

## St James News: Thought for the day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### **Janet Morley All Desires Known - Rev John Marshall**

One of the first speakers to come to a weekend's training when I was on the Southwark Ordination Course was Janet Morley. She was the adult education advisor of Christian Aid

I was reminded of her for our coffee morning on female and male roles. She wrote All Desires Known when she wrote a complete series of alternative collects for the lectionary year and other prayers.

On the back it says "All Desires Known is a distinctive collection of usable, lucid and evocative new prayers in which personal and political longing inform one another in the presence of God, and a feminist perspective is integrated with a thoroughly biblical tradition of Christian worship."

I would like to share three of them.

Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

God our mother,  
you hold our life within you,  
you nourish us at your breast,  
and teach us to walk alone.

Help us to receive your tenderness  
and respond to your challenge,  
that others may draw life from us,  
in your name. Amen.

Pentecost 5

O God, whom to follow  
is to risk our whole lives,  
as Ruth and Naomi  
loved and held to one another  
abandoning the ways of the past;  
so may we also not be divided,  
but travel together  
into that strange land where you will lead us

through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pentecost 10

Christ Jesus,

Whose glory was poured out like perfume,

and who chose for our sake

to take the form of a slave.

May we also pour out our love

With holy extravagance,

That our lives may be fragrant with you.

Amen.

NB these predate Common Worship.