

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT
WITH ST PAUL, EAST HILL, COLCHESTER**
SUNG MASS FOR THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL
OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT AND ST PAUL



Sunday 26th July (Transferred from 25th July)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Choir Introit: *Psalm 150* (C V Stanford)

Processional Hymn

All stand to sing: **NEH 205**

All: Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and our confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved by God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
Singing everlastingly.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessed ones to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Words: 7th century, tr. J M Neale (1818–1866)

Music: “Westminster Abbey” (H Purcell)

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

ACTS OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

(Mass Setting: Broken for You, Margaret Rizza)

Glory to God in the highest, glory to God on high.
and peace, peace to his people, 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.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

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

For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, you alone are the Lord.
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

(Broken for You, Margaret Rizza)

THE COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF ST JAMES THE GREAT

Priest: Let us pray. Almighty ever-living God,
who consecrated the firstfruits of your Apostles
by the blood of Saint James,
grant, we pray, that your Church may be strengthened
by his confession of faith
and constantly sustained by his protection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for the First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm:

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7–15

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: We have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to 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 also may be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126

The Responsorial Psalm 126 is sung by the Choir.

Please join in the Response:

All: Those who sow in tears, shall reap rejoicing. (P N Prior)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We stand to sing the Gospel Acclamation as we welcome the Gospel:

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: I chose you from the world, to go and bear fruit that will last, says the Lord.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *(Plainsong)*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 20:20–28

At that time: The mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."

Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to them, "We are able." He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at 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 exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you.

But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

At the end of the Gospel:

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend James T McCluskey ssc

We sit when invited by the preacher

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We stand to proclaim:

All: I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow during the next two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
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 life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We sit or kneel for these prayers, which end with:

All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

During which the gifts of bread and wine are brought in procession.

We stand to sing:

All: God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share:
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of His Spirit
into open minds and hearts

2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

Music: "Blaenwern" (W P Rowlands)

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Cleanse us, Lord, by the saving baptism of your Son's
Passion, so that on the Feast of Saint James,
whom you willed to be the first among the Apostles
to drink of Christ's chalice of suffering,
we may offer a sacrifice pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

At the conclusion of the Preface we sing the Sanctus & Benedictus:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and God of might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed, blessed is he,

He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

(Broken for You, Margaret Rizza)

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread, when we drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

(Broken for You, M Rizza)

At the conclusion of the prayer the Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, he sings:

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, **Amen.**

O God, almighty Father, **Amen.**

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

all glory and honour is yours,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All: Blessed and praise be Jesus Christ,

in the most holy sacrament,

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We stand.

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All: 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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray... and the coming of our
Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now
and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE AND THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We offer one another a sign of peace.

All: Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

(Broken for You, M Rizza)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please kneel or be seated.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION

After the Priests, servers and choir have received communion, please come forward when directed to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, or for a blessing. All baptized Christians who are communicant members of their own church, or who routinely receive Holy Communion in good standing within their own tradition, are warmly invited to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are most welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this order of service with you and keep your arms crossed over your chest, and I will pray quietly and sincerely for God's blessing upon you.

Priest: The Body/Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

We remain seated to sing the Communion Hymn: NEH 431

All:

1. O Thou who camest from above
The pure celestial fire to impart
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart
2. There let it for Thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer and fervent praise.
3. Jesus confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for Thee
Still let me guard the holy fire
And still stir up Thy gift in me
4. Ready for all Thy perfect will
My acts of faith and love repeat
Till death Thine endless mercies seal
And make the sacrifice complete

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: "Hereford" (S S Wesley)

We remain silent as we listen to:

Choir Anthem: *A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester* (P N Prior)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (POST-COMMUNION)

Priest: Let us pray.

Help us, O Lord, we pray,
through the intercession of the blessed Apostle James,
on whose feast day we have received with joy your holy gifts.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Bow down for the blessing.

May God, who has granted you to stand firm on apostolic foundations,

graciously bless you through the glorious merits of the holy Apostle James.

All: Amen.

Priest: And may he, who endowed you with the teaching and example of the Apostles,

make you, under their protection, witnesses to the truth before all.

All: Amen.

Priest: So that through the intercession of the Apostles you may inherit the eternal homeland, for by their teaching you possess firmness of faith.

All: Amen.

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

We stand to sing: **NEH 484**

All:

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace evermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel Stone (1839–1900)

Music: "Aurelia" (S S Wesley)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please remain quietly seated during the Organ Voluntary.

Toccata from "Plymouth Suite" (P Whitlock)

Dear friends, Following the celebration of our Patronal Festival in honour of Saint James the Great, you are warmly invited to remain for refreshments. Soft drinks, sherry, prosecco, champagne and tea will all be available. We look forward to the opportunity of sharing this time of fellowship with you. With every blessing. In the Cross of Christ.

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