

# St J of J 'At Home'

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*St John of Jerusalem, South Hackney  
from the Rectory window*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany - 24 January 2021

### The Gathering

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

### The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

*The words for the Eucharist on the parish website - [www.sjoj.co.uk](http://www.sjoj.co.uk)*

### Prayer of Preparation

Almighty 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.**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us 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 who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (*Music: 'A New People's Mass' - 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 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.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;  
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 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Collect

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

#### A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

*Revelation 19.6-10*

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

### Psalm

#### Psalm 128

*(please say every second verse if you can see the words on the parish website, or of course you can listen as we read)*

- 1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, ♦  
and walk in his ways.
- 2 **You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; ♦  
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.**
- 3 Your wife within your house  
shall be like a fruitful vine; ♦  
your children round your table,  
like fresh olive branches.
- 4 **Thus shall the one be blest ♦  
who fears the Lord.**
- 5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you, ♦  
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity  
all the days of your life.
- 6 **May you see your children's children ♦  
and may there be peace upon Israel.**

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, <sup>10</sup>'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*John 2.1-11*

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

**Sermon** - The Revd Shana Maloney

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 of Intercession

*And at the end:*

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

## PLEASE PRAY...

- **For those baptised recently:** Perry Addotey Murphy, 6.12.20. Talia Billie Joyce, 23.8.20. Taniyah Cheyenne Clarke-Roseman, 12.7.20
- **For those married recently:** Steven O'Connor & Charlotte Walsh, 12.9.20. Jonathan Kanagasooriam & Alix Bevington, 25.7.20. Nicholas Salmon & Lara Frentrop, 29.8.20.
- **For those confirmed at the last parish confirmation:** Helena Aziz. Chukwudi Emmanuel-Echerenwa. Sharon Facey. Harley Holdip Henry. Gabriella Seruwu. Anna Wilson.
- **For those who are unwell:** Maureen Beer. Ian Boakes. Amanda Davies. George Cleghorne. Pamela Jones. Mary Marshall. Makereta Milner. Milly Nasiwa. Michael Osapanin. Elizabeth Paul-Worika. Silverline Paul-Worika. Joan Rawson. Margaret White.
- **For those who have died in the last few months:** Eleanor Pieries. Margaret Munson. Ivy Powell. Rory MacPherson. Margaret Riddelsdell.
- **For those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Ethel Thorndycraft. Kathleen Smith. Donald Harvey.

### The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there shall be no end.

*cf Isaiah 9.6,7*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
and also with you.



*Offertory Music: "Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele", verses 1-2.  
by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)*

Preparation of the Table  
Taking of the Bread and Wine

Be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.  
In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.  
In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.  
In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and say together our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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 many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.  
Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.  
Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
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:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

## Breaking of the Bread

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

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

## Agnus Dei (The Lamb of God)

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.

## Spiritual Communion

*From the Church of England's 'Guidance on Spiritual Communion and Coronavirus':*

Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day.  
Amen.

## Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed 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.

*Communion Music: 'Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele', op.122, no.5 by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

*The sharing of Communion*

## Prayer after Communion

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for 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.

Notices

### Blessing & Dismissal

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Exit Voluntary: "Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele", verse 4  
by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)*

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