Sunday July 26th 2026: St James the Apostle

President: The Revd Jane Walker
Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

FIRST HYMN: 396

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 45.1-5

PSALM 126

When God first brought us back from exile, we were as dazed as those who dream.
Then were our hearts so full of laughter; joy from our lips flowed like a stream.
The godless cried in envious wonder, look what the Lord has done for them!"
Indeed our God has greatly blessed us; rejoice and sing, Jerusalem**!**

Once more, O Lord, restore your people; come with your saving help again,
as to the brook beds in the desert you bring the sweet, reviving rain.
Let those who sow with tears and sighing sing as they reap and joy proclaim:
may those who weep when seed is scattered
gather their sheaves and praise your name.

SECOND READING: Acts 11.27-12.2

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 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.
The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.
About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church.
He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.
After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also.
(This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION VERSE:

Lead us, O Lord, in the <u>way of truth</u>
That we may hear your holy word and rejoice in <u>faith and love</u>

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20.20-28

OFFERTORY HYMN: 295

DURING COMMUNION :175

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FINAL HYMN: 373 (for tune, see over the page)

Notices and Information for this week. Please take this sheet home with you.	
Monday July 27th	**1930 Eucharist**
Thursday July 30th	**1930 Eucharist**
Saturday August 1st	**1300 Wedding**
Sunday August 2nd	**1000 Sung Eucharist**

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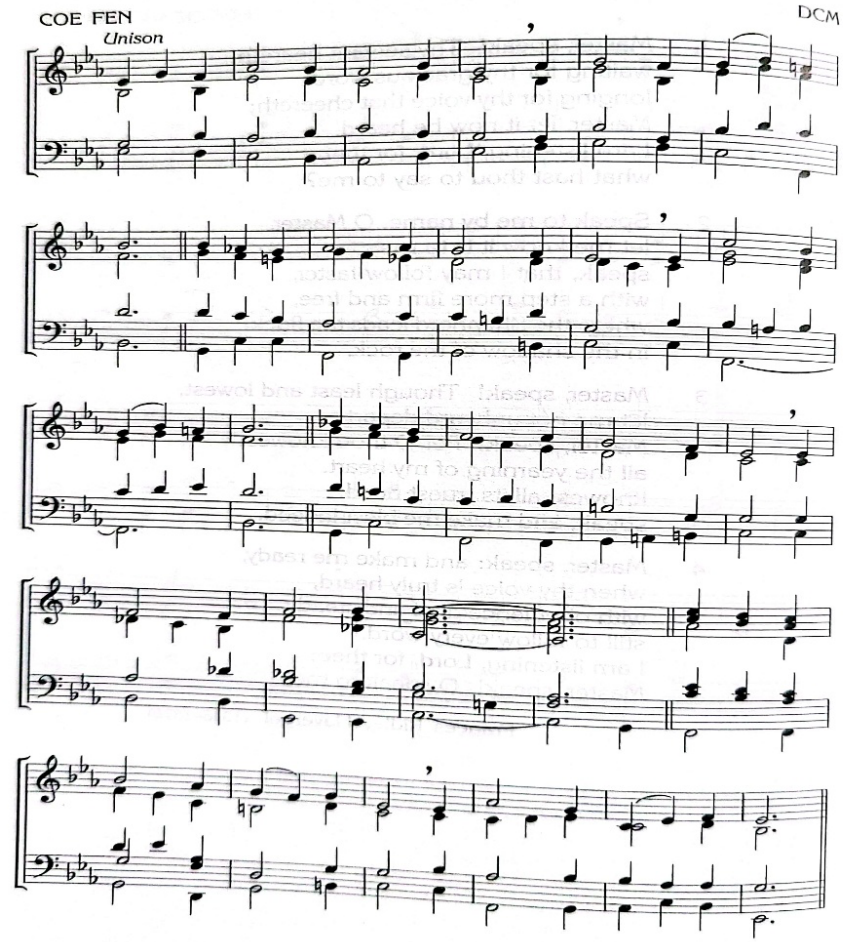
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