



SAINT JAMES' IN THE CITY

ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL

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THE FIRST 100 YEARS



1973—New Directions

"Some years ago, a rector of Saint James' Episcopal Church declared, 'As the City of Los Angeles grows, Saint James' is faced with an alternative; either forge ahead and become a great metropolitan parish, or sell our property and move to a side street where we can keep our budget down and minister quietly to the needs of a small congregation.' Which would you prefer?"

The year was 1973. The Reverend Sam D'Amico was rector. After the schisms and tumultuous societal changes of the 60s, Saint James' Church was struggling to redefine itself. No one wanted to retreat from the church's mission and prominence, but the society served by the church had changed irrevocably and the way forward had become unclear.

It's not just people who go on spiritual journeys and find the conflicts that test their strength and define their souls. Churches do, too. In the 1970s Saint James' Church began to move from being the exclusive and excluding church of its founders to becoming the inclusive one we attend today.

