

Saint James the Apostle

July 25

The Introit *Ambulans Jesus, Mark 1:16,19,20/Psalm 139:1* TONE VII



Antiphon: Je-sus, passing along by the sea of Galilee, ↓
saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother,
mending their nets, *
and he called them.

Psalm. Lord, you have searched me out and have known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up..

Gloria Patri. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. **Antiphon:**

The Kyrie or Litany

The Gloria

The Collect:

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

The First Reading: Jeremiah 45:1-5

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, "Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest." Thus you shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted--that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go."

The Gradual *Justum adjutorium, Ps 7:11, vs 1,2/7,8/9,10* TONE III



Antiphon: God is my shield and defense; *
He is the savior of the true in heart.

O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; *
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;
Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces *
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.; **Ant.**

Awake, O my God, decree justice; *
let the assembly of the peoples gather around you.
Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; *
O LORD, judge the nations. **Antiphon.**

Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O LORD, *
and according to my innocence, O Most High.
Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, ↓
but establish the righteous; *
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God. **Antiphon.**

The Epistle: Acts 11:27 - 12:3

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One 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.)

Alleluia **Ego vos elegi, John 15:16** PSALM TONE LAUDATE



I chose you out of the world, that you should go and bear fruit *
and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia.



The Gospel Matthew 20:20-28

At that time...The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor 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

The Nicene Creed

It is very appropriate to sing: "Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" for the offertory.

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.'

Offertory: In omnem terram, Psalm 19:4

TONE III



Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me;

The Prayer over the gifts:

Lord God, today we venerate your servant James, the first apostle to share the cup of suffering and death. Receive our offering of praise and thanksgiving, and renew us in the service of your Son Jesus Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

Preface of the Apostles:

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Blessing before the Pax Domini

Priest: May Almighty God, by Whose will your lives are established upon the foundation of the blessed Apostles, and by whose will you keep again the feast of **N.**, grant you the gift of His blessing.

People: Amen

Priest: And may He, Who has willed to enrich your lives, through the teaching and example of the Apostles, defend you from all adversities, through the wholesome defense of the same.

People: Amen

Priest: That you, who hold the Faith they taught in all its integrity, may be assisted by their prayers, and enter upon the inheritance of the eternal kingdom.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures forever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Communion: *Ego vos elegi, John 15:16* TONE I



I chose you out of the world, ↓
that you should go and bear fruit *
and that your fruit should abide.

The Postcommunion Collect:

Almighty God, we have received in these Holy Mysteries the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. Fill us, we pray, with apostolic zeal in compassion and humility, so we may reflect the glory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. *Amen*

The Solemn Blessing:

Deacon: Bow down your heads before the Lord.

The Celebrant turns to the people and says:

May God who founded his Church upon the apostles
bless you through the prayers of Saint James. *Amen*

May God inspire you to follow the example of the apostles,
and give witness before all people. *Amen.*

The teaching of the apostles has strengthened your faith;
may their prayers lead you to your true and eternal home. *Amen.*

May the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*