



*Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille
with Aix-en-Provence
and the Luberon*

*25th July 2021
8th Sunday after Trinity
St James the Apostle*

Welcome to our online service. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for this Sunday. There is also a reflection by Canon David Pickering, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.

The service will be in two parts. Reader Christine Portman will lead us through the Ministry of the Word. After the Peace, Canon David Pickering will celebrate the Eucharist and the rest of us will share in an act of Spiritual Communion, the prayer used where it is not possible for communicants physically to receive consecrated bread and wine.

The Gathering

The minister says

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **and also with you.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzVbVDdSwUA>

Let saints on earth in concert sing
With those whose work is done;
For all the servants of our King
In heaven and earth are one.

One family, we dwell in him,
One church, above, beneath;
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God,
To his command we bow:
Part of the host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home
There pass some spirits blest;
While others to the margin come,
Waiting their call to rest.

Jesu, be thou our constant guide;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
And bring us safe to heaven.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Tune: Dundee – Scottish Psalter (1615)*

Prayer of Preparation

All **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.**

Prayers of Penitence

The minister says

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The celebrant says

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.

All: **Amen.**

The Gloria

All say:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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

The minister says

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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.**

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading

Acts 11.27-12.3

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. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter *
 and our tongue with songs of joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations, *
 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, *
 and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, *
 as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears *
 shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, *
 will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4.7-15

But 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Lord, who shall sit beside thee,
Enthroned on either hand,
When clouds no longer hide thee,
'Mid all thy faithful band?

Who drinks the cup of sorrow
Thy Father gave to thee
'Neath shadows of the morrow
In dark Gethsemane.

O Jesu, form within us
Thy likeness clear and true;
By thine example win us
To suffer and to do.

This law itself fulfillleth, -
Christlike to Christ is nigh,
And, where the Father willeth,
Shall sit with Christ on high.

Words: William Romanis (1824-1899)
Tune: Ewing – Alexander Ewing (1830-1895)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20.20-28

The minister says

Alleluia, alleluia.
I do not call you servants but friends,
because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my Father.

John 15.15

All **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

The words of Jesus at the conclusion and climax of this morning's Gospel passage. *Matthew 20. 26 – 28: 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.*

As we plod through the Green weeks of the Sundays after Trinity, it comes as a welcome change to celebrate an important saint's day on a Sunday. So this morning we rejoice in the commemoration of the apostle Saint James the Great. And I am sure that all of us across our chaplaincy rejoice in the name day of our chaplain, Jamie.

But who was James the Apostle? Perhaps we should be clear about which James we are commemorating today. In the New Testament there are references to four people named James.

Among the apostles there is James the Less, or the Younger, the son of Alphaeus (Mark 3.18). We know nothing else about him and his feast day is with the Apostle Philip on the 1st of May. (Pip and Jim Day!!)

Then, throughout the New Testament we have numerous references to James, 'the Lord's brother', who along with St. Peter became an early leader of the Church in Jerusalem (Mark 6.3, Matthew 13.55, Acts 1.14, 12.17, 15.17, 1 Corinthians 15.7, Galatians 1.19 - 2.12). He was put to death by the Sanhedrin in 62 or 69AD. Some traditions claim James the Less and James 'the Lord's brother' to be one and the same person, but there is no real evidence for this.

Then we have the Letter of James. Some scholars have claimed this was written by James, 'the Lord's brother'. But the style and clarity of the Greek would suggest this to be unlikely from a Galilean. Also the letter begins, 'James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ', with no claim of a brotherly relationship. Apart from the opening verses to chapters one and two, there is no direct reference to make its teaching distinctively Christian. Because of this, Martin Luther called it an 'Epistle of Straw'. However, it offers high moral teaching and encouragement in the face of persecution and other challenges of life. To quote its opening exhortation, '*My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature, lacking in nothing.*' (James 1.2-4)

Perhaps keeping these words from the Letter of James in mind, we can move on to the Apostle, James the Great, whose feast we celebrate today.

He and his brother, John, were the sons of Zebedee, in the family fishing business. But along with Peter and Andrew, in the same trade, they left their commercial interests to answer the call from Jesus to become 'fishers of people.' Such was James and his brother's commitment to Jesus that he later gives them the nicknames Boanerges - Sons of Thunder. James obviously belonged to the inner circle of the disciples, as along with his brother John, and Peter, he was close to Jesus at some of the key moments of his ministry. He was there in that extraordinary and exhilarating moment on the mountain of the Transfiguration witnessing the heavenly glory of Jesus in conversations with Moses and Elijah. By contrast he was one of the trio close to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, no doubt sharing in the pain and

despair of Jesus' agonising prayer. In earlier happier times, as we heard in the gospel reading at the end of June, James, with the other two, was called by Jesus to witness the raising of the daughter of Jairus. Finally, John's gospel records the sons of Zebedee being there when the risen Jesus appeared to some of the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. (John 21.)

But then we have the strange event in today's gospel reading. The mother of James and John, probably out of love and motherly concern for her sons, naturally, and on her knees asks Jesus to give her boys the highest ranks in his kingdom. Interestingly, Mark's earlier gospel records the two disciples making the request themselves. (Mark 10.35 - 45) And here in Matthew, Jesus seems to address the disciples rather than giving a direct response to their mother.

Jesus' response to James and John, their mother, to the other disciples, and to us, is to move on towards a new reality. Being with Jesus, and following him, means not a life of honour, power and authority. Rather it may well mean drinking a bitter cup of difficulty or suffering. From today's reading from Acts we heard how James was beheaded by Herod Agrippa 1 in 44AD, and Peter has a narrow, albeit temporary escape by only being arrested. The following verses tell of his miraculous escape. James, along with so many Christians, shares with Jesus in drinking from the cup of suffering.

To everyone Jesus says that seeking positions of authority and power is a dangerous road which can lead to corruption and tyranny. Rather in the Christian life, in and for the Kingdom of God's rule, we are called to a life of service. This will, at times, be costly. For some it may have an ultimate cost as it did for Jesus. Following him will, as the letter of James says, bring times of trial and testing and call for endurance.

Today we celebrate and give thanks for the life of the Apostle James the Great. We pray that the example of his life of commitment to the ministry of Jesus will encourage us in our life of faith. That it will be a life of humility and service, that brings about the fullness and wholeness of life that Jesus paid for as a ransom for all people on the cross.

And finally, we give thanks and pray for our own James among us, as our Chaplain Jamie commits his life to priestly service among us.

Amen.

Canon David Pickering

The Nicene Creed

**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

Jesus, the Son of Man, came not to be served but to serve us and to save us from our sins. Let us bring to him now the needs of our world in faith that he will hear our prayers and use them in the service of those for whom we pray.

Lord, we pray for your Church and for her leaders. Through your power and grace, help us to spread the good news of your love and redemption throughout the world.

In service to others, make your Church a place of welcome and safety for those who seek you and those who need your loving care, that it shines as a place of joy, praise and thanksgiving to reflect your mercy and kindness.

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that they may know that with power comes responsibility and accountability. We pray for those who call corrupt governments to account, and we thank you for the courage of activists, journalists and photographers who work for human rights, often at great personal cost. May those who govern be held to do so for the good of all their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are the most weak and vulnerable.

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we pray for the life of our own community, especially for all those who hold positions of responsibility as employers, administrators of the law and as teachers. As you served those who came to you, so may they serve those who depend on them for a livelihood, for justice or for education.

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we pray for those who suffer in pain or battle with illness, for those who are anxious or lonely, and for those whose journey in this life is ending. From our community we pray especially for Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Simon, Margaret, Eddie and their families.

In a moment of silence we remember before you all those who have asked for our prayers.

Let them know that as you shared in the pain and suffering of life, so will they share in your healing and, at this life's end, your resurrection into the glory of God.

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

We remember those who have died, particularly Allan Skelton whose funeral was on Friday. We ask your blessing on Gabriele and on all those who mourn loved ones at this time. May they know the comfort of your presence, your peace which passes understanding.

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer**

All Lord Jesus, as we offer these prayers to you, we also offer ourselves in your service and pray that you will work in and through us to answer prayer in the lives of those around us.

**Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

The minister says

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.

Ephesians 2.19,17

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iT3eCZLisg>

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.

Refrain

*This is our God, the Servant King
He calls us now to follow him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come, see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

Words and music: Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

Preparation of the Table

The celebrant says

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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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 cornerstone,
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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite,
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés;
et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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 **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The celebrant says

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

As circumstances are such that we cannot share in the Eucharist in person, we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in his presence in the Eucharist, and we ask him to unite himself with us.

Heavenly Father, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come, Lord Jesus, into my heart, dwell in me in the fullness of your strength, and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen.

Music Give us the wings of faith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9-0CKgdhc>

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: James Whitbourn (b. 1963)

Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came;
They, with one united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast;
And, following their incarnate God,
They reached the promised rest.

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= mZT59b3Kaw>

Ye watchers and ye holy ones
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O higher than the Cherubim,
More glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word.
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Words: John Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)
Tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen – in Geistliche Kirchengesang Cologne, 1623
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Picture: Statue of St James the Apostle, Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

Offertory

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