

# Celebration of St. James the Apostle



St. James, Hampton Hill

## ***The Gathering***

*The Choir sings an Introit*

### **Hymn**

*Please stand*

### **The Greeting**

*President* In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All** **Amen.**

*President* Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All** **and also with you.**

*The president says words of welcome*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*President* We run the race set before us,  
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.  
Therefore let us lay aside every weight,  
and the sin which clings so closely,  
bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

*President* Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us  
to be your friends:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**

*President* Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out  
and bear fruit:

Christ, have mercy.  
**All** **Christ, have mercy.**

*President* Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be  
your faithful witnesses:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

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

**All** Amen.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory be to God in heaven,  
songs of joy and peace we bring,  
thankful hearts and voices raising,  
to creation's Lord we sing:  
Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless you,  
glory be to God our King,  
glory be to God our King.**

**Lamb of God, who on your shoulders  
bore the load of this world's sin,  
only Son of God the Father,  
you have brought us peace within:  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
now your glorious reign begin,  
now your glorious reign begin.**

**You, O Son of God, are holy,  
you we praise with one accord;  
none in heav'n or earth is like you,  
only you are Christ the Lord -  
with the Father, and the Spirit,  
ever worshipped and adored,  
ever worshipped and adored.**

## The Collect

*President* Let us pray.  
Merciful God,  
whose holy apostle Saint James,  
leaving his father and all that he had,  
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ  
and followed him even to death:  
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,  
to be ready at all times to answer your call  
without delay;  
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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## *Liturgy of the Word*

### **First Reading**     *Acts 11.27-12.2*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
At that time 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.  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 117*

*Please remain seated*

*Choir* Sing praise and bless the Lord,  
sing praise and bless the Lord,  
peoples, nations, alleluia.  
Sing praise and bless the Lord,  
sing praise and bless the Lord,  
peoples, nations, alleluia.

**All** **Sing praise and bless the Lord,  
sing praise and bless the Lord,  
peoples, nations, alleluia.  
Sing praise and bless the Lord,  
sing praise and bless the Lord,  
peoples, nations, alleluia.**

*Choir* Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
praise God all you peoples.  
Alleluia.  
Strong is God's love and mercy,  
always faithful for ever. Alleluia.

**All** **Sing praise and bless the Lord...**

*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia.  
Let ev'rything living give praise to the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Let ev'rything living give praise to the Lord.

**All** **Sing praise and bless the Lord...**

## **Second Reading** *2 Corinthians 4.7-15*

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians  
We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Reading** *Matthew 20.20-28*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. 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.' 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.' 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.' When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. 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. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*Please sit*

## The Creed

*Please stand*

**All** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please kneel or sit*

## *Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### The Peace

*Please stand*

*President* We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of  
the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and  
preached peace to those who were far off and  
those who were near.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*President* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Hymn

*We sing together as the bread and wine are brought to the altar  
and the collection taken*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

*President* Father, accept all we bring before you this day.  
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table  
as you nourish the faith of the Church  
by the preaching of your apostles.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## Eucharistic Prayer

*President* The Lord is here.

**All** His Spirit is with us.

*President* Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*President* It is indeed right and good  
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,  
almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For after his resurrection  
he sent out his apostles and evangelists  
to preach the gospel to all nations  
and lead us in the way of truth.  
Himself the chief corner stone,  
he founded his Church upon the apostles

firmly to stand for ever  
as a sign of your holiness upon earth  
and a living witness to all  
of the way that leads to heaven.  
And so with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
we lift our voices  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

*All*        **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.**

*President*    We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with  
his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
When supper was ended he took the cup of  
wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of  
salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*All* Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

*President* Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with James and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Silence will be kept*

## The Lord's Prayer

*President* With James and all God's people,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** **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.**  
**Lead us not into temptation**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*President* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All** **Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share in one bread.**

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

## **Giving of Communion**

*President* God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All** **Jesus Christ is holy:**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord:**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please come up for communion or a blessing*

*The Choir will sing during the Giving of Communion*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*President* Let us pray.  
Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and  
fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

**All** **Merciful God,**  
**you have called us to your table**  
**and fed us with the bread of life.**  
**Draw us and all people to serve your Son,**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

*Notices will be given*

## **Hymn**

*Please stand*

## ***The Dismissal***

*President* The Lord be with you  
**All** **and also with you.**

*President* May God,  
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of  
the saints,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace  
**All** **Amen.**

*President* May he give you joy and fellowship  
and a share in their praises.  
**All** **Amen.**

*President* May he strengthen you to follow them in the way  
of holiness and to come to the full radiance of  
glory.  
**All** **Amen.**

*President* And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All** **Amen.**

*President* Go in the peace of Christ.  
**All** **Thanks be to God**

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