Welcome and Introduction

Eulogy

By James

Opening Prayer

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)

The Lord will destroy Death for ever.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his peoples shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (R = Response)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R)

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R)

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R)

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse (1:1-7)

There will be no more death

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke 'Now I am making the whole of creation new,' he said. I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me. This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! It is my Father's will, says the Lord, that whoever believes in the Son shall have eternal life: and that I shall raise him up on the last day. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

There are many rooms in my Father's house.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Homily

Bidding Prayer

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

For Bernadette, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, in your mercy:

(R) - Hear our prayer.

Offertory Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury your pardon, Lord. And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving to all that we receive, and in dving that we're born to eternal life.