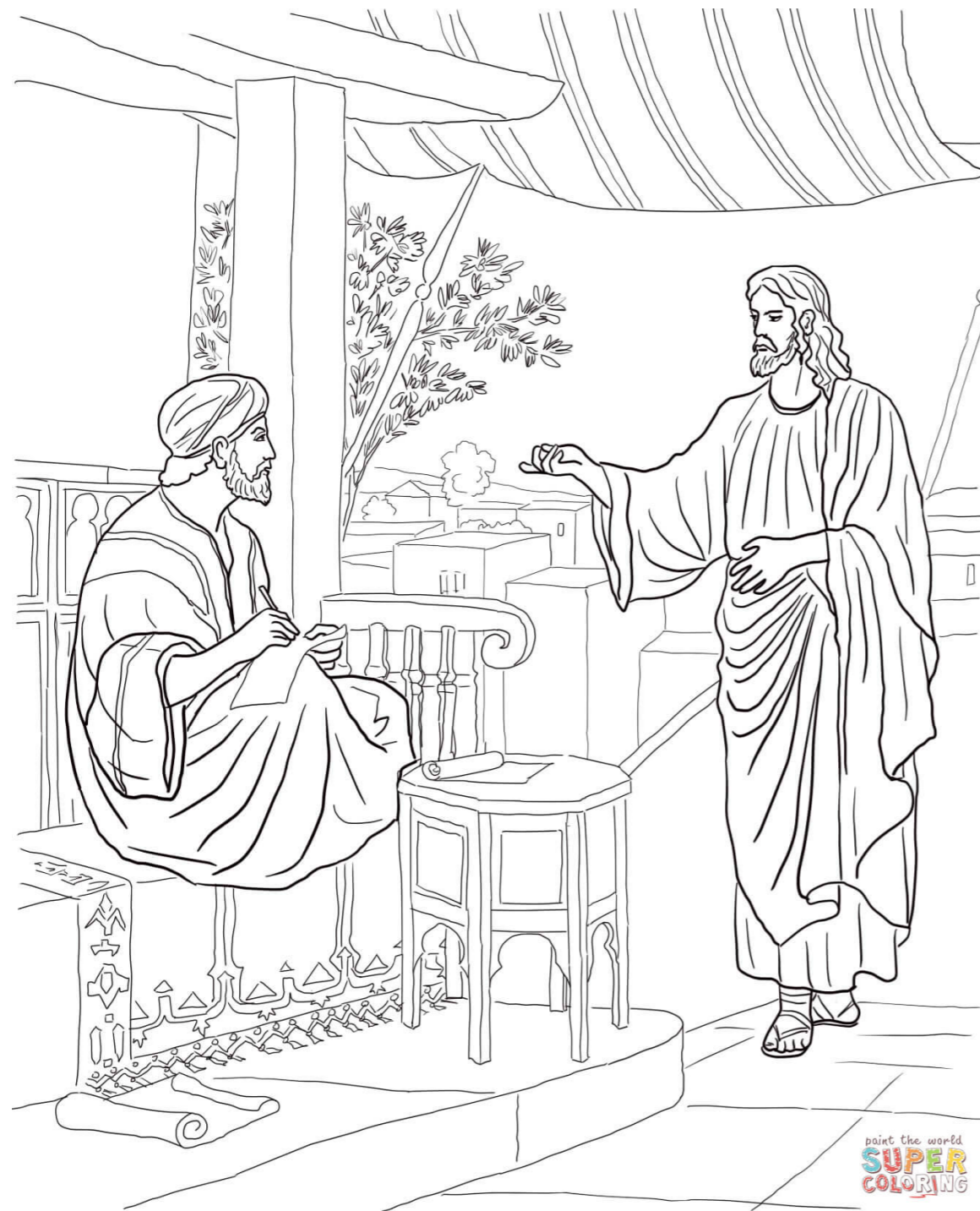


THE CALL OF ST MATTHEW  
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WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
19 SEPTEMBER 2021

Today's hymns (New English Hymnal): 234 (2<sup>nd</sup> tune), 456, 333, 273, 408 (1<sup>st</sup> tune)

*Introductory Sentence*

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

*The Collect*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

*First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 1.16 – 2.1, 12-22*

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he

will be protected.' Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

*Second Reading: James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a*

A reading from the Letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37*

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Let the little children come to me says the Lord, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

**Alleluia!**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

*Post Communion Sentence*

The whole law is summed up in a single commandment: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

*Post Communion Prayer*

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## STREAMED SERVICES

COVID infection rates have not declined further in Tower Hamlets, but are not increasing significantly at present – so we can continue to make careful progress in reopening the church. All of the advertised services are now open to a congregation and we will discontinue streaming the Tuesday and Thursday Masses from now on. We will assess the need for streaming the Sunday Mass and will reintroduce reading and intercession rotas for these Sunday services.

Here is the information for the Sunday Zoom stream:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85327692664?pwd=MjNBd3BBbWRTdDJQT2xrQnFQRzdwdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 2769 2664 Passcode: 850665

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September (16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)**

10am Parish Mass

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> (St Andrew Kim Taegon)**

9am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> (St MATTHEW)**

9am Morning Prayer

7pm Said Mass

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> (St Phocas)**

9am Morning Prayer

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> (St Adamnam)**

9am Morning Prayer

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> (Our Lady of Walsingham)**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> (St Cadoc)**

9.15am Morning Prayer

9.30-10.30am Office Hour in church, for booking of Baptisms, etc

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> (17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)**

10am Parish Mass