

# ST. JAMES, BROTHER OF JESUS & MARTYR

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## HYMNODY

**ENTRANCE HYMN 797** *Praise the Almighty*

**HYMN OF THE DAY 518** *By All Your Saints in Warfare (Vv 1,27,3)*

## DISTRIBUTION

**663** *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

**700** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**732** *All Depends on Our Possessing*

**696** *O God, My Faithful God*

**HYMN TO DEPART 523** *O Word of God Incarnate*

## PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, since You have founded Your Church on Christ and His Word, grant that every generation of your people may build on this Rock in every place by hearing and doing Christ's Word, so that when temptations and trials come, Your Church and Your people may stand firm and grow stronger. Because all have sinned, You commissioned Your Church to go into the world to proclaim the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Overcome our sinful reluctance to support and promote this saving Gospel. Move us by Your Spirit to give of our time, talent, and earthly treasure so that the Gospel may be proclaimed in our communities and throughout the world. Amen

## Introit

P: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

**C: in your righteousness deliver me.**

P: For you are my rock and my fortress;

**C: and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

P: Into your hand I commit my spirit;

**C: you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

## Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father, shepherd of Your people, You raised up James the Just, brother of our Lord, to lead and guide Your Church. Grant that we may follow his example of prayer and reconciliation and be strengthened by the witness of his death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading****Acts 15:12–22a**

<sup>12</sup>All the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. <sup>13</sup>After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me. <sup>14</sup>Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. <sup>15</sup>And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, <sup>16</sup>“After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, <sup>17</sup>that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things <sup>18</sup>known from of old.’ <sup>9</sup>Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, <sup>20</sup>but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. <sup>21</sup>For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.” <sup>22</sup>Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

**Epistle Reading****James 1:1–12**

<sup>1</sup>James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. <sup>2</sup>Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. <sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup>he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. <sup>9</sup>Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, <sup>10</sup>and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. <sup>11</sup>For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. <sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

**The Holy Gospel****Matthew 13:54–58**

<sup>54</sup>Coming to his hometown [Jesus] taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? <sup>55</sup>Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? <sup>56</sup>And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” <sup>57</sup>And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.” <sup>58</sup>And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.