



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

**24 July 2022
Trinity 6 Sunday**

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Processional Hymn 377

Immortal, invisible, God only wise.

Offertory Hymn (words on sheet)

Love is his word, Love is his way.

Communion Anthem

“Come, Holy Ghost,” – Thomas Attwood

Post Communion Hymn 372

He who would valiant be.

Voluntary

“Te splendour et virtus” – Marcel Dupré

**Organ played today by
Nicky Jones**

The Collect

Let us pray

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

Today we welcome Kayden Peters for baptism at 12pm.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Denise Fulgoni to the glory of God, and in commemoration and love of her Mum, Eileen Cummins.

The flowers in the Lady Chapel are given by Sarah Sarker to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her Dad, Peter Reade.

**During the summer: For pastoral issues please contact Revd Gemma until 31 July, and Revd Alistair, Revd Rosemary or Revd Anne until 9 August.
For any other matter, please contact Denise Fulgoni.**

First Reading from Genesis 18.20-32

Then the Lord said, ‘How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.’

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, ‘Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?’ And the Lord said, ‘If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.’ Abraham answered, ‘Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?’ And he said, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’ Again he spoke to him, ‘Suppose forty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of forty I will not do it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.’ He answered, ‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 R:/ When I called you answered me O Lord.

Second Reading from Colossians 2.6-19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside,

nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 11.1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’

And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Notices

Covid measures at St John's – face coverings are recommended and hand sanitiser is available for you to use. We are still trying to maintain some social distancing to protect those most vulnerable in our community. Thank you for helping us in this endeavour.

Volunteers needed to help count money from collections etc. after the 10.00 service on the last Sunday of the month for a couple of hours. Counting takes place in the Centre and you would be needed every two months if I have enough volunteers to form two teams. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Treasurer, Sarah Goudge, in person or on 07980 419604

Goose Green Coffee Morning – Do join us, all welcome for coffee, cake and chat every Wednesday morning from 11 until 12:30. And if you would like to help at coffee morning on a regular or ad hoc basis, please speak to or email Sue O'Neill (sue.oneill0826@gmail.com), Christine Camplin (christine.bannan@virgin.net) or Jane Hawkins. Your help would be greatly appreciated to keep up with our increasing visitor numbers. If you would like to be added to the Coffee Morning mailing list or to find out more, please email sue.oneill0826@gmail.com and if you can do some gardening during Coffee Morning, Martin Howell would be very happy for some volunteers.

Lunch club – Is now on its Summer Break and will return on Thursday 8 September. Held in the Goose Green Centre on Thursdays (of term time) at 12.30 pm for a two-course meal followed by tea or coffee (cost £5). If you would like to join us or would like further information, please contact Barbara Deller (020 8693 2090) or Martin Howell (020 8249 7411).

Messy Church – The next service is on 11 September at 3.45pm after the summer break, please do join us. You can let Julie or Gemma know that you plan to attend. Flyers with future dates are at the back of church. If you would like to help at a future event please contact Julie Whitney, Revd. Gill or Revd. Gemma.

St John's Black History Library - There is a small library at the back of the church containing books for all ages including young adults, and a collection of inclusive books for small children. Everyone is welcome to borrow them - please make a note of the title borrowed in the book provided on top of the bookshelf.

Future Musical events – Organ and Violin recital Saturday 17 September at 11am, Choral Evensong Sunday 9 October and 27 November at 6pm



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