

## St James's Church, Piccadilly

Sunday 13th September 2020 at 11.00am

### Parish Eucharist for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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#### IN ST JAMES'S CHURCH COURTYARD AND LIVE ON YOUTUBE

From 1045, instrumental music will be played

At 11 o'clock the bell strikes

#### THE WELCOMING OF THE PEOPLE

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you**

*The priest welcomes the people and introduces the service. Please join in the spoken parts of the service in bold type. Please feel free to hum quietly as the cantor sings the hymns.*

**ALL: Eternal God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

*The priest introduces the prayer of reconciliation*

*Silence is kept*

**ALL: Ever-loving God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you our God. Amen.**

#### THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of mercy and truth forgive you and set you free. May you know you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**Amen.**

#### THE GLORIA

*All say*  
**Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Eternal God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

### Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

### Matthew 18.21-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that

debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

### **THE SERMON**

The Revd Lucy Winkett

### **DANCE**

**m/e created and performed by Julie Cunningham.**

*Julie says I made m/e using a collection of images of people who felt like part of my herstory. I was looking for queer gesture - that is, something we can't recognise, that is not obviously something. I tried to embody that, see how it felt and find ways to move between them. So it's sort of a time travel .....It's layers, and knowing that every moment of experience of one life is lived in every moment. In that way you can't possibly feel alone.*

*Music 2nd movement from Shostakovich piano concerto No. 2.*

*Silence is kept for personal reflection*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God, maker and sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **THE PEACE**

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

*Please share the peace without shaking hands. **Please remember to wear a face covering if you are moving among people.***

#### **HYMN**

*as the cantor and singers sing the words, please hum if you would like to join in*

God of grace and God of glory,  
On thy people pour thy power.  
Crown thine ancient church's story,  
Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us,  
Scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways.  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring cruelty,  
Bend our pride to thy control.  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation,  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the search for thy salvation,  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore.

*Words Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)  
Tune Rhuddlan*

#### **PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, give us humility and grace as we thank you for your eternal and life-giving gifts. **Amen.**

#### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*The priest leads the Church's Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption in Christ ...*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest continues the Church's prayer of thanksgiving ...*

#### **SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

*All say*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

*All say*

**Blessed is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer of consecration continues recalling Christ's command to his disciples at the Last Supper, ending with: "... as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me"*

Priest Great is the mystery of faith.

**ALL: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues. At the end of the prayer,*

**ALL: Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*You are invited to pray in your own first language.*

*All say*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*The Bread is broken:*

Priest: We break this bread to share in  
the body of Christ.

**ALL: Though we are many, we are one  
body, because we all share in one bread.**

*The priest says*

This is the table of Christ. It has been  
made ready for those who love God and  
those who want to love more. So come,  
you who have much faith and you who  
have little. You who have been to this  
sacrament often and you who have not  
been for a long time. You who have tried  
to follow Christ, and you who have failed.  
Come. It is Christ who asks us to meet him  
here. *(adapted from Iona liturgy)*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life  
All say **Amen.**

*If you would like to receive communion,  
please wait to be directed by our  
volunteers to come forward. Please  
sanitise your hands on the way. The  
consecrated wafer will be put into your  
hands with no words exchanged. If you  
would like to come for a blessing, please  
come forward and ask the priest for this,  
who will bless you without touch.  
**Please remember to wear a face covering  
as you move among people***

#### **COMMUNION**

During Communion the Lay Singers will  
sing *Spiritus Sanctus Vivificans Vita* by

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179). You  
are invited to ring bells gently throughout  
the piece.

*Spiritus sanctus vivificans  
vita movens omnia,  
et radix est in omni creatura  
ac omnia de inmunditia abluit,  
tergens crimina ac ungit vulnera,  
et sic est fulgens ac laudabilis vita,  
suscitans et resuscitans  
omnia.*

*The Holy Spirit: living and life-giving,  
the life that's all things moving,  
the root in all created being:  
of filth and muck it washes all things  
clean—out-scrubbing guilty staining,  
its balm our wounds constraining—  
and so its life with praise is shining,  
rousing and reviving  
all.*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Holy God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching  
and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of  
bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Notices are given by the priest*

#### **FINAL HYMN**

*As the Cantor and Lay Singers sing the  
words, please follow along or hum if you  
would like to join in. In place of a  
collection, please make a text donation by  
texting **WREN20, WREN10 or WREN5 to  
70085** to donate £20, £10 or £5  
respectively.*

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching... Oh!  
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching... Oh!  
We are marching in the light of God

We are living in the love of God ...  
We are moving in the power of God...

*South African traditional*

*Tune: Siyahamba*

#### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Christ fill you with light to live lives of service, forgiveness and joy; and the blessing of God; Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: Go in the peace of Christ.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*All members of the congregation are invited to be in the garden and the courtyard after the service. The church building will close for cleaning at 1245pm. The courtyard and garden will close at 1.15pm. **Please remember to wear a face covering if you are moving among people outdoors.***

***Please don't forget to use the tap donation boxes inside the church and outside in the courtyard, or alternatively make an online donation [www.sjp.org.uk](http://www.sjp.org.uk)***

#### **A Prayer to pray during the week, based on psalm 25**

To you O Love, I lift up my soul!

O Heart within my heart, in you I place my trust.

Let me not feel unworthy; let not fear rule over me.

Yes! May all who open their hearts savour you and bless the earth!

... I know of your mercy, Blessed One, and of your unconditional Love; you have been with me from the beginning. Forgive the many times I have walked away from you choosing to follow my own will.

I seek your guidance once again, I yearn to know your peace. Companion me, as I open to your will.

You are gracious and just, O Spirit of Truth,

And happy to guide those who miss their way....

Amen.