

Feast of Saint James the Apostle

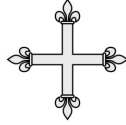
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James and John left all that they had known and the future they had prepared for to follow Jesus on a path they couldn't predict. When during that journey they asked Jesus for the places of honor in the coming kingdom, Jesus knew that once again they didn't know what they were in for. Yet James did indeed drink from the same cup as Jesus when he became the first apostle to be killed for his faith. We, who also want to pin down God's promise to us, pray that we will have the faith to follow Jesus into a future that is not the one we would have planned.



Gathering

Prelude

Trio on *The Ash Grove*

Michael Bedford (b.1949)

Welcome

Dialog of the Saints

Praise God, all you saints!

Praise God, all you heavenly hosts!

So great a cloud of witnesses surrounds us.

They witness to God's mighty acts.

They witness to God's steadfast love.

Their witness guides us in our faith.

Give thanks to God for St. James, the Elder.

An Apostle of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sing praise to God, sing praise.

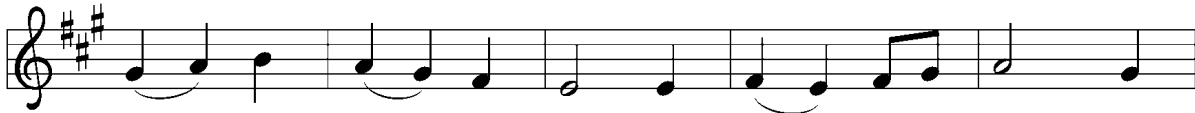
Sing praise and thanks for all God's saints.

Entrance Hymn

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1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

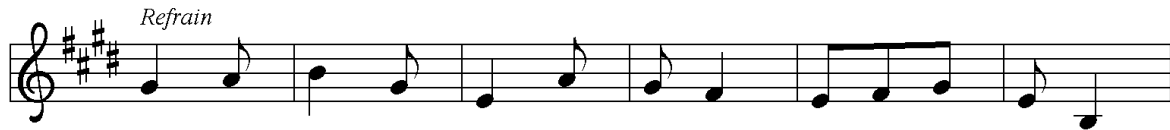
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



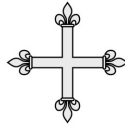
God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, the first among the twelve to be martyred for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out on the leaders of your church that spirit of self-denying service which is the true mark of authority among your people, through Jesus Christ our servant, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Word

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

After great cataclysmic events, Elijah hears God in the silence.

At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

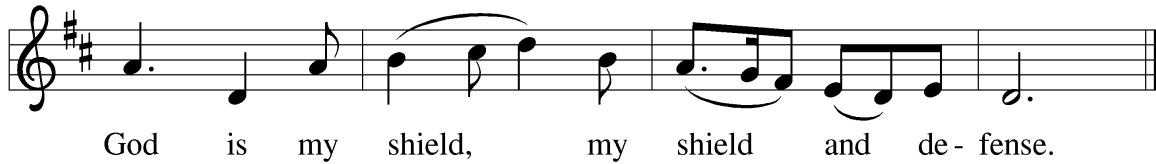
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 7:1-10

*The cantor introduces the refrain; please sing the second time. The verses are sung in alternation; verses sung by the congregation are printed in bold. Subsequent refrains are sung only once by all, at the places indicated by **R**.*



Refrain: Ronald Turner



¹O LORD my God, I take ref-¹uge in you;
save and deliver me from all¹ who pursue me;
²**lest like a lion they tear¹ me in pieces**
and snatch me away with none to de-¹liver me. R

³O LORD my God, if I have¹ done these things:
if there is any wickedness¹ in my hands,
⁴**if I have repaid my¹ friend with evil,**
or plundered my enemy¹ without cause,

⁵then let my enemy pursue and¹ overtake me,
trample my life into the ground, and lay my honor¹ in the dust.

⁶**Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; rise up against the fury¹ of my enemies.**
Awake, O my God,¹ decree justice. R

⁷Let the assembly of the peoples¹ gather round you.
Be seated on your lofty throne,¹ O Most High.

⁸**O LORD,¹ judge the nations;**
give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O LORD,
and according to my innocence,¹ O Most High.

⁹Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, but estab-¹lish the righteous;
for you test the mind and heart, O¹ righteous God.

¹⁰**God is my shield¹ and defense,**
the savior of the¹ true in heart. R

Second Reading

Acts 11:27--12:3a

King Herod orders the death of the apostle James.

At that time [when Barnabas and Saul were in Antioch,] prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 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. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor Alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:10)

All Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

James and John seek the seats of honor in Christ's kingdom. Jesus teaches the disciples that greatness is not measured in terms of honor, but rather in their willingness to be servants of all people.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

ELW 421



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
Insert appointed stanza or this general stanza 2:
 2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble thron'
Last Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!
 who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song—
 and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown
 for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new
 till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
 and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

James, Apostle + July 25

17 For James, O Lord, we praise you,
 who fell to Herod's sword,
 who drank your cup of suff'ring
 and thus fulfilled your word.
 Lord, curb our vain impatience
 for glory and for gain,
 and nerve us for such suff'rings
 as glorify your name.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.; hymnal version, sts. 13, 16, 18
 Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune
 Text sts. 13,16,18 © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

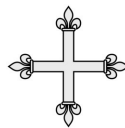
In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



Thanksgiving

Offering

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You may also mail your checks to:

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Music at the offering

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move:
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes a guest.

The Call
Text: George Herbert, 1593-1633
Music: K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this
same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in your own preferred language.

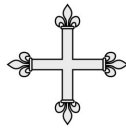
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**



Sending

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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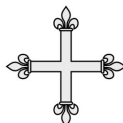
Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

The Ash Grove, arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b.1927)



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