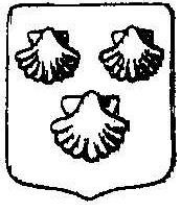
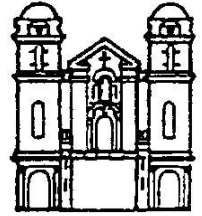


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14 FEBRUARY 2021
THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

A Prayer for the Nation

Loving Father God,
be with us in our distress;
be with our families, friends, and neighbours,
our country and our world.
Give health to the sick,
hope to the fearful,
and comfort to mourners.
Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers,
insight to our Government,
and patience to us all.
Overcome disease with the power of your new life,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Unwell

John Finn : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Margaret Norman : Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema

Recovering

The Very Reverend Derek Hole : Jean Warren

Rest In Peace

George Daley

Welcome to St James the Greater

14th February

10:30am

Welcome to our weekly online service. To be able to join us please ensure you have downloaded Zoom to your computer, mobile phone or tablet and click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897708742?pwd=OXV5UIBkZ2ZlYWtjMjYveVU5RjEzQT09>

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A Service of Morning Prayer For The Sunday Next Before Lent

*Please join in the responses in **bold type**, but ensure your microphone is muted.*

Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace,
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All: **And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The minister may say

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All:

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

All: for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy

All: and in our song will we praise our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos, you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.
Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Word of God ***2 Kings 2. 1 – 12***

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So, the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Mark 9. 2 – 9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

All: And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

All: Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All: And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**All: Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said:

All:

- 1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.**
- 2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**
- 3. Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**
- 4. To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**
- 6. Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**
- 7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**
- 8. To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**
- 9. In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**
- 10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Luke 1.68-79

All:

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A sermon is preached

The Creed

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

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

At the end of each petition:

Lord hear us

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

The Collect is said.

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

You are welcome to stay online for a chat – feel free to remain logged in while you make a drink!

Wednesday 17th February

7:30pm

A Service for Ash Wednesday



To mark the start of Lent there will be special service this coming Wednesday evening. You can join the service by using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88950983235?pwd=OFo5d2RCMGJ5NUFPUSpbEdGWVFDQT09>
Meeting ID: 889 5098 3235 Passcode: 518056

The Vicar Writes ...

In Mark's Gospel the Transfiguration is the "hinge" between the narrative of Jesus' ministry and the Passion, which are roughly equal in length. It is as if we come up for air before diving down into the suffering and darkness that is coming.



The mountain-top experience serves as a reminder of what is at stake, of the hope that is to come. As we move into Lent, whilst still in lockdown, finding that moment of hope, of stillness, of being grounded again in God is perhaps more important than ever.

Dates For Your Diary

LENT COURSE our online course for this Lent will take place every Friday at 7:00pm, starting this Friday, 19th February. To join us, you just need to click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxz8dv3r>.

TEA AT THE VICARAGE As well as meeting up after our Sunday morning service, we're continuing to hold our weekly virtual coffee morning every Thursday. It's good to be able to catch up with members of our fellowship that we've not been able to see for some time. This is especially true now as we're unable to meet in church at the moment.

We'll be holding this every Thursday going forward between 11 and 12. There's no need to book, you just need to have Zoom installed on a computer, tablet or mobile phone and use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7qmm3j>. You can drop in anytime you like for a chat.

ONLINE HOUSE GROUP This coming Monday, 15th February, at 3:30pm we'll be discussing the hymn 'Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer'. You can join the discussion by using the link below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4049355092?pwd=ZU5aZ2JaTWlBK0V3aHZUTlp4bGVGUT09>
Meeting ID: 404 935 5092 Passcode: 6Hy6R

THE SHELL It's that time again! Once again, the editor is beginning to put together the Spring edition of The Shell, which he hopes to publish in the last week of February.

There must be a lot to talk about in this issue. What have you been doing during the lockdown, for example? How have you been coping? It is at times like this when sharing what we have all been up to might be particularly helpful to one another. There will, of course, be the usual fun items, but don't be dissuaded from writing something on the basis that there might not be space to print it. What gets submitted, gets printed (subject of course to the usual constraints of public decency!).

Please let Graham have your contributions as soon as possible, and in any event by **Monday, 22nd February**. Send via the Church office or directly to: editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

CHRISTIAN AID CONFERENCE: CHANGEMAKERS: 22ND – 26TH FEBRUARY Christian Aid is running an online conference on Zoom from 22nd-26th February. There will be several sessions each day and everyone is welcome to register for as many or as few sessions as they like.

For full details of the programme and to book onto sessions please go to: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/changemakers-conference-programme>

GEORGE DALEY'S funeral takes place in church this coming Wednesday, 17th February 2021 at 11:00am. Covid-19 restrictions means that numbers allowed to attend funerals are limited to 30 and given the current situation we ask that you don't make a special journey to attend the service, unless George's family have asked you to be there.

BT EMAIL ADDRESSES Some of you with a BT email address have let us know that you've experienced issues in receiving the weekly bulletin. We're not sure why this is, as everything appeared to be okay up until the new year. However, for the time being if you use a BT email address, we'll send you your copy from Phil's AOL email address. If you do experience any issues receiving the bulletin, please let the office know.

CONTACTING THE TEAM Andrew can be contacted by email at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 254 4113. The Church Office can be contacted by email at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 254 2111 and

leaving a message. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, further details are on our website www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

YOUR GIVING TO ST JAMES Did you know that in a normal year over 35% of the church's income is made up of regular Direct Debits and Standing Orders from members of the congregation?

If you already give by Direct Debit or Standing Order, thank you! Of course, if you are able to increase the amount you give, that would be very welcome. We do not hold Gift Aid declarations for some people and if this applies to you, we will be in touch to ask if you can fill one in for us.

If you are not already a regular giver, please consider starting a Direct Debit through the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme. They offer a very friendly service and will help you set everything up over the phone. They make sure that Gift Aid tax relief is claimed (this adds 25p to every £1 that you give), and they pass every penny of your donation straight through to St James the Greater.

You can contact the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271 (local call rates apply).

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 3.30pm and Sunday at 3pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday – check schedule for time	BBC I

There is also a service on Radio Leicester at 8:00am on a Sunday morning

Online

www.churchofengland.org

www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. This is a Freephone number.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer during the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides an increasing range of hymns and reflections on them. More options have been added.

The options are detailed below:

1. Hymns we love – one each day with a spoken reflection based on it.
2. Hymn line – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
3. Chair exercises – a different set of exercise for each day of the week.
4. Daily Reflection for these times – read by Pam Rhodes.
5. Access to more options (6 – 9).
6. Weekly service from C of E.
7. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
8. Latest Government advice on Coronavirus.
9. Mother's Union Midday Service.

Pressing 0 returns you to the top menu (1 – 5) and * gives access to the full text of the Archbishop of Canterbury's introduction. It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset for a long time.

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