

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Sung Eucharist

for the feast of

Saint James the Apostle



Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

A warm welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral for today's Solemn Eucharist as we celebrate the feast of St James the Apostle, one of our Patron saints.

Saint James, often called 'the Great', was a Galilean fisherman who, with his brother John, was one of the first apostles called by Jesus to follow him. The gospels record that James was with Jesus at the Transfiguration and in the garden of Gethsemane before his trial and crucifixion. James was beheaded on the order of Herod Agrippa, who hoped in vain that, by disposing of Christian leaders, he could stem the flow of those proclaiming the good news of Christ.

According to tradition, James brought Christianity to northern Spain in the first century, and the shrine - which is thought to contain the apostle's remains - is housed in the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. ('Santiago' is the Spanish for 'St James').

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The Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

All remain seated. After the welcome, the following response is used:

All Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth,
you have given us a share in the inheritance
of the saints in light.

Your saints proclaim the glory of your kingdom,
a kingdom of justice, mercy and peace.

Open our eyes now to behold your glory,
open our lips to sing your praise.

All stand to sing

The Processional Hymn

**We who honour James our patron,
we who share his faith today;
we remember his vocation
when Christ called him to obey.
Leaving home and work and comfort,
James and John to Jesus came:
Lord, enable us your servants
when you call, to do the same.**

**James the dear close friend of Jesus,
like his brother, came to be
as with Peter, high-regarded
one among the special three;
saw our Lord raise Jairus' daughter,
saw him shine in majesty:
Lord, like James, with strong devotion
may we all your glory see.**

But allegiance changed to anger
when rejection faced his Lord
and he asked for fire from heaven
when mankind ignored Christ's word.
Jesus with reproving laughter
led his 'thunderer' to know
that God's love to all is given,
help us, Lord, that love to show.

And, when later, honour seeking,
James demanded in his pride
Jesus gives him best position
in his Kingdom, at his side:
Jesus taught him that true glory
lies in setting power aside,
lies in service, not in honour,
lies in love that's crucified.

In the garden, after supper
James, like John and Peter, slept:
while his Lord, with awesome purpose,
prayed for strength and vigil kept.
James saw Christ his master tortured,
face his pain and death alone:
in the trust that Jesus showed then,
James found strength to face his own.

Lord, from James your great Apostle,
first of them to die for you;
help us learn his costly lessons
making us disciples true;
make us pilgrims on that journey
James has made for us before,
till with him in selfless wonder
we can praise you and adore.

Words: Unknown

Music: Daily Daily, Melody from a French Paroissien

The Greeting

All remain standing while the President says

We meet in the name of the ✠ Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

With Saint James and all the saints, let us worship God;
let us praise his name together.

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

The Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Saint James and all the saints
 dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
 As we celebrate their lives,
 and the witness of the church in this county,
 we call to mind our sin
 and all that separates us from God and each other.

All sit or kneel and silence is kept.

**All Holy God,
 we have sinned against you;
 we are not worthy to be numbered
 amongst your saints.
 We turn to you again.
 Have mercy on us,
 bring us back to yourself,
 and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

President May the God of love and power
 forgive you ✠ and free you from your sins,
 heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
 and raise you to new life
 in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All stand for

The Gloria in Excelsis

A setting is normally sung by the choir in English or Latin.

Alternatively, a congregational setting may be used.

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.

All remain standing as the President prays

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 Liturgy of the Word

All sit for

The First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Acts 11.27-12.2, NRSV

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All remain seated for

The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Friends, 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.

2 Corinthians 4.7-15, NRSV

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and turn to face the Gospel Book as it is carried in procession to the centre of the Nave, representing Christ's presence in our midst. The alleluias may be said or sung.

The Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Speak, Lord for your servant is listening:

You have the words of eternal life.

All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Name.	All Glory to you, O Lord.
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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.'

Matthew 20.20-28, NRSV

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.	All Praise to you, O Christ.
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The Sermon

All sit after the preacher's opening prayer.

The sermon is followed by a time of stillness for reflection.

All stand for

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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world
and let us give thanks for God's goodness.

All sit or kneel.

After each bidding, the following response is used:

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end:

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

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand for

The Peace

The President introduces the Peace, saying

We are fellow citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All remain standing to sing

The Offertory Hymn

During the hymn the altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

All remain standing as the President prays

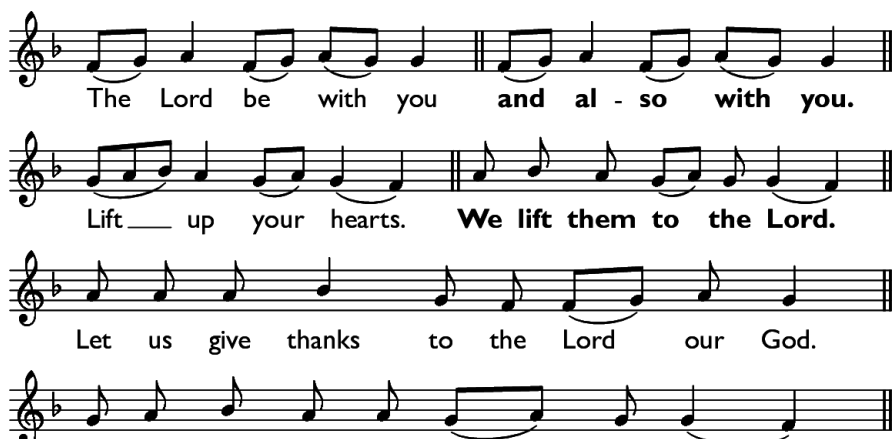
The Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our high priest and King for ever;
make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The President and people sing the Sursum Corda.



The Lord be with you and al - so with you.

Lift — up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

President 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:

A setting is normally sung by the choir in English or Latin.

Alternatively, a congregational setting may be used.

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.

President 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.

Deacon Christ is the bread of life:
**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
 until you come in glory.**

President 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 **Bles-sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power
 be yours for e-ver and e-ver. A - men.**

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp, F#). The first staff contains the melody for 'Bles-sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power' and ends with a fermata. The second staff contains the melody for 'be yours for e-ver and e-ver. A - men.' and ends with a double bar line.

All sit or kneel as the consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people and the Sanctus bell is rung.

The Lord's Prayer

After a period of stillness, the President introduces the Lord's Prayer, saying

Deacon With saints and martyrs through the ages,
 let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

President 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.**

The Invitation to Communion

President 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.**

Spiritual Communion

The prayer for Spiritual Communion is offered here for those joining by livestream. Spiritual Communion is the historic practice in the church for anyone who cannot receive the bread and wine physically.

Agnus Dei

A setting is normally sung by the choir in English or Latin. Alternatively, a congregational setting may be used.

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 Giving of Communion

If you are used to receiving Communion in your own church, whatever your Christian tradition, you are warmly invited to receive the sacrament today. Please follow the directions of the wardens.

If you require gluten-free communion bread, which is available at the north altar rail, please indicate to the minister.

If kneeling at the altar rail is difficult for you, a standing station is available.

Anyone wishing to receive a blessing is also welcome: please carry this order of service with you as an indication to the ministers.

During the distribution of Communion, the choir may sing an anthem.

The Prayer after Communion

All remain seated or kneel as silence is kept.

President Lord of heaven,
 in this Eucharist you have brought us near
 to an innumerable company of angels
 and to the spirits of the saints made perfect.
 As in this food of earthly pilgrimage
 we have shared their fellowship,
 so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All Father of all,
 we give you thanks and praise,
 that when we were still far off
 you met us in your Son and brought us home.
 Dying and living, he declared your love,
 gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
 May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
 we who drink his cup bring life to others;
 we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
 Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
 so that we and all your children shall be free,
 and the whole earth live to praise your name;
 through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

¶ The Dismissal

All stand. The President prays

The Sending Out and Blessing

God the Father, who calls you no longer strangers
but fellow-citizens with the saints,
bring you to share the glorious inheritance of St James
and all the Saints.

All Amen.

God the Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you to follow the saints
in the way of holiness.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always

Amen.

All remain standing to sing

The Final Hymn

All remain standing for

The Dismissal

Deacon Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

All remain standing as the procession departs and the organist plays

The Organ Voluntary