

## St James News: Thought for the day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### God Intimate and Fearful– Revd John Marshall

Woman with a haemorrhage

O God, intimate and fearful,  
who carried us with tenderness  
within our mother's womb  
who appointed us to speak  
when we were yet unborn  
touch our mouths with your truth,  
and take away our fear,  
that we may proclaim you to the nations  
and celebrate your mighty acts.

Let the whole world see and know  
that things which were cast down have been raised up  
and things which had grown old have been made new.

Let us bless God for the women  
whose blood has flowed that others might have life,  
who have suffered at the hands of their allies;  
who have refused to accept shame,  
who have demanded healing.

Let the whole world see and know  
that things which were cast down have been raised up  
and things which have grown old have been made new.

Let us bless God for the women  
who have boldly touched our lives;  
who have disrupted our use of power;  
who have made us see what was hidden,  
and feel in our bodies what it means to be made whole.

Let the whole world see and know  
that things which were cast down have been raised up  
and things which had grown old have been made new.

Let us bless God for the women  
who know what has been done to them;  
whose courage leaves them exposed  
who, in fear and trembling and steadfast faith  
proclaim the whole truth of salvation.

Let the whole world see and know,  
that things which were cast down have been raised up  
and things which had grown old have been made new.

Jeremiah 1 1-10, Mark 5 25-34

This litany was first used at a service at St James Piccadilly to celebrate the consecration of Barbara Harris in February 1980 as the first woman bishop in the Anglican communion.

The versicles and responses were used in the actual consecration.

And we remember that Jesus commended the woman for her faith and she was healed.

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