

**Sunday Worship for 13 June 2021**  
**The Second Sunday after Trinity**  
**Remembering Grenfell**

**SONG**

Never would have made it  
*Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir*

I never would have made it  
I never could have made it  
Without you  
I would have lost it all  
But now I see  
How you were there for me, and  
I can say  
I never would have made it  
O Lord  
I never could have made it  
Without you  
I would have lost it all.

But now I see that you were  
There for me and I can say  
That I'm stronger  
I'm wiser  
I'm better  
So much better  
When I look back over all  
you brought me through.

I can see it was you  
You were the one I held on to  
Well, I never  
Never would have made it  
Oh I never could have made it  
Never could have made it  
Without you  
Oh I would have lost it all  
Oh but now I see  
How you were there for me.

And I never, never would have made it  
Oh I never could have made it  
Never could have made it  
Without you  
I would have lost my mind  
A long time ago  
If it had not been for you.

I said I'm stronger  
I'm stronger  
I'm wiser, I'm wiser  
Now I'm better, I'm better  
So much better  
Much better  
I made it through my storm and my test.

Because you were there  
To carry me through  
my mess 'cause I never  
Never would have made it  
I guarantee you that I never  
Never would have made it  
Without you  
I would have lost my mind  
If it had not been for you.

I'm, but I'm stronger  
I'm wiser  
Now I'm better  
So much better, oh  
Because, Lord, I thought  
I never would  
Have made it  
Never would have made it  
I never would have made it.

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## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

*Rev Gareth Wardell, priest-in-charge, St Clement and St James*

Grace, mercy and peace be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

Welcome to St Clement's Church, in west London.

Four years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017, our community suffered the devastating Grenfell Tower Fire. Seventy two people died and more than seventy people were injured in the worst residential fire in the UK since World War Two.

Grenfell Tower is located in our Parish, just a short walk from here and, in the immediate aftermath of the fire, St Clement's Church and our adjacent gardens became one of the main relief centres, providing support and comfort to survivors and the bereaved. The impact of the fire continues to be felt deeply and on tomorrow's anniversary, local people of all faiths and none, will be taking time to remember those who died.

But ours is a close-knit, resilient community and today, as we gather with friends from our neighbouring parishes of St Helen's North Kensington and All Saints Notting Hill, we remember with sorrow those who are forever in our hearts, but we also look forward with hope.

## SONG

Beauty for Brokenness

*Sung by the Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir*

Beauty for brokenness  
Hope for despair  
Lord, in your suffering world  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children  
Justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives  
Cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsman  
Trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed  
Rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak.

God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love from a spark  
To a flame.

Refuge from cruel wars  
Havens from fear  
Cities for sanctuary  
Freedoms to share  
Lord, end our madness  
Carelessness, greed  
Make us content with  
The things that we need.

God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love from a spark  
To a flame.

Lighten our darkness  
Breathe on this flame  
Until your justice burns  
Brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation  
And bring you their praise.

God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love from a spark  
To a flame.

Oh God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love from a spark  
To a flame.

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## **CONFESSION**

*Rev Gareth Wardell*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.  
So, let us come to him now, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;  
Lord, be merciful:

**All**    **forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others  
and have not gone to their aid;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**All forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty  
and failed to strive for justice;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**All forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the Good News of Christ,  
but have failed to share it with others;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**All forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,  
nor our neighbours as ourselves;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**All forgive us our sin.**

May almighty God have mercy on *us*,  
forgive *us our* sins,  
and bring *us* to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

## REFLECTION

*Yvette Williams, of Justice 4 Grenfell talks with the Revd Steve Divall, Vicar of St Helen's North Kensington*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

*Read by Yvette Williams, Justice 4 Grenfell*

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God:  
I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.  
All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the Lord.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the Lord have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **SONG**

Hold on to your faith

*The Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir sing*

Dark clouds hanging in your way  
Hold on to your faith  
I can't see the sunshine from the rain  
Just believe and God will make a way  
You may not have a house on the hill  
Change is coming soon  
Don't have money to pay your bills  
Maybe, and hold on  
Hold on, hold on, hold on, to your faith  
Your faith.

Come on, hold on, hold on, hold on  
Seems like time passing you by  
Hold on to your faith  
I can see the tears down in your eyes  
Just believe and God will make a way  
Can't shake away doubt and a fear  
Change is coming soon  
Even though you know, you  
know, you know, you know,  
You know the promise is near, baby hold on tight.

Hold on, hold on  
Hold on to your faith  
Your faith, your faith, your faith  
Your faith, come on, hold on  
You got to, got to,  
got to, got to, got to  
God's great, yeah, yeah, yeah  
Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Hold on, sing it like you mean it  
Come on, come on, come on, come on  
You got to hold on  
To your faith  
Hold on, hold on  
To your faith  
hold, hold, hold on  
Hold on to your faith.

I got to know that I got to hold on  
I know that I got to hold on  
I got to know that I got to hold on  
I know that I, I, I got to hold on  
Hold on, I got to hold on  
Hold on, come on sing it  
Hold on, come on sing it now  
Hold on, hold on  
Hold on, hold on, hold on.

You got to sing it like you mean it  
Hold on, you got to sing it like you mean it  
Hold on, I need you to hold on  
You got to hold on, you got to hold on  
You got to hold on I need you  
You got to hold on, you got to hold on  
Come on and hold on, hold on, on, on.

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## **REFLECTION**

*Interview with Phoebe Clegg and Lady Sigourney Tettey, filmed in the St Clement's Church Garden*

## SONG

### My Lighthouse

*Sung by the children of Yr. 4 of St Clement & St James Primary School*

*Many families in our parish were affected by the Grenfell Fire and in the years since, our Parish Primary School has been working to support many Grenfell impacted children. The children of Year 4 sing the song "My Lighthouse".*

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures you won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, you won't let go  
In the questions, your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore  
Safe to shore  
Safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My lighthouse, my lighthouse.  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore  
Safe to shore  
Safe to shore.

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL

*Ellie Douthwaite, Head Teacher of St Clement & St James Primary School*

Hello, welcome to St. Clements and St. James Primary School. Over the past four years, many of our pupils have been directly or indirectly affected by the Grenfell fire. We've sought to support them in many different ways through art therapy, with our onsite school counsellor, in our nurture room, and with the support of our special school therapy dog, Libby.

Hello, Libby. There we go.

One of the most recent additions to our school playground, made possible by funds donated after Grenfell, has been our edible garden project. And it's so exciting the children have so many opportunities for learning here, so come and see. So here is our edible garden. We've got lots of different beds for all the different year groups. And by planting seeds and watching them grow, the children learn more about how our food grows, about the importance of healthy eating and having a balanced diet. Jesus also taught his followers by telling parables about growing seeds, as we hear in today's gospel reading.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4: 26-43

*Read by Pupils of St Clement & St James Primary School*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said: 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All      Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*The Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington*

## LIGHTING OF CANDLES

All Saints Notting Hill

*Candles are lit in memory of all those who died in the Grenfell Fire*

*Music: Bridge over Troubled Water*

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## THE CREED

All     **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.**

## SONG

It is well with my soul

*Sung by the Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir*

When peace like a river, attendeth my way  
When sorrows like storm, billows roll  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul  
It is well with my soul  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet  
Though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ hath regarded  
My helpless estate and hath shed his own blood  
For my soul, It is well, It is well with my soul  
With my soul It is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day  
When my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back  
As a scroll the trump shall resound  
And the Lord shall descend.

Even so, it is well  
With my soul It is well  
It is well with my soul  
with my soul It is well, it is well  
with my soul, It is well, It is well  
with my soul, with my soul  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

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## **INTERCESSIONS**

*Rev Steve Divall Vicar, and Lay members of St Helen's church, North Kensington*

After each prayer, the person leading will say: *Lord, in your mercy*  
And we are all invited to respond: *Hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,  
and let us thank God for his goodness:  
We praise you our God:  
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,  
who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in trouble with  
the comfort we ourselves have received.  
And so we pray for our community and for all who suffer in the world  
Especially we pray for the friends and family of the victims of the Grenfell fire, for  
the survivors and those who carry the scars and trauma that they might discover  
your comfort, your hope and your love for them at this time.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**All Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the inquiry  
We pray for the truth to be uncovered  
the truth of what happened  
the truth of why it happened  
We pray for Justice  
Justice for those who died  
Justice for those living in unsafe homes  
We pray for real change, heavenly Father, that as a nation you would teach us  
afresh to see every person as you see them and that public policy would reflect  
that.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**All Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of our nation and all nations,  
that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth,  
that you will enable them to make wise decisions that are for the good of those  
they lead especially in response to the ongoing Covid-crisis  
Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,  
Have pity on those torn apart by division:  
Look in mercy upon all who suffer,  
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**All Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the renewal of your Church in faith, love and service.  
We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"  
And may that start with us, heavenly Father  
Hasten, O Lord, the day when people will come from east and west,  
from north and south,  
and sit at table in your kingdom,  
and we shall see your Son in his glory.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**All Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father  
**All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev Phillip Corbett, vicar of All Saints' Notting Hill*

**All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

*Rev Steve Divall, Vicar of St Helen's North Kensington*

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All    Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*Rev Gareth Wardell*

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you, and with all those whom you love, both living and departed, now and  
for ever.

All    Amen.

The Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir sings our final song, which reflects the hope and assurance, even in times of sorrow, that one day there will be no more crying and no more dying, for we're going to see the King.

## SONG

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King

*The Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir*

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.*

*No more crying there, we are going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.*

Should there be any rivers we must cross  
Should there be any mountains we must climb  
God will supply all the strength that we need  
Give us strength till we reach the other side.

We have come from every nation,  
God has already signed our name.  
Jesus took his blood and he washed my sins, he washed them all away.  
Yet there are those of us who have laid down our lives  
But we all shall meet again on the other side.

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.*

*No more crying there, we are going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.*

Should there be any rivers we must cross  
Should there be any mountains we must climb  
God will supply all the strength that we need  
Give us strength till we reach the other side.

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.*

*No more crying there, we are going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.*

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