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Divine Service Setting IV – St. James of Jerusalem

Saturday, October 22, 2011
5:00 pm

Sunday, October 23, 2011
9:00 am

† **In this complex world** of mass communication we are bombarded with information. Video images flash nearly everywhere we look. Pulsating music blares at every turn. It seems there's nowhere we can go to escape the noise. **Well, here's your chance** to unplug, to step out of the world and its culture and participate in something mystical. Here we will *sing* with angels and archangels. Here we will *listen* to the voice of God through His ancient texts. Here the saints of God will *share* in the very body and blood of Christ given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This is a holy place, a holy time, a thing that we do - or, rather, that God does in and for us through His Means of Grace. **So, turn off your cell phone**, tune out the cacophony of competing voices, and log in to this moment and the message God has for you today, for He is here to meet you as He has promised.

† **We ask that those desiring to commune** be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with the pastor. **Assistive listening devices** are available. If interested, an usher will be happy to assist you.

PRELUDE	Onward Christian Soldiers	Chimes
OPENING HYMN	Praise the Almighty	LSB 797 (st. 1,3)
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION		LSB 203

INTOIT

- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- C** **In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.**
- P** For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.
- C** **Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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KYRIE

LSB 204

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P 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

¹²And 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. ¹³After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. ¹⁵And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, ¹⁶“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, ¹⁷that 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 ¹⁸known from of old.’ ¹⁹Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, ²⁰but 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. ²¹For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.” ²²Then 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.

L 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. Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

EPISTLE

James 1:1–12

¹James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. ²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But 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. ⁷For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. ⁹Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹For 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. ¹²Blessed 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

LSB 205

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:54–58

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵⁴ 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? ⁵⁵Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” ⁵⁷And 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.” ⁵⁸And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You O Christ.

NICENE CREED		LSB 206
HYMN OF THE DAY	By Grace I'm Saved	LSB 566
SERMON	"God's Way and God's Other Way"	<i>Matthew 22:34-46</i>
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH		
<i>After each Petition:</i>		
P Lord, in Your mercy	-OR-	P Let us pray to the Lord
C Hear our prayer		C Lord, have mercy
<i>After the final Petition:</i>		
P ...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.		
C Amen		
OFFERING (9:00)	Amazing Grace	Chimes
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT		LSB 208
LORD'S PRAYER		LSB 209
AGNUS DEI		LSB 210
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS		
	Not What These Hands Have Done	LSB 567
	May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill	LSB 698
	Lamb of God	LSB 550
NUNC DIMITTIS		LSB 211
CLOSING HYMN	Praise the Almighty	LSB 797 (st. 4,5)
POSTLUDE	Praise the Almighty	