

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary, virgin Mother of God, St James and St Thomas the Apostles, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **All Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Breaking of the Bread The priest breaks the consecrated host, and says:

All We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

The priest says the invitation to communion

✠ 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.

The **Agnus Dei** is then played (**JS Bach** (1685-1750), chorale prelude on "Christe, du Lamm Gottes" (BWV 619)) as the altar party receive Holy Communion and the priest moves with the ciborium to the chancel step.

Communion Antiphon: By sharing the cup of the Lord's suffering: they became the friends of God.

After that is intoned, the people then come forward walking up the centre aisle to receive Holy Communion in one kind only, standing at the Chancel Step. And return via the North Aisle to their places. Please keep a 2 meter gap!

During **Holy Communion an Organ Voluntary**, followed by **Andrew Lumsden singing 'Lord God of Abraham' from Mendelssohn's Elijah.**

Prayer after Communion

Father, we have received this holy Eucharist with joy as we celebrate the feast of the apostle James. Hear his prayers and bring us your help. **All Amen.**

The **Notices** are given followed by **The Dismissal**

The Lord be with you. **All And also with you.** ... and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ, Amen.

Silence as the **Postlude** is played.

Please exit by the Rear/North-West Door

Please note there is **no** cash collection at the Offertory. However, if wish to give something there will be a plate at the exit, or, alternatively please send you gift to: PCC of St Thomas the Apostle 40-11-53 A/C: 70293881

Services and Notices this Week

Public Services in Church in bold type

Day	Service	Time	Venue
Sunday	Parish Mass	10am	Main Church
Sunday	Evening Prayer	6.30pm	Vicarage
Wednesday	Mass	12pm	Lady Chapel
Wednesday	Private Prayer	9.30-11.30	Main Church
Monday-Thursday	Morning Prayer	8am	Vicarage
Monday-Thursday	Night Prayer	7pm	Vicarage

Bridgit Carter's Funeral

Ivan and family wish to say a huge thank you for all the kind messages of condolences; it means a lot. Also, because of the restriction on numbers at Mortlake it is not possible to attend the service. However, the service can be viewed on (see also yesterday's Mailchimp email):

<https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view>

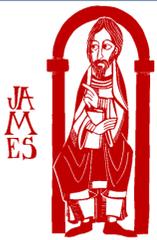
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26th July 2020

St James, Apostle

Today's Services:-
10am Parish Mass
6.30pm Evening Prayer (Private)



Welcome to St Thomas' Church, Boston Road! Due to the COVID 19 pandemic we forced to do things a little differently to protect all of us, especially the most potentially vulnerable. Therefore,

- Please observe 2 meter social distancing.
- Be guided by the sidesmen.
- Follow any instructions given by the priest.

Sadly, the impact of COVID means there is NO communal singing inc. hymns. Music will still feature and it aims to deepen our devotion and celebration, as, once again, we are able to gather in this sacred space and rejoice in Christ's presence in word and sacrament. Deo Gratias, Alleluia!

Organ Prelude followed by **Entrance processional** played on St Thomas' Organ.

Entrance Antiphon is intoned: Walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw James, son of Zebedee, mending his nets: And said to him, 'Follow me and fish for people'.

Introit: Holy, Holy, Holy by Schubert is sung by the Choir

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All Amen.**
The Lord be with you **All And also with you.**

The Welcome

Invitation to Confession is given, followed by a Kyrie played on the Organ (**J.S. Bach** (1685-1750) – *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit* (BWV 672)). Followed by:

Lord, have mercy. **All Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **All Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **All Lord, have mercy.**

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. **All Amen.**

The **Gloria in excelsis** is said:

All 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.

The Collect is said.

Almighty Father, by the martyrdom of St James you blessed the work of the early Church. May his profession of faith give us courage and his prayers bring us strength. Grant his through Jesus Christ your only son who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All Amen**

Sit First Reading read by Chloe Mason Jeremiah 45.1-5

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: ² Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: ³ You said, "Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest." ⁴ Thus you shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. ⁵ And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go." This is the Word of the Lord **All Thanks be to God.**

The Te deum is intoned by Caroline Lumb & Keith Spillett

¹ We praise thee O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

² All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

³ To thee all angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the Powers there in.

⁴ To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry,

⁵ Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;

⁶ Heaven and earth are full: of the Majesty of thy Glory.

⁷ The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee :

the goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee:

⁸ The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

⁹ The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee :
the Father of an infinite Majesty,

¹⁰ Thine honourable true and only Son:
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

The Second Reading is read by John Tozer Acts 11.27-12.2

²⁷ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; ³⁰ this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

^{12.1} About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Stand as an Organ Fanfare heralds the Gospel

The Lord be with you. **All And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew **All ✠✠✠ Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. ²¹ 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." ²² 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." ²³ 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." ²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (20.20-28)
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The 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 bow 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.

All sit for the Prayers of Intercession led by Keith Spillett

The Peace is introduced followed by

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Offertory the organ plays

Offertory Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, as we honour St James, the first apostle to share the cup of suffering and death, was away our sins by the saving passion of your Son, and make our sacrifice pleasing to you. **All Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you **All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts **All We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give thanks and praise

Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

You founded your Church on the apostles to stand firm forever as the sign on earth of your infinite holiness and as the living gospel for all to hear.

Therefore, united with St James, we join with all the Angels and Saints in their triumphant song, saying:

All 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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.✠

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**