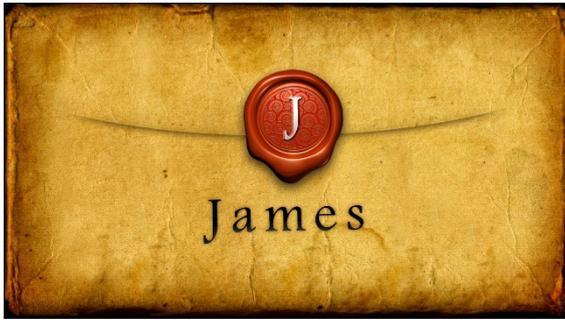


19th July 2020



Prayers - week 18

6th Sunday after Trinity



Blessings in Patient Perseverance

James 5:7-11

A CALL TO WORSHIP *Thomas Ken (1637-1710)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GOD IN WHOM I TRUST *Psalm 146*

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.

When their spirit departs, they
return to the ground;

on that very day their plans come
to nothing.

Blessed are those whose help is the
God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them –
he remains faithful for ever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free,
the Lord gives sight to the blind,
the Lord lifts up those who are
bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the foreigner

and sustains the fatherless and
the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the
wicked.

The Lord reigns for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord.

SPIRIT OF GOD *Fournier & Romanacce*

The blessing of the Father

Gift of grace and love

The promise of the Saviour

For power from above

Oh, wondrous gift that's given

For confidence and mission

Holy Spirit, You make all things new.

Spirit of God, breathe on me now

Source of life, come, revive my

weary heart

Spirit of God, shine on me now

*Light of life, come, ignite my longing
heart.*

Come and lift the dark clouds

Of doubt and unbelief

Shine upon my soul now

For by Your rays I see

Clearer, closer, deeper

The love of my Redeemer

Holy Spirit, You make all things new.

Where You breathe hope thrives

The dead return to life

And the dark must flee the breaking
day
By your light I see the glory of my
King
Beholding him I will be changed.

CONFESSION *Luke 15*

Remember that we are saved
because our Lord is patient.

2 Peter 3:15

Let us return to our patient Lord and
say to him:

**Father,
we have sinned against heaven and
against you.**

**We are not worthy to be called
your children.**

We turn to you again.

**Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS ASSURED *1 John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, God will
forgive us. We can trust God to do
this. He always does what is right.
He will make us clean from all the
wrong things we have done.

COLLECT FOR TODAY *Common Worship*

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love
you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward
you
that we, loving you in all things and
above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;

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.

COURAGE TO PATIENTLY PERSEVERE *Jan Berry*

When hope invites me to journey
elusive, beckoning onward
but never in my grasp:
God of wisdom and promise
give me courage to travel on.

When dreams glimmer in the distance,
fading, clouded and hidden
or shining with new brightness:
God of wisdom and promise
give me courage to travel on.

When established patterns collapse
into the uncertainty of the unknown
and security dissolves into a memory:
God of wisdom and promise
give me courage to travel on.

When the illusion of success
threatens to divert me
and silence my souls' yearning:
God of wisdom and promise
give us courage to travel on.

When I think my journey has ended
in the star-lit glow
only to find the end is a new beginning:
God of wisdom and promise
give me courage to travel on.

**BE ENCOURAGED BY THE COMINGS OF
CHRIST TO BE PATIENT IN PERSEVERANCE**

Be patient, then brothers and sisters,
until the Lord's coming... be patient
and stand firm because the Lord's
coming is near... The Judge is
standing at the door... As you know,
we count as blessed those who have
persevered.

James 5:7, 8, 9, 11

As a babe of Bethlehem, the carpenter of Nazareth, the Son of Man with nowhere to lay His head, despised and rejected of men, Christ came, so to speak, *incognito*. It was only veiled in flesh that His Godhead could be seen during His earthly life, and then only with the eyes of faith. But his appearance on the clouds of heaven will be such that He will be conspicuous, without any possibility of doubt, as the Judge of mankind, as the Lord from heaven, who will gather His elect together, and summon those already living in union with Him to be with Him for ever and share with Him His eternal glory. The Christian is now living between these two comings of his Lord, and he looks both backward to the first and forward to the second for inspiration during his earthly pilgrimage. Consequently, patience for him is not what it is wont to be for those who have no share in the Christian hope – a dumb, helpless, passive virtue, ‘close-lipped’ and ‘sad... too near neighbour to despair’. On the contrary, he runs with patience the race set before him, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of his faith, who endured the cross despising the shame (see Heb.12:1,2). And when tempted to break out into uncontrolled wrath in face of unjust persecution, he looks forward to the Parousia (*ie second coming, in glory*) of his Lord and sees how futile, how unworthy, and how ineffective are his own attempts at vindicating his rights in view of the certain return of Him who alone has power to execute true and righteous judgement. By such

patience he is able to gain possession of his soul (see Lk.21:19).

Tasker – James: An Introduction and Commentary

SEE HIM COMING *Peterson*

Glory and power to the One who loves us.
Honour and praise him forever.
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus.

Glory and power to the One who freed us.
From all our sins by his blood.
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus.

*See him coming on the clouds of heaven.
Every eye behold him now.
He's the Living One the first and last.
Who once was dead,
but now he lives forever and ever.*

Jesus is the living one.
Who died and came alive. (x2)
Jesus is Almighty Lord.
Who was, and is to come! (x2)

Glory and power to the One who made us.
A kingdom and priests for God's service.
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus.

BLESSING *Colossians 1:10-12*

Live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way:
bearing fruit in every good work,
growing in the knowledge of God,
being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 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.

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming... because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:7-8

For the World

The Impact of Coronavirus

- Pray that vaccine research to be unhindered by Russian hackers, reportedly they are attempting to hack into pharmaceutical companies and research centres in the UK.
- Pray that a reliable and sustainable 'Track & Trace' system will be put in place in the UK (having one is essential if we are to avoid future lockdowns that are both economically and socially destructive).
- Pray for prompt resumption of many NHS treatment programmes due to its response to Coronavirus. Pray for those you know who are fearful for their future because their treatment for an illness has been withdrawn.
- Pray for social workers to be effective in helping frightened young people and adults cooped up at home with their abusers during lockdown.
- Pray for Universities in financial difficulties because of the impact of coronavirus on their teaching programmes and the impact of many potential Chinese students not now coming to the UK because of both UK government's handling of the coronavirus pandemic and their decision to bar Huawei from involvement in 5G Network development.
- Pray for school leadership teams as they prepare for a full return to school in September after the enormous disruption of lockdown. Pray for pupils anxious over the many uncertainties that are piling up on them about their futures.

For St Jude's Church

- Reflect on James' teaching on patient perseverance in the Christian life (James 5:7-11).
- Pray for parents and children as school summer holidays start this weekend. Pray for patience and love to persevere trusting and following Jesus as they face the many strains building up on them in the wake of lockdown disruption.
- Give thanks for the lives of Church Family members, we remember those with their birthday this month, in particular: Brian Yates, Evelyn Guy, Jenny Gurney, and Gina Holiday. "As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy." (James 5:11)

For our Mission Partners – Hope from Above (HFA)

- **Asia** - Please pray urgently for our partners, who are having their activities assessed by the authorities to see whether they are allowed to continue. Pray for our partners to have peace and boldness when needed.
- **South America** – where we are hoping for a potential new partnership - please pray for wisdom and clarity.
- **Partners and HFA Network branches** overseas – please continue to pray for them during these difficult times.
- **Equipment** – give thanks for the new Bible packing machine and pray for the work on the second waterdrone and availability of needed parts.
- **Give thanks** for financial provision and God's protection over our staff, their families and our work.

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