

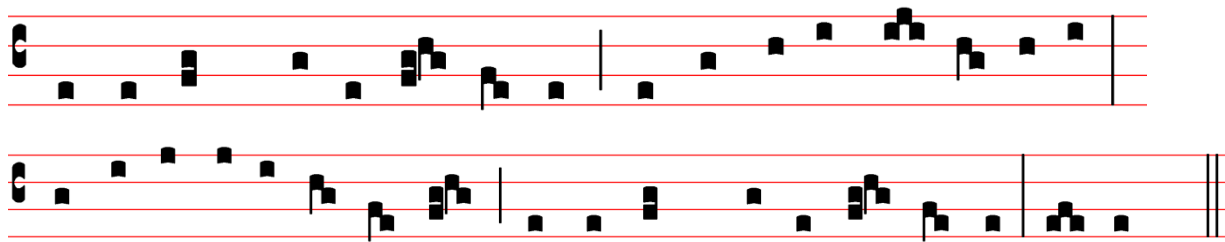
# Office Propers – S James the Great – 25<sup>th</sup> July

*These are the proper texts for the Office on the feasts of Apostles, which you should substitute for the seasonal texts provided in the booklet.*

## Venite Antiphon:

The Lord is the King of the Apostles; O come, let us adore Him.

## Office Hymn:



A-men.

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,  
The Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing;  
And while due hymns of praise we pay,  
Our thankful hearts cast grief away.

In these the Father's glory shone;  
In these the will of God the Son;  
In these exults the Holy Ghost;  
Through these rejoice the heavenly host.

The Church in these her princes boasts,  
These victor chiefs of warrior hosts;  
The soldiers of the heavenly hall,  
The lights that rose on earth for all.

Redeemer hear us of Thy love,  
That, with this glorious band above,  
Hereafter, of Thine endless grace,  
Thy servants also may have place.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,  
The unconquered hope that never faints,  
The love of Christ that knows no shame,  
The prince of this world overcame.

## Psalm:

(7) O LORD my God, in thee have I put my trust : save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;

2 Lest he devour my soul, like a lion, and tear it in pieces : while there is none to help.

3 O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing : or if there be any wickedness in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me : yea, I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy;

5 Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me : yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust.

6 Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself, because of the indignation of mine enemies : arise up for me in the judgement that thou hast commanded.

7 And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee : for their sakes therefore

lift up thyself again.

8 The Lord shall judge the people; give sentence with me, O Lord : according to my righteousness, and according to the innocency that is in me.

9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end : but guide thou the just.

10 For the righteous God : trieth the very hearts and reins.

11 My help cometh of God : who preserveth them that are true of heart.

12 God is a righteous Judge, strong and patient : and God is provoked every day.

13 If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword : he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

14 He hath prepared for him the instruments of death : he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

15 Behold, he travaileth with mischief : he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth ungodliness.

16 He hath graven and digged up a pit : and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for other.

17 For his travail shall come upon his own head : and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.

18 I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to his righteousness : and I will praise the Name of the Lord most High.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(29) BRING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

2 Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.

3 It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

4 It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood : and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

### **Reading:**

A Reading from the latter Book of the Kings.

Then the king sent to Elijah a captain of fifty men with his fifty. He went up to Eli'jah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "O man of God, the king says, `Come down.'" But Eli'jah answered the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. Again the king sent to him another captain of fifty men with his fifty. And

he went up and said to him, "O man of God, this is the king's order, `Come down quickly!'" But Eli'jah answered them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. Again the king sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Eli'jah, and entreated him, "O man of God, I pray you, let my life, and the life of these fifty servants of yours, be precious in your sight. Lo, fire came down from heaven, and consumed the two former captains of fifty men with their fifties; but now let my life be precious in your sight." Then the angel of the LORD said to Eli'jah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him."

### **Responsory:**

Thou shalt make them princes in all lands.

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They shall remember Thy Name, O Lord.

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

They shall remember Thy Name, O Lord.

### **Benedictus Antiphon:**

As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you, says the Lord.

### **Magnificat Antiphon:**

In the regeneration, when the Son of Man shall sit upon the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit and shall judge the twelve tribes of Israel, saith the Lord.

### **Collect:**

Grant, O merciful God, that as Thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and followed Him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow Thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost; God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

### **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 eve to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer Your call without delay; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

### **First Reading:**

A Reading from the latter Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Corinth.

We have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to 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 manifested 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 manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

### **Psalm:**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ♦ then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦ and our tongue with songs of joy.  
Then said they among the nations, ♦ 'The Lord has done great things for them.'  
The Lord has indeed done great things for us, ♦ and therefore we rejoiced.  
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦ as the river beds of the desert.  
Those who sow in tears ♦ shall reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦ will come back with shouts of joy,  
bearing their sheaves with them.

### **Gospel:**

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

The mother of the sons of Zeb'edee came up to him, with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Command that these two sons of mine may 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 to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at 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 men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."