



JAMES THE APOSTLE

ALL AGE MASS

25 July, 2021

President & Preacher: Fr David Fisher

A warm welcome to Mass today – it's good to have you with us!

THE GATHERING

Please STAND as the bell rings, to sing our first hymn:

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy name O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless
host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Alleluya! Alleluya!

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✠ We gather for worship in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The President offers some words of welcome. Then:

We remember the goodness of God, as we say
sorry for the things we do wrong.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into
the peace of God's kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us
in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your
people:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The President prays for God's Absolution:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect of the day is prayed:

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Remain STANDING for the Gospel

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sing the Gospel Acclamation:

Choir: R: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

C: R: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The top staff is for the choir and the bottom staff is for the cantor. Both staves feature a melodic line with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!' written below. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him 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 a ransom for many.'

Matthew 20:20-28

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The address follows. Then stand for:

My brothers and sisters, do you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The prayers follow; please SIT or KNEEL:

In the company of St James and all the apostles, we pray:

for the Church here and throughout the world, especially congregations experiencing growth, that they may rejoice in the challenges it brings; and congregations in decline, that they might keep the faith, pray with tears and discover a new sense of God's life.

Lord hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

for parents, that they might encourage their children to dream dreams, then support them in the pursuit of those dreams.

Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

for leaders everywhere, that they might understand that the best leadership is rooted in service and ministry, not in status and power.

Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

for all who suffer, that in their suffering they might find answers to their questions, help for their needs, and grace to be concerned for others.

Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers,

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

STAND to share the Peace:

We are fellow citizens with James and the whole household of God through Christ our Lord, who came to preach peace all who were far off and all who were near. The Peace of the Lord be always with you;

And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

No collection is taken at this point. Please do give to the retiring collection at the end of Mass, as you leave church.

The Altar is prepared, as we sing:

Brother, sister let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey
And companions on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. They will become for us the Bread of Life and cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

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 thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's ✠ body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

Great is the mystery of faith:

Choir: Response: C:
Christ has died, Christ has died. Christ is ris'n,
R: Christ is ris'n. **C:** Christ will come a - gain,
R: Christ will come a - gain.

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with James and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

C: A - men, **R:** A - men,
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Silent prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we pray:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The President breaks the blessed bread for all to share:

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

We say Agnus Dei:

**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.**

The President invites all to receive Holy Communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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 my soul shall be healed.

Baptised persons who are communicant members of Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own church, may receive Holy Communion at this service.

Please follow the direction of the stewards when approaching the Altar and return to your place down the side aisles.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, keep your hands at your side and your head bowed..

When all have received Holy Communion:

God of truth,
**we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

SIT for the notices, then STAND for

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God give you grace to follow James and all his 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.

The Deacon dismisses the people:

The Mass is ended; go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

WhatsApp

Do you use WhatsApp? If so, why not join the WhatsApp group for church? It's an excellent way of keeping in touch with each other!

If you'd like to join, have a word with Fr David, Fr Daniel or Marion.

Signing in for School

In the next few weeks, we'll be re-instating the signing-in sheet for those who are planning for applying for a Foundation place at our school for their child. If you intend to apply for a place (even if you already have children at the school), you will need to start signing in again to signify your attendance in church at an act of worship.

If there is a reason why you're unable to attend regularly for a period of time, it's important to let the clergy know as soon as possible.

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