

# S.<sup>T</sup>JAMIES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

## CHORAL MATINS

according to the  
Book of Common Prayer



*For the Season of Advent*

As Sydney's oldest church, St. James' is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching and fine music. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, or religion. We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship—the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

# *Order of Service*

## **Organ Prelude**

## **Procession**

*Please stand as the ministers enter the church.*

## **The Order for Morning Prayer in Advent**

*At the beginning of Morning Prayer the Minister shall read with a loud voice one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow.*

The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. *Romans 13.12*

God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.  
*John 4.24*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9.9,10*

Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *Matthew 3.2*

## **Hymn**

*Please refer to the pew sheet and hymn boards for the hymn number*

## **Confession**

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and show forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel and keep silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

*A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.*

**O God, our Father, we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed;  
we have not loved thee with all our heart;  
we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.  
Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins;  
and help us to overcome our faults;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.*

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer: the people also kneeling, and repeating it with him, both here, and wheresoever else it is used in Divine Service.*

**OUR Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

*All stand.*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us.

*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.

*The Lord's Name be praised.*

*Then shall be said or sung this Psalm the congregation, choir and ministers standing together.*

## VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO

*Psalm 95*

O come let us | sing un· to the | Lord:  
Let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation.  
Let us come before his | presence · with | thanksgiving:  
And shew ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.  
For the Lord is a | great\_ | God:  
And a great | King a- | bove all | gods.  
In his hand are all the | corners · of the | earth:  
And the strength of the | hills is | his\_ | also.  
The sea is | his · and he | made it:  
And his | hands pre- | pared the · dry | land.  
O come let us worship and | fall\_ | down:  
And | kneel be·fore the | Lord our | Maker.  
For he is the | Lord our | God:  
we are the people of his | pasture ·  
and the | sheep · of his | hand.  
Today if ye will hear his voice | harden · not your | hearts:  
As in the provocation ·  
and as in the day of temp- | tation | in the | wilderness.  
Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son:  
And | to the | Holy | Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning is now and | ever | shall be:  
World without | end. A- | - - | men.

### Psalm(s)

*Please refer to the pew sheet for the psalm(s) appointed for the day.*

*The psalm ends with the words*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

### The First Lesson

*Please refer to the pew sheet for the appointed readings.*

# **BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA**

*The Song of the Three Holy Children 35-66*

*Sung by the Choir. Please stand.*

*O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O let the Earth bless the Lord :  
yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O let Israel bless the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O Ananias, Azarias and Misael, bless ye the Lord :  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.*

## The Second Lesson

*Please refer to the pew sheet for the appointed readings.*

### BENEDICTUS

Luke 1.68

*Sung by the Choir. Please stand.*

*BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us;  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve him without fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.  
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God :  
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

*Or else the Jubilate Deo is sung.*

### JUBILATE DEO

Psalm 100

*Sung by the Choir. Please stand.*

*O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise :  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

*Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing:*

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting.  
Amen.**



*And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,*

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*And grant us thy salvation.*

O Lord, save the King.

*And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*And make thy chosen people joyful.*

O Lord, save thy people.

*And bless thine inheritance.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

*Then shall follow the Collects, all kneeling.*

*The Collect for Advent.*

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

*The Collect for Peace.*

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Collect for Grace.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*In Quires and Places where they sing here followeth the Anthem.*

## **Hymn**

*Please refer to the pew sheet and hymn boards for the hymn number*

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn**

*During the final hymn a collection will be taken for the work and ministry of the church.  
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## **Blessing**

*Please remain standing for the final blessing.*

CHRIST the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*The choir and clergy depart to the West Door.*

