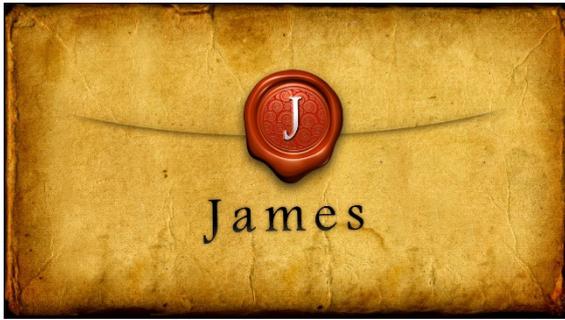


14th June 2020



Prayers - week 13

1st Sunday after Trinity



Wisdom That Brings Peace

James 3:13-4:3

A CALL TO WORSHIP *2 Samuel 22:2-3, 32, 47, 50*

The Lord is my protector;
he is my strong fortress.
My God is my protection,
and with him I am safe.
He protects me like a shield;
he defends me and keeps me safe.
He is my saviour;
he protects me and saves me from
violence.

The Lord alone is God;
God alone is our defence.

The Lord lives! Praise my defender!
Proclaim the greatness of the
strong God who saves me!

And so I praise you among the
nations;
I sing praises to you.

WISDOM THAT BRINGS PEACE

Wisdom that comes from heaven is
first of all pure; then peace-loving,
considerate, submissive, full of
mercy and good fruit, impartial and
sincere. Peacemakers who sow in
peace reap a harvest of
righteousness.

James 3:17-18

“Blessed are the merciful, for they
shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for
they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for
they shall be called sons of God.

Matthew 5:7-9

Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse... Do not
repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful
to do what is right in the eyes of
everyone. If it is possible, as far as it
depends on you, live at peace with
everyone. Do not take revenge, my
dear friends, but leave room for
God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is
mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says
the Lord... Do not be overcome by
evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:14, 17-19, 21

CONFESSION *Luke 18:14*

God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Amen.

ABSOLUTION *Common Worship*

May almighty God, who sent his Son
into the world to save sinners,
Bring you his pardon and peace, now
and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR TODAY *Common Worship*

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

THE PERFECT WISDOM OF OUR GOD

Townend & Getty

The perfect wisdom of our God
Revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand
And held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas,
The secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way
And turns the earth through another
day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways
That mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet,
His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And O the mystery of the cross,
That God should suffer for the lost,
So that the fool might shame the wise,
And all the glory might go to Christ!

O grant me wisdom from above,
To pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place
Within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say:
"Your perfect will in Your perfect way."

MAKE ME A CHANEL OF YOUR PEACE

Assisi & Temple

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring
Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon
Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in
You
Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me
bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of Your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal
life.

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LOCKDOWN HOPE? *Martin Wroe*

I lift up my eyes from this lockdown;
outside I cover my face.
My friends become danger
I become threat
I step aside and hold my breath as
you pass.

Inside these walls close in
This safety in this cage
Inside – too close – and a little
distant
Inside I'm alone, I'm scared.

I lift up my eyes from this lockdown
I thought plagues were the tantrums
of a petulant god that we no longer
believe in,
So why can't I see my parents, hold
my grandchildren
Except on this screen that frees me
as it captures me?

I lift my eyes – they are wet from my
tears; my days slip through these

dried-out fingers
From where will my help come?
To carry me or hold me or just look
toward me with faith, hope and
love.
Is that too much to ask? Is that a
prayer?

My help comes in a window box, the
shy defiance of a daffodil,
On the street the mauve wisteria
showing off,
The discrete conversation of the trees,
The dance of every season, the dawn
and the dusk, how they carry us.

My help comes inside PPE,
From those who care and those who
heal,
And a friend who calls across the way,
“Can you believe this, how’s your
day?”

My help comes from those who sit
and listen, when I no longer make
sense,
Who wash me clean and break a
broken blessing over me,
Who walk beside us when we die.
They neither slumber nor sleep, how
they carry us.

My help comes with those who love
me,
I hold them tenderly in all this
silence
The being held, the holding,
This sad joy that cradles all the
sorrow, all the loss, all this love in all
this life.
How this carries us.

I hold them all, they hold me;
wherever I go, they go with me,
At my going out and my coming in.
Even when I cannot catch another

breath, still they breathe my life
That I may breathe easy again.

I lift up my eyes and see
That love will keep our lives
From this time forth and for evermore.

LOCKDOWN HOPE! *Psalm 121*

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber
Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your
right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and
forevermore.

BLESSING

God, the Holy Trinity, most wise,
most loving and most wonderful,
Give you his strength, his joy, and his
peace:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
be with you and remain with you
this day and for ever more. Amen.

Prayer topics for the week

If you would like the vicar to pray with you on the phone, call him on 01902 827214; or alternatively you can place a prayer request on our 'Prayer Chain' by phoning Joan on 01902 754526. She will have several people pray, in confidence, for your request.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength, and love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:29-31

For the World

- **Pray for Christians in poorer countries** whose daily wage ceased in lockdown, because of discrimination many lack any support. Pray their jobs will be safe and for food support.
- **Pray for young people** who are anxious about their assessed examination results and their future. Pray that our children and young people will adjust well to the changed education environment.
- **Pray for people suffering from delayed hospital treatment**, pray also for medical staff under greater pressure to catch up with the Coronavirus still present.
- **Pray for an end to racial discrimination**; for we are all created in the image of God.

For St Jude's Church

- Pray for the Lord's comfort to be experienced by bereaved families in our community. Phil takes funerals of Sylvia Sharman (85) on 12th, and Frederick Holmes (87) on 19th. Pray for relatives and friends to be able to cope with the strict limitation placed on them by the present lockdown.
- Reflect on James' teaching on the outworking of heavenly wisdom in James 3:13-4:3, and pray for the Lord's help as lockdown begins to ease, although this may not always be as we would like. "Father God, source of all wisdom and goodness, help me resist the temptations of worldly wisdom that leads to fighting and quarrels. Through the word of Christ and in the strength of the Spirit, fill my mind with your heavenly wisdom for all I have to do today. I ask for my behaviour to be an acceptable worship offering to you as I seek to bring peace through my actions that display a sincere desire to be considerate, submissive, merciful, and impartial. Amen."
- Give thanks for the lives of Church Family members. We remember those with birthdays in June, in particular: Phil Robertson, Joan Bentley, Mervyn Horton and Amita Sudra. "Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:15-17)

For our Mission Partners – Wolverhampton Pioneer Ministries (WPM)

"So many people have been impacted in different ways over the last few months and the impact of the lockdown is likely to be seen for a long time. I am having conversations with people who have lost jobs, and those who are on 'zero hours' contracts and are slipping through the gaps to access support or aren't able to access support fast enough. Some people's mental health has been significantly impacted, while some have been pushed back into homes where they already have difficult and complicated relationships with their families." *Nicola - WPM*

- Please pray for us as we continue to find new ways to serve young adults in Wolverhampton as they face a very different world.
- Please pray for our chaplains as they listen to the good and the bad of the everyday lives of the young adults we support. Pray for wisdom in helping more people to access support and more chaplains.
- Pray for us through the recruitment process for a young adults outreach worker.

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