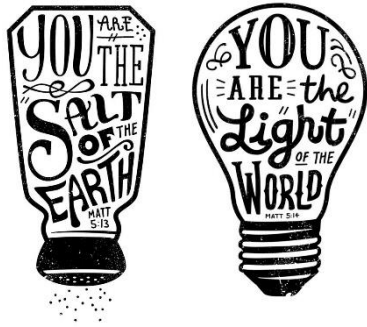


# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

*Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's,  
Warrington*



## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Racial Justice Day – 5 February 2023

### THINKING OF OTHERS

- 1) Please sanitise your hands when entering church.
- 2) At the Sign of Peace, please understand if others don't wish to shake hands just now.
- 3) If you are unwell, it's probably best to stay at home or at least wear a face covering in church.

*Thank you for your kindness.*

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

Christ be our light (883)

#### Penitential Act

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

#### Gloria

*If sung: Salazar (998)*

**Glorify to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**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

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading

*(Isaiah 58: 7-10)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and do not turn from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 112

**The just man is a light in darkness  
to the upright.**

- 1 Light shines through the darkness for the upright; he is gracious and merciful and just. Well for the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.
- 2 He shall never be moved; the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he shall not fear; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

#### Second Reading

*(1 Corinthians 2: 1-5)*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus,

and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Gospel** *(Matthew 5: 13-16)*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Homily

#### A Profession of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### Bidding Prayers

**Prayer for Racial Justice Day**  
God of our past, present and future,  
who created each one of us  
in your own image and likeness,  
help us to recognise you in every person.

As we pray for end to the suffering caused by racism,  
lead us to walk with one another,  
pray with one another and work together,  
so that we create a future based on justice and healing,  
where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Gifts

*Song:* Take my hands (608)

### Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, our God,  
who once established these created things  
to sustain us in our frailty,  
grant, we pray,  
that they may become for us now  
the Sacrament of eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

*Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)*  
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he  
who comes in the name,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*The Mystery of Faith*  
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

### Communion

*Music:* Jesu dulcis memoria – Gregorian Chant

### Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers  
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,  
grant us, we pray, so to live  
that, made one in Christ,  
we may joyfully bear fruit  
for the salvation of the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing & Dismissal

#### Final Song

Bring forth the Kingdom (854)

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