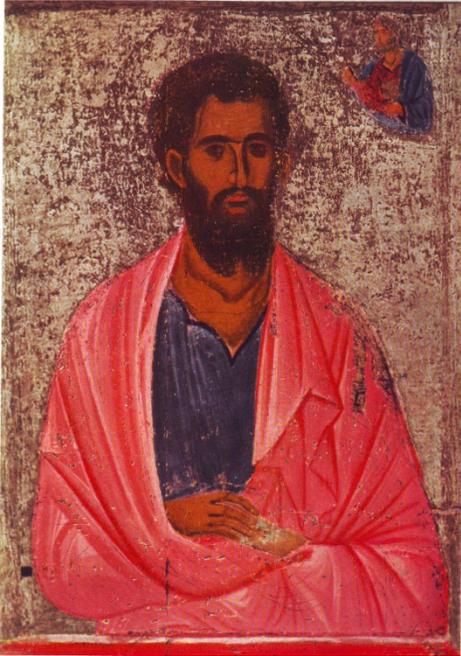


# The Holy Communion

## Patronal Feast of St James, Apostle and Martyr

25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (transferred from 26 July)

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME



*(Please stand)*

*Hymn* Come, let us join our  
cheerful songs

1. Come, let us join our  
cheerful songs  
with angels round the  
throne;  
ten thousand thousand are  
their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

2. 'Worthy the Lamb that  
died,' they cry,  
'to be exalted thus';  
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips  
reply,  
'for he was slain for us.'

3. Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, for ever thine.

4. The whole creation joins in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Sentence* Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false; they will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. *Psalm 24.4, 5*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word and deed:

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us:

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

Help us by your Spirit to live in newness of life:

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

*The Absolution*

May God our Father forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints for ever. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

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

**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.**

*The Collect of the Day*

O God, by whose grace your servant James became a burning and a shining light in your Church: grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipleship, and walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Prophet Jeremiah (*Ch 45*)

<sup>1</sup> The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: <sup>2</sup> Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: <sup>3</sup> You said, 'Woe is me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am

weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.’<sup>4</sup> Thus you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord : I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land.<sup>5</sup> And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the Lord ; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.’

Hear the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Responsorial Psalm    Psalm 126**

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:  
then were we like those restored to life.

<sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter:  
and our tongue with singing.**

<sup>3</sup> Then said they among the heathen:  
‘The Lord has done great things for them.’

<sup>4</sup> **Truly the Lord has done great things for us:  
and therefore we rejoiced.**

<sup>5</sup> Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:  
as the streams return to the dry south.

<sup>6</sup> **Those who sow in tears:  
shall reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>7</sup> They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:  
shall come again in gladness,  
bringing their sheaves with them.

### **Second Reading Acts of the Apostles (11.27-12.3)**

11<sup>27</sup> At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. <sup>29</sup> The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; <sup>30</sup> this they did, sending it to the

elders by Barnabas and Saul. 12 <sup>1</sup> About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup> After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

Hear the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*(Stand for the Gospel)*

**The Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (20.20-28)

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. <sup>21</sup> And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' <sup>22</sup> But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' <sup>23</sup> He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.' <sup>24</sup> When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>26</sup> It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

*After the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Sermon*

*Silence may follow.*

*(Stand for the Apostles Creed)*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(Sit or kneel for the prayers)*

*The minister says*

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*After each prayer*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with this prayer.*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*Hymn* Let all mortal flesh keep silence

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood:  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Alleluya, Lord most high!

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
And now we give you thanks because  
you have called us into the fellowship of James and  
all your saints,

and set before us the example of their witness  
and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.' 🕊

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross,

his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming again,

we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,

his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice

for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,

unite us in the body of your Son,

and bring us with all your people

into the joy of your eternal kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

we worship you, Father,

in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**  
**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Post Communion*

God, the source of all holiness:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims on earth  
be welcomed with James  
and all your saints to the heavenly feast in your kingdom. **Amen**

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Father of all  
We give you thanks and praise  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

*Stand for the Blessing*

God give you grace to follow James and all the saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Hymn* 'Tis good, Lord, to be here

1. 'tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like  
the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.

2. 'tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Your beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah  
stand,  
Your messengers of old.

3. Fulfiller of the past  
And hope of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified  
And our redemption see.

4. Before we taste of death,  
We see your kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision  
bright  
And make this hill our home.

5. 'tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain