

S.^TJAMIES'

10:00am Choral Eucharist



The Birth of Jesus, Max Conlon, 2014
From "Our Mob, God's Story"

Sunday 26th January

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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, gender identity, or religion.

We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship
—the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

Please advise one of the Sidespersons if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. If necessary, you are welcome to sit for those parts of the liturgy when it is normal to stand.

Hymn

Please stand.

**Lord of earth and all creation,
let your love possess our land:
wealth, and freedom, far horizons,
mountain, forest, shining sand:
may we share, in faith and friendship,
gifts unmeasured from your hand.**

**People of the ancient Dreamtime,
they who found this country first,
ask with those, the later comers,
will our dream be blessed or cursed?
Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living,
hope for which our children thirst.**

**Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
on our hurts your mercy shower;
lead us by your inward dwelling,
guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep our land Australia:
in your will her peace and power.**

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Welcome

Celebrant ✠ In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Today we give thanks for our land Australia and its peoples, but first we pay respect to the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and worship – the Gadigal of the Eora Nation. It is upon their ancestral lands that St James' Church is built.

On this Australia Day we celebrate our nation before God; we confess the wrongs we have done; we give thanks for the good things we have received; and we pray for the needs of all people and for what the future may hold.

So let us pray:

Bounteous God,

we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land,

a land of despair and hope,

a land of wealth and abundant harvests,

a land of fire, drought and flood.

We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land

and bring forgiveness, reconciliation,

and an end to all injustice;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Preparation

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie

Sung by the choir

GREEK TEXT	PRAYER BOOK TEXT
Κύριε ἐλέησον	Lord, have mercy
Χριστέ ἐλέησον	Christ, have mercy
Κύριε ἐλέησον	Lord, have mercy

Deacon Though Christ has called us into one body,
the oneness of the peoples of this land has been broken
by acts of oppression and the failure of compassion.

A silence for self-examination follows.

Let us therefore confess our brokenness,
confident in God's power and promise to make us whole.

**All Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

Sung by the choir.

LATIN TEXT

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus
bonæ voluntatis.*

*Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.
Glorificamus te.*

*Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam
tuam. Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater
omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe. Domine
Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.*

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi:

Suscipe deprecationem nostram.

*Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.*

Quoniam Tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.

Tu solus Altissimus,

Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu

✠ in gloria Dei Patris.

Amen.

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on
earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

we worship you,

we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the

right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

✠ in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

Life-giving God,

who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom

and to teach with authority:

anoint us with your Spirit,

that we too may bring good news to the poor,

bind up the broken-hearted,

and proclaim liberty to the captive;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Reading

Nehemiah 8.1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 – 10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by the choir to a chant by Edward John Hopkins.

*The heavens declare the glory of God :
and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
One day telleth another :
and one night certifieth another.
There is neither speech nor language :
but their voices are heard among them.
Their sound is gone out into all lands :
and their words into the ends of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun :
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,
and runneth about unto the end of it again :
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul :
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart :
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever :
the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold :
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
Moreover, by them is thy servant taught:
and in keeping of them there is great reward.
Who can tell how oft he offendeth :
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the dominion over me :
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart :
be alway acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord :
my strength, and my redeemer.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12.12 - 31

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 466

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader.

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 4.14 - 21

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Please stand.

Celebrant: All:

We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the al-migh-ty, ma-ker of heav'n and earth,
of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly
Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, be-got-ten, not made, of one be-ing with the Fa-ther, through him
all things were made. For us and for our sal-va-tion he came down from heav'n, was in-car-nate
of the Ho-ly Spi-rit and the Vir-gin Ma-ry and be-came tru-ly hu-man.
For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death and was bu-ried.
On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cor-dance with the Scrip-tures; he as-cen-ded
in to heav'n; and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther. He will come a-gain
in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead; and his king-dom will have no end.
We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the gi-ver of life, who pro-ceeds
from the Fa-ther and the Son, who with the Fa-ther and the Son is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied,



who has spo-ken through the pro-phets. We be-lieve in one ho-ly ca-tho-lic and
a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac-know-ledge one bap-tism for the for-give-ness of sins.
We look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come. A - men.

Intercessions

Deacon Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please be seated for the prayers. The following response may be used,

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers the deacon says,

Deacon Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**All Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Please stand.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

All We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Hymn 55

Please stand. During this hymn a collection for the church's ministry will be received. You may wish to make your offering at sjks.org.au/ donate, using the tap machines in church, or via this QR Code.



Please remain standing.

Celebrant Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

All Blessed be God for ever!

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant All glory and honour, thanks and praise,
be yours now and always,
Lord of every time and place, God beyond our dreaming.
We give you thanks that from the beginning of time,
your Spirit has brooded over this ancient land.
In the fullness of time you revealed your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit
was born of Mary and lived as one of us.
By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
We give you thanks that in him
you have revealed to us your presence in the vastness of this land,
your love in its fruitfulness,
and your purpose in its cycles of death and renewed life.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Sung by the Choir.

LATIN TEXT

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

✠ *Benedictus qui venit in nomine*

Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;

and when he had given you thanks he broke it,

and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat.

This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks

he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant

shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

All ✠ **Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The bell is rung and silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The celebrant breaks the Eucharistic Bread and says:

Celebrant As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

All **so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Deacon Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Agnus Dei

Sung by the Choir.

LATIN TEXT

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us your peace.

*Communion will be distributed at the High Altar rail. Baptised Christians from all traditions are welcome to receive Communion. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. You are also advised to take any valuables with you to Communion to ensure their security. If you prefer not to receive from the chalice the nature of the Sacrament is such that it is acceptable to only receive the Host. **For health reasons intinction is not permitted.***

Motet

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to know,
It is well with my soul.*

*And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888)

Music: Thomas Rimes

At the end of the Communion a silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant Heavenly Father,
you have created all humanity in your image and likeness,
and have revealed your plan and purpose
in calling us your friends and family.
As we have shared this holy meal,
inspire our hearts to see every man, woman and child
given the dignity and value which is your purpose and your gift.

**All Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn 427

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant God of this ancient land,
through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family,
give us grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus;
and the blessing of God almighty
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Farrington - *Voices of the World*