

Choral Evensong: St James the Apostle

THE OFFICE

STAND

The Introit: Hail glorious spirits (Tye)

**Hail, glorious spirits, heirs of light,
The high-born sons of fire,
Whose souls burn clear,
whose flames shine bright:
All joy, yet all desire.**

**Hail, all you happy souls above,
Who make that glorious ring
About the sparkling throne of love,
And there forever sing.**

The Minister may read a sentence of Scripture.

Beloved in Christ, we are here in the presence of the living God and of the whole company of heaven, to offer to him, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship and praise and thanksgiving; that we may know more truly the greatness of his love, and that his grace may bear fruit in our lives. We have come to hear and receive God's holy Word, to seek the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit, and to pray for ourselves and all mankind that we may be given those things which are necessary for our true well-being. But first let us confess our sins, and seek our Father's pardon and peace:

**We confess to God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.**

SIT or KNEEL

**Almighty God have mercy upon us,
forgive us all our sins and deliver us from evil,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.**

The Minister (if a Priest) 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 eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 94: 1-15

- 1 O Lord God to whom / vengeance • be- /longeth:
thou God to whom vengeance be-/longeth / shew thy-/ self.
- 2 Arise thou / judge • of the / world:
and recompense the / proud • after / their de- / serving.
- 3 Lord how long / shall • the un-/godly:
how long shall the un-/godly / shout in / triumph?
- 4 All the wicked doers pour forth / arrogant / words:
and / make such / proud / boasting.
- 5 They smite down thy / people • O / Lord: and / evil • en-/treat thine / heritage.
- 6 They murder the widow * and the stranger that / dwelleth • in the / land:
and / put the / father • less to / death;
- †7 And they say * 'The / Lord • doth not / see:
neither doth the / God of / Jacob • re-/gard it.'
- 8 Take heed ye dull of heart a-/mong the / people:
O ye fools / when • will ye / under-/stand?
- 9 He that planted the ear, doth / he not / hear:
or he that made the / eye, doth / he not / see?

- 10 He that admonisheth the nations, doth / he • not re-/ prove:
he that teacheth man, / hath / he no / knowledge?
- 11 The Lord knoweth the / thoughts of / man:
he knoweth / that they / are but / vain.
- 12 Blessèd is the man whom thou in-/structest • O / Lord:
whom thou / teachest / in thy / law,
- 13 That thou mayest give him a respite from / days • of ad- / versity:
until a pit be digged / up for / the un-/godly.
- 14 For the Lord will not cast / off his / people:
neither will he for-/sake / his in-/heritance;
- 15 But righteousness shall return unto the / place of / judgement:
and all such as are / true in / heart shall / follow it.

The first lesson:

Jeremiah 26

Office Hymn (choir only): For all thy saints, a noble throng

MAGNIFICAT (*Luke 1.46*)

STAND

- 1 My soul doth / magnify • the / Lord: and my spirit hath re- / joiced in / God
my / Saviour.
- 2 For he / hath re- / garded: the / lowli • ness / of his / handmaiden.
- 3 For be-/hold, from /henceforth: all gener- / ations • shall / call me /blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath / magni- • fied / me: and / holy / is his / name.
- 5 And his mercy is on / them that / fear him: through-/out all / gener- /ations,
- 6 He hath showed / strength • with his / arm: he hath scattered the proud *
in the imagin- / ation / of their / hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty / from their / seat: and hath ex- / alted • the /
humble • and / meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with / good / things: and the rich he hath / sent /
empty • a- / way.
- 9 He re- /membering • his / mercy: hath / helped his / servant / Israel;
- 10 As he promised / to our / forefathers: Abraham / and his / seed, for / ever.
Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, * is now, and / ever / shall be: world without /
end. / A- / men.

The second lesson is read from the New Testament.

SIT

Mark 1. 14-20

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Luke 2.29*)

STAND

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de- / part in / peace: ac- / cording / to thy / word.**
- 2 For mine eyes have / seen • thy sal- / vation: which thou hast prepared before the / face of / all / peoples.**
- 3 To be a light to / lighten • the / Gentiles: and to be the glory • of thy / people / Israel.**
Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, * is now, and / ever / shall be:
world without / end. / A- / men.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.**

**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 thence he shall come
to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

SIT or KNEEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon 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. Amen.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.

O Lord, save the *Queen*;
And give her counsellors wisdom.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
And evermore mightily defend us.

Make clean our hearts, O God;
And renew a right spirit within us.

The Collect of the day.

THE FEAST OF ST JAMES THE APOSTLE

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace

Almighty God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Anthem: Justorum Animae (Byrd)

**Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.**

**The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are at peace.**

The Intercessions

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn (choir only): Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth