

This week at the Church of St James the Greater Leicester

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12th FEBRUARY 2023 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering

Gwen Leather: Marilyn Dorum:

Margaret Norman: Mollie Drake: Anne Sylvester and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler: Ann Blanchard: Anthony Green: Josephine Chizema: Kath Higginson: Gillian Boorne:

Peter Relph: Nina French

Rest In Peace

Hilary Simpson (79)
Funeral on Thursday 2nd March at 1.30 pm in St. James the Greater

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by Amarjit Kaur in thanksgiving for a wonderful loving family

08.30 Welcome to St James the Greater Holy Communion

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Assisted by: Janet Burton
Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

10.30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson
Churchwardens: Janet Burton and Paul Jenkins
Servers: Lucy Hutchinson, Angela Finn and William Woolley
Setting: Oldroyd. Gloria - Lecot

OPENING HYMN 766 GLORIA

READING Genesis 1,1-2,3

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven Lecot

read by Mike Rule

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

- 6 And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.
- 9 And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

- 14 And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.
- 20 And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.
- 24 And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.
- 26 Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'
- ²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
- ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
- 2Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day

and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

GRADUAL HYMN 554 With wonder, Lord, we see your works

GOSPEL Matthew 6.25-34

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS
OFFERTORY HYMN 541 (T. 291)
ANTHEM
POST COMMUNION HYMN 545

The Reverend Andrew Quigley
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Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
For the beauty of the earth - Rutter
Morning has broken

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 535 Creating God, we bring our song of praise ORGAN VOLUNTARY - Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Collection baskets for donations are on the back tables in church. A card reader donation machine is also available.

The Vicar Writes

Possibly the earthquake in Syria and Turkey have forcefully revealed how trivial a lot of our worries are in the face of such unimaginable loss and suffering. Our readings encourage us to lift our eyes from our own preoccupations to the wonder of God's creation and the limitless nature of his love, in the hope that we might imitate it.



18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule Servers: Val Bailey and Michael Bull

HYMN 676 CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 148

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

see service card

Ferial

see music sheet

read by William Woolley

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

- ²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
- ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
- ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—
- when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.
- ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

OFFICE HYMN 16

MAGNIFICAT

God that madest earth and heaven Sung by the Choir – Sumsion in A Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Revelation 4

read by Julia Warner

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' ²At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,

the Lord God the Almighty,

who was and is and is to come.'

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'' 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

NUNC DIMITTIS Sung by the Choir – Sumsion in A

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

THE CREED see service card, p 3

RESPONSES Smith

ANTHEM O God of hosts, the Mighty Lord – Mold

Premier of a new commission for the choir.

PRAYERS The Reverend Andrew Quigley

HYMN 362 Come, let us join our cheerful songs

SERMON The Reverend Andrew Quigley

HYMN 276 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God almighty!

DISMISSAL *Plainsong* The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit**.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY - Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08.00 Morning Prayer in church

Monday

14.30 House Group online. E-mail A.F.lagger@dunelm.org.uk for the link

Wednesday

21.00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link or codes below: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75046741718?pwd=tZC81pS5VbW0lAKH9An2BshsKBaLCe.1

Meeting ID: 750 4674 1718 Passcode: f 3Fq4yN

Thursday

10.30 Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley. Assisted by: Janet Burton 11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the church

Friday

16.30 Junior Choir

18.00 Choir Practice

Sunday Next - Sunday next before Lent

08.30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Jane Sharp

10.30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Revd. Canon Philip Norwood

Readings: Exodus 24.12-18 & Matthew 17.1-9

18.30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: The Reverend Angela Jagger

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The Disasters Emergency Committee has launched an appeal to raise funds to help bring relief to those affected. Donations can be made at 0370 60 60 610 or online at https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal

COMMON CUP Please place a red token into a small basket, which is on the large table at the back of church before taking your seat, if you wish to receive the wine, so appropriate quantities can be consecrated.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is celebrated in over 120 countries. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan on the theme, "I have heard about your faith." Services will be held on Friday 3rd March at 2 pm in St. Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road, LE2 3HN and at 7.30 pm in Clarendon Park Congregational Church, London Road, LE2 3BB. All are welcome to attend. If you want to take a reading part, please tell Vicky Roe at the church office on 0116 2542111 or E-mail: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service Monday – Friday at 9.45am Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong Wednesday at 4 pm and Sunday at 3 pm Radio 3
Sunday Worship Sunday at 8.10 am Radio 4
Songs of Praise Sunday at 13.15 pm BBC I

Online at www.churchofengland.org and www.leicestercathedral.org

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