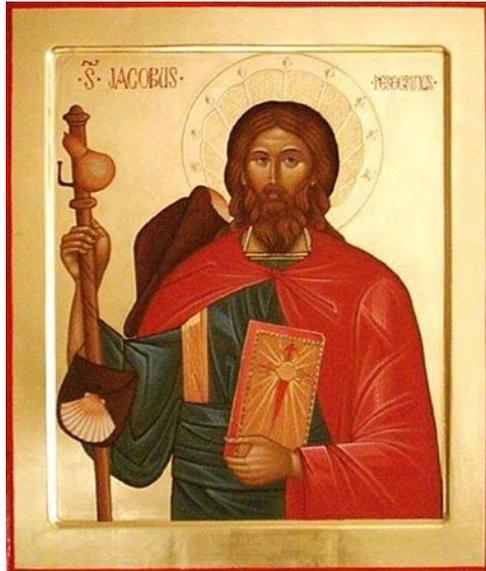


# Morning Prayer 26th July 2020

## The Feast of St James



### Opening Responses

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee,  
He saw fishermen mending their nets

**All: James and his brother John -  
the sons of Zebedee,**

And he called them.

**All: Let us, like them, without a word,  
Rise up and follow Thee..**

### Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies  
open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O  
God, set our hearts on fire with love for  
you; now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

**First Reading:** Matthew 4:18-22

*At the end of reading:*

This is the Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

### Gradual Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways:  
re clothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise,

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord  
let us, like them, without a word:  
'Rise up and follow Thee,

O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
when Jesus shared on bended knee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love,

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,  
speak through the earthquake, wind and  
fire,  
O still small voice of calm,

### Confession

**Father in Heaven, we confess that so  
often we think that we are righteous  
by our own actions, rather than  
receiving righteousness through the  
blood of Christ. We do not like to  
admit that we are weak, and instead  
we look at the failings of others. We  
often think that we are better than  
others, and we expect them to be  
perfect for us. Forgive us, Lord, for  
our pride. Help us to see ourselves  
and our neighbour through your  
eyes—the eyes that looked at the  
world from the perspective of the  
cross. Amen.**

### Absolution

**Second Reading** Matthew 20:20-28

## Sermon

### Hymn

Who would true valour see  
Let him come hither  
One here will constant be  
Come wind, come weather  
There's no discouragement  
Shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim

Whoso beset him 'round  
With dismal stories  
Who but themselves confound  
His strength the more is  
No lion can him fright  
He'll with a giant fight  
But he will have a right to be a pilgrim.

No goblin nor foul fiend  
Can daunt his spirit  
He knows he at the end  
Shall life inherit  
Then fancies flee away  
He'll fear not what men say  
He'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim

### Statement of Faith

**All: We believe in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We are a pilgrim people, travelling towards a promised goal; on the way Christ feeds us with words and sacraments, and we have the gift of the spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died. We do this between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring. Amen**

## Prayers

### Prayers of Intercession

#### The Collect

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. Amen

#### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Notices

#### Blessing & Dimissal

O God, who brought your servant Abraham out of the land of the Chaldean's, protecting him in his wanderings, who guided the Hebrew people across the desert, we ask that you watch over us, your servants, as we journey in the love of your name. Be for us our companion on the walk, Our guide at the crossroads, Our breath in our weariness, Our protection in danger, Our shade in the heat, Our light in the darkness, Our consolation in our discouragements, And our strength in our intentions. So that with your guidance we may arrive safe and sound at the end of the Road and enriched with grace and virtue we may be filled with joy. And the blessing...