

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
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.
- C** Amen.

First Reading

Acts 15:12–22a

And 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. After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

*“‘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,
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 known from of old.’*

Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, 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. For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

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. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers,

- P** This is the Word of the Lord,
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to
the ends | of the earth.*

Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

C Let Mount Zi- | on be glad!*

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your |
judgments!**

Epistle

James 1:1-12

*James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in
the Dispersion:*

Greetings.

*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you
know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let
steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking
in nothing.*

*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all
without reproach, and it will be given him. 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. For that person must not suppose that he will receive
anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

*Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation,
because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. 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.*

*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.*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:54-58

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth
chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*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?"*

*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? And are not all his*

sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” 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.” And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed p191

Sermon Hymn: “*By All Your Saints in Warfare*” LSB 518
(Stz. 1, 27, 3)

Sermon

Offertory p192

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - Sanctus - Lord’s Prayer p194 ff

The Words of Our Lord - Pax Domini - Agnus Dei

Distribution Hymns:

“*The Gifts Christ Freely Gives*” LSB 602

“*Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*” LSB 694

“*Entrust Your Days and Burdens*” LSB 754

Nunc Dimittis - Thanksgiving - Post-Communion Collect p199 ff

Salutation - Benedicamus - Benediction

Closing Hymn: “*Jesus, Lead Thou On*” LSB 718

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