

S. JAMES'

11:00am Choral Eucharist



The Transfiguration of Jesus, Salvadore Dali, 1967
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Sunday 2nd March

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
TRANSFIGURATION

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 178

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

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.

The Celebrant introduces the service and welcomes our visiting preacher, Bishop Murray Harvey, Bishop of Grafton.

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

Κύριε ἐλέησον

Χριστέ ἐλέησον

Κύριε ἐλέησον

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Deacon Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

A silence for self-examination follows.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

+Murray 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.

O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face to those who seek you with a sincere heart:
strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross,
and open our hearts to its transforming power,
so that, clinging in love to your will for us,
we may walk as followers of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Reading

Exodus 34.29 - 35

A reading from the Book Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

A short silence is observed.

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

Psalm 99

Sung by the choir to chants by Attwood.

*The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient :
 he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
The Lord is great in Sion :
 and high above all people.
They shall give thanks unto thy Name :
 which is great, wonderful, and holy.
The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity :
 thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
O magnify the Lord our God :
 and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among such as call upon his Name :
 these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar :
 for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
Thou heardest them, O Lord our God :
 thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.
O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill :
 for the Lord our God is holy.*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3.14 - 4.2

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

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

A short silence is observed.

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

Hymn 234

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 This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:
listen to him. Alleluia!

All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

Luke 9.28 - 36

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.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

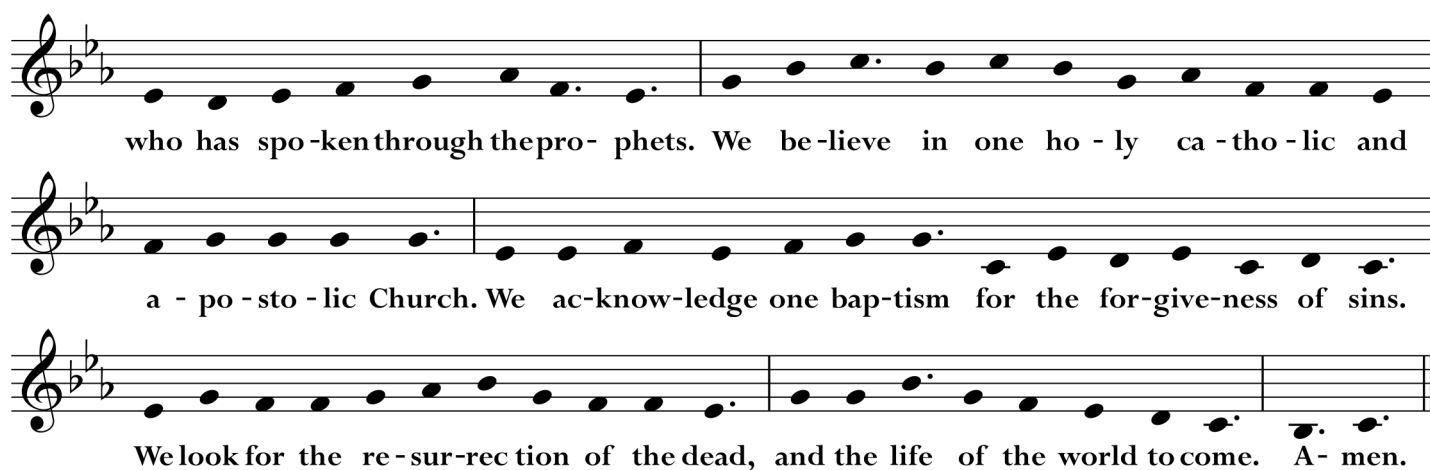
Nicene Creed

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,
(Bow) (Rise)
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 suffered 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 kingdom will have no end.
We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the gi-ver of life, who proceeds
from the Fa-ther and the Son, who with the Fa-ther and the Son is worshipped and glo-ri-fied,



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.

Celebrant 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.

And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

During this Hymn a collection is taken for the work and ministry of the parish. You may wish to consider making your offertory using the card machine at the entrance, online at sjks.org.au/donate or via this QR code.



With glorious clouds encompassed round,
whom angels dimly see,
will the Unsearchable be found,
or God appear to me?

Will he forsake his throne above,
himself to men impart?
Answer, thou Man of grief and love,
and speak it to my heart!

In manifested love explain
thy wonderful design;
what meant the suffering Son of Man,
the streaming blood divine?

Didst thou not in our flesh appear,
and live and die below,
that I may now perceive thee near,
and my Redeemer know?

Come then, and to my soul reveal
the heights and depths of grace,
the wounds which all my sorrows heal,
that dear disfigured face.

I view the Lamb in his own light,
whom angels dimly see,
and gaze, transported at the sight,
through all eternity.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: IRISH from A collection of hymns by S. Powell, Dublin 1749 [tune: NEH 500]

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At the conclusion of the hymn, please remain standing.

Holy God,
receive all we bring before you this day,
and bring us also to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed be God forever!

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 be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah, the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope

of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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.

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.

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.* *Hosanna in excelsis.*

✠ 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 We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.:

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Deacon God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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

*Panis angelicus fit panis hominum,
dat panis cælicus figuris terminum:
o res mirabilis, manducat Dominum
pauper servus et humilis.*

The bread of angels becomes the food of humanity. The heavenly bread brings mere symbols to an end. O what marvel: a poor humble servant consumes the Lord.

Words: Office Hymn for Matins on Corpus Christi
Music: César Franck (1822-1890)

At the end of the Communion silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

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 377

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

Blessing and Dismissal

+Murray Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.

All **Amen.**
Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Stanford - *Postlude in D minor*