



## **Service of Spiritual Communion**

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**

**Feast of St James the Apostle**

via Brookdean Benefice Facebook page  
or link on [www.forestchurch.org.uk](http://www.forestchurch.org.uk)

### *The Gathering*

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

### **The Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

### **Hymn 1**

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries,  
may Jesus Christ be praised:  
alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair;  
may Jesus Christ be praised.

Whene'er the sweet church bell  
peals over hill and dell,  
may Jesus Christ be praised:  
O hark to what it sings,  
as joyously it rings,  
may Jesus Christ be praised.

My tongue shall never tire  
of chanting with the choir,  
may Jesus Christ be praised:  
this song of sacred joy,  
it never seems to cloy,  
may Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find,  
may Jesus Christ be praised:  
or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this,  
may Jesus Christ be praised.

The night becomes as day,  
when from the heart we say,  
may Jesus Christ be praised:  
the powers of darkness fear,  
when this sweet chant they hear,  
may Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine,  
may Jesus Christ be praised:  
be this the eternal song  
through ages all along,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

*Beim fnihen Morgenlichz (German, 19th century or earlier)*  
translated by EDWARD CASWALL (1814-1878) T: LAUDES  
DOMINI

### ***Prayer of Preparation***

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are  
hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### ***Prayers of Penitence***

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

### ***Prayer of Absolution***

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 life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### ***Gloria in Excelsis***

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

### ***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***

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 11.27 – 12.2  
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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn 2**

Th'ternal gifts of Christ the King,  
 the apostles glory, let us sing;  
 and all, with hearts of gladness, raise  
 due hymns of thankful love and praise.

Theirs is the steadfast faith of saints,  
 and hope that never yields nor faints,  
 and love of Christ in perfect glow  
 that lays the prince of this world low.

In them the Father's glory shone,  
 in them the will of God the Son,  
 in them exults the Holy Ghost,  
 through them rejoice the heavenly host.

To thee, Redeemer, now we cry,  
 that thou wouldst join to them on high  
 thy servants, who this grace implore,  
 for ever and for evermore.

Words: St. Ambrose     T. MORNING HYMN

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the light of the world says the Lord;  
 whoever follows me will have the light

**Alleluia Alleluia**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
 Matthew. (Matthew 20.20–28)

**Glory to you, O Lord**

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### ***Address***

### ***The Creed***

**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.**

### ***Prayers of Intercession***

The response to, Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*and at the end,* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

#### ***The Peace***

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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

#### ***Hymn 3***

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,  
this our song shall ever be;  
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,  
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus, thou wilt give us  
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;  
none can move us from thy presence  
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus, at thine altar  
thou wilt give us sweet content;  
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee  
in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;  
all for Jesus, thou hast died;  
all for Jesus, thou art with us;  
all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,  
 this the church's song must be,  
 till, at last, we all are gathered  
 one in love and one in thee.

W J. SPARROW-SIMPSON (1859-1952) T: ALL FOR JESUS

Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
 the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven  
 and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
 and of your own do we give you.**

### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *saying*:

**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.**

*We recall the Last Supper,  
and acclaim the mystery of our faith.*

Great is the mystery of faith,  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again:**

*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology,  
to which we respond, **Amen***

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains  
and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day.  
Amen.**



*Open to God's loving presence around us and within us we keep  
silence for our own act of spiritual communion.*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,  
'I am with you always'.  
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.  
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,  
and keep me in your care. Amen.**

### ***Prayer after Communion***

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with  
these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us  
in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Hymn 4**

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
tell all the world he is your choice.

*Alleluia.*

O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.

*Alleluia.*

They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true.

*Alleluia.*

O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then.

*Alleluia.*

Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim.

*Alleluia.*

Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.

*Alleluia.*

So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one.

*Alleluia.*

GEORGE KENNEDY ALLEN BELL (1833-1958) T: VULPIUS

*The Dismissal****Blessing***

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

Common Worship: Holy Communion Order One

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