

Reflection on James 5: 13-20

Here is a prayer for healing and anointing which I have used frequently:

N, through faith in the power and the will of our Saviour Jesus Christ, to make you whole and holy, to consecrate you with joy for ever deeper service and friendship, to give you courage to go through the narrow gates of your journey, I anoint you with oil in the name of God who gives you life, bears your pain, and makes you whole. Amen

Jim Cotter, *Healing – more or less* (Sheffield, Cairns Publications: 1990)



Codes for the Zoom worship at 5pm on the **FIRST Sunday of each month** (5th September, 3rd October and 7th November)
Meeting ID: 817 4532 4542
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NEXT SUNDAY 03.10.2021 Harvest Festival

SERVICES 10.30am in Church, Zoom service 5pm

READINGS OT Joel 2: 21-27
NT 1 Timothy 6: 6-10
GOSPEL Matthew 6: 25-33



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St Thomas, Exeter

Sunday 26th September 2021

17th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Mass in Church

In returning back to something like we had before—the new normal if you like—there is an **urgent need for volunteers**: for the tea/coffee rota on Sunday mornings and for cleaning the church. People have been really good during Covid in keeping the St Thomas Chapel open, we now need wider church cleaning in conjunction with clearing out the north transept. If we don't have people on tea/coffee rota, there won't be any! The plan is to revert to the hall from the start of October. See Ian, Revd Sarah or myself.

We will mark **Harvest** next week with a Mass at 10.30 in church and a Zoom service at 5pm. More details next week.

St Michael and all Angels, 29 September:

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (BCP Collect)

Fr David



Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.' Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child", to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.' So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a

young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!'

James 5: 13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9: 38-50

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble,

tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

Just to underline the new pattern of Sunday worship: Mass in Church every Sunday at 10.30, and **on the first Sunday of each month** there will be an online Zoom service of Evening Worship at **5pm**, codes overleaf. Mask wearing is still advised by the Church of England for services in church.

Coffee and tea will be offered after the 10.30am Mass. It will be served from the Servedy in the North Transept. If the weather is good, there will be seats outside the North Transept to gather for fellowship. If the weather is poor, we will serve in the Nave. **There are gaps in the rota. Volunteers are urgently required. No helpers, no refreshments!**

House Group. Tuesdays at 7.30pm. We are studying the book of Revelation. Zoom details from Ian Totterdell. Next **meeting on Tues 5th October**, new people very welcome!

Community Larder The Community Larder will be collecting on **Tuesdays** from 10am-12noon. The collecting point is in the Choir Vestry via the Tower door. Please continue to be generous.

Knit and Natter *Update for September 2021* Thursdays 23rd and 30th Sept—19 Maple Road. For details ring Jenny on 01392 498725.

Young at Hearts. Wednesday 29th September at 2pm.

Evensong 10 October 4pm in the Cathedral Fr David has a very limited number of tickets available for this event when he is going to be made a Prebendary. Please speak directly to him if you wish to come.