

S. JAMES'

9:30am Choral Matins



Sunday 16th February

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SEPTUAGESIMA

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.

Order of Service

Please stand as the Choir and Ministers enter.

Welcome

Officiant ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

The Officiant welcomes the people and introduces the Opening Hymn.

Hymn 341

You will find the words of the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Confession

Officiant Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and not to conceal them from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought always to admit our sins before God, and especially when we come together to give thanks for the good things we have received at his hands, to offer the praise that is his due, to hear his holy word, and to ask what is necessary for the body as well as the soul. Therefore, let us draw near to the throne of our gracious God, as we pray:

Please sit or kneel.

All **Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Absolution

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

Please stand.

Preces

Officiant ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir *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.

Venite

We remain standing to sing the Venite together.

G. A. Macfarren



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.

Please remain standing.

Acknowledgement of Children

The children of the parish come forward to the Chancel step.

Officiant Today we resume the monthly Children's Eucharist to be held in the Children's Chapel. We give thanks to God for this ministry and pray today for our ministry to children and young people, and acknowledging the children here today who will worship together in their chapel led this morning by Fr John Stewart.

So let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the children of our parish and ask for your blessing on each one of them, precious in your sight. Lord strengthen those who lead the children's ministry of our parish and equip us for the year ahead. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

All Amen.

Celebrant Children of God, we acknowledge you and now we send you forth to Kids@Church. May the Scriptures light you way, may God's love fill your hearts with love, and may your lives be marked by hope and joy.

Children We go on our way in the strength of Christ. Amen.

The organist plays a short improvisation and the children process to the Children's Chapel.

Please sit.

Psalm 7

The Choir sings the psalm

Domine, Deus meus

*O Lord my God, in thee have I put my trust :
save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;
Lest he devour my soul, like a lion, and tear it in pieces :
while there is none to help.*

*O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing :
or if there be any wickedness in my hands;
If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me :
yea, I have delivered him that without any cause
is mine enemy;*

*Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me :
yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth,
and lay mine honour in the dust.*

*Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath,
and lift up thyself, because of the indignation of mine enemies :
arise up for me in the judgement that thou hast commanded.
And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee :
for their sakes therefore lift up thyself again.*

*The Lord shall judge the people; give sentence with me, O Lord :
according to my righteousness,
and according to the innocency that is in me.*

*O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end :
but guide thou the just.*

*For the righteous God :
trieth the very hearts and reins.*

*My help cometh of God :
who preserveth them that are true of heart.*

*God is a righteous Judge, strong and patient :
and God is provoked every day.*

*If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword :
he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.*

*He hath prepared for him the instruments of death :
he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.*

*Behold, he travaileth with mischief :
he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth ungodliness.
He hath graven and digged up a pit :
and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for other.
For his travail shall come upon his own head :
and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.
I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to his righteousness :
and I will praise the Name of the Lord most High.*

Gloria patri...

First Reading

Jeremiah 30.1 - 3, 10 - 22

Here begins the 30th chapter of the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you. For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the Lord, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors and they shall take possession of it.

But as for you, have no fear, my servant Jacob, says the Lord, and do not be dismayed, O Israel; for I am going to save you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and no one shall make him afraid.

For I am with you, says the Lord, to save you; I will make an end of all the nations among which I scattered you, but of you I will not make an end. I will chastise you in just measure, and I will by no means leave you unpunished.

For thus says the Lord: Your hurt is incurable, your wound is grievous. There is no one to uphold your cause, no medicine for your wound, no healing for you.

All your lovers have forgotten you; they care nothing for you; for I have dealt you the blow of an enemy, the punishment of a merciless foe, because your guilt is great, because your sins are so numerous. Why do you cry out over your hurt? Your pain is incurable. Because your guilt is great, because your sins are so numerous, I have done these things to you.

Therefore all who devour you shall be devoured, and all your foes, every one of them, shall go into captivity; those who plunder you shall be plundered, and all who prey on you I will make a prey.

For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, says the Lord, because they have called you an outcast: 'It is Zion; no one cares for her!'

Thus says the Lord: I am going to restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob, and have compassion on his dwellings; the city shall be rebuilt upon its mound, and the citadel set on its rightful site. Out of them shall come thanksgiving, and the sound of merrymakers. I will make them many, and they shall not be few; I will make them honoured, and they shall not be disdained. Their children shall be as of old, their congregation shall be established before me; and I will punish all who oppress them. Their prince shall be one of their own, their ruler shall come from their midst; I will bring him near, and he shall approach me, for who would otherwise dare to approach me? says the Lord. And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Here ends the First Reading.

Te Deum

Please stand.

Choir We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud :
the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O LORD, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Please sit.

Here begins the 6th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, 'We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.' They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, 'This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us.' And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Here ends the Second Reading.

Jubilate

Please stand.

Choir 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.

Please remain standing.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God
All **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.**

Responses

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

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.

God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

The Collect for the Sunday called Septuagesima or The Third Sunday before Lent

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *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.*

Hymn 94

You will find the words of the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Sermon

Hymn 476

*You will find the words of the hymn in the green hymn book provided.
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 the church or via the QR code provided.*



Blessing

Officiant May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and fill our lives
with his joy and peace;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Harris - *Prelude in E-flat*

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