

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Today the Church Remembers St. James, the son of Alphaeus (mk. 3:18) and of one of the Marys to visit the tomb on Easter (Mk. 15:40), brother of Matthew (Mk. 2:14). To distinguish him from the other two men in the New Testament named James, he is often referred to as "James the Less," (referring to his age as the youngest James). He is also author of the Epistle that bears his name. According to tradition James was martyred at the age of 94, beaten and stoned by the Jews and finally his head was beaten to pieces with the club. He is a reminder that those who bear Christ's name are subject to the world's hatred and hostility (*Epistle*). Despite those who kill the body, the Gospel is spread and all the earth will hear the name of Jesus and praise Him forever (Gradual). For James's faithful witness we thank God (*Chief hymn*) and ask that we may be given God's grace to follow his example (Collect).

Introit

Palm 139:7-8; antiphon: Psalm 139:1-2



P I will praise You with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing
prais- | es to You. *

I will worship toward Your holy temple, and | praise Your name.

P Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will re- | vive me; *

You will stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my | ene-
mies.

C The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O
Lord, endures for- | ever; *

do not forsake the works | of Your hands.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P I will praise You with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing
prais- | es to You. *

I will worship toward Your holy temple, and | praise Your name.

Collect of the Day

O Lord, strengthen and defend Your people that we may be found acceptable in Your sight and ever serve You with a pure mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

In those days Elijah went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

So he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

And he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

Then the Lord said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 45:16-17

P Instead of Your fathers shall | be Your sons, *
and You shall make them princes in | all the earth. *

C I will make Your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations; *
therefore the people shall praise You forever and | ever.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 4:9-15

Brethren: I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but

Divine Service, Setting one

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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always, by coming to us in His living and active Word and the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

Parents of Small Children:

We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord's Words: "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

Visitors:

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Beffrey and the congregation! We hope you'll come back to Founders Hall after the service to share a cup of coffee and snack with us.

Who may Commune at Epiphany?

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany every Lord's Day and every Wednesday evening. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an unbaptized person commune. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at Epiphany before, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins.

you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the Gospel.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

St. John 14:1-7

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fourteenth chapter.

C (♪) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus said to the disciples: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (♪) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Feast of St. James Apostle and Martyr

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Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.

—Jeremiah 17:14

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