of Spiritual Communion joining with Fr Guy in saying...

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul that I may unite myself wholly to you now and for ever. Amen

*A Video Message on Alma from The Bishop of Niassa, Mozambique,
The Bishop of Edmonton and the Archdeacon of London*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR ALMA

All Father God we hold ALMA before you today, thanking you for the last twenty years and the deep fellowship and friendship that has grown between the Anglican churches of Angola, London and Mozambique.

We ask your continued blessing on our partnership praising you for the joys and the sorrows shared, challenges faced, and the years ahead.

May we continue to learn from each other and see your kingdom come in Angola, London and Mozambique. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

God give you grace to follow St James and all his saints in faith, hope and love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and those whom you love and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

FINAL HYMN

**Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of Being, Life and Love;
height and depth beyond description,
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
Sovereign Lord of time and space.**

**Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love – as sisters, brothers -
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.**

Stewart Cross (1928-1989) © Mrs M Cross

***Please always stay safe – continue to follow the current rules on
hygiene and self-isolation – to protect yourselves and others,
especially the vulnerable.***

For our prayers:

Please continue to remember ***the victims of racism and injustice around the world, including our friends in Beira where terrible violence is threatened to those thought to be infected with Covid 19.*** Also ***Robin Kendrick-Wootton, Kiyoko Kotaka, Judith French,*** those who have died recently especially, ***Irene Thomson, Shirley Akester*** and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time; ***David Arthur Samuel Wood and Frank Hill.***

Birthdays: ***Catherine Mitri, Jide Kuti, Margot Huish***

Notices

Wheels for Climate Change Emergencies. With rising global surface temperatures, intensifying droughts and more extreme storms, climate change is affecting our brothers and sisters across the globe, especially our diocesan partners in Angola and Mozambique. The situation there has been made even worse by the Covid 19 pandemic, which also of course interrupted the fund raising efforts of the Bishop of London's Lent Appeal. We heard something of the transport problems in the ALMA video and therefore hope that some of you will be able to donate to the "Wheels for Climate Change Emergencies". All donations to the Parish account (details below) this week will all be allocated to this ALMA appeal.

Parish Finances: Many thanks to all of you who have used the Parish's online giving account to help pay for professional cleaners to prepare St John's for limited opening. As explained above, in order to support the ALMA appeal, all donations to the Parish account for the next week (ie until 1st August) will be allocated to the Wheels for Climate Change Emergencies Appeal. The link to the online giving account can be found on the St John's web address. Payments can also be made via the QR code below which takes you to the same web address, or you can use the QR code reader. A credit/debit card is required, and a donation of any amount can be made, and Gift Aid added if appropriate. It really is very simple and can easily be done from the comfort of your armchair.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/7dba3a49-2db8-4990-b079-42eab9d7729c>



Alternatively, donations can still be made directly into the Parish bank account: -

Account Name: *Friern Barnet PCC*

Reference: *Donation*

Sort Code: *40-52-40*

Account No: *00011551*

Contact: The Wardens remain very keen that the Parish should try to maintain its sense of community and that we remain in touch with each other at this exceptional time. If you have not yet joined the St John's WhatsApp group please do so as it is a wonderful resource and means of communication. If you have any questions or require help or support of any kind please contact Ed Newman on 07940 529905 (email: ed.newman01@gmail.com) or Helen Edwards on 07802 709081 (email: helen.edwards130@gmail.com)

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