

S. JAMES'

9:30am Choral Matins



Sunday 23rd February

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SEXAGESIMA

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 333

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.

J. Nares



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 sit.

Psalm 104.1 - 10, 26

The Choir sings the psalm

Benedic, anima mea

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul :

*O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious;
thou art clothed with majesty and honour.*

*Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment :
and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.*

*Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters :
and maketh the clouds his chariot,
and walketh upon the wings of the wind.*

*He maketh his angels spirits :
and his ministers a flaming fire.*

*He laid the foundations of the earth :
that it never should move at any time.*

*Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment :
the waters stand in the hills.*

*At thy rebuke they flee :
at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.*

*They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath :
even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.*

*Thou hast set them their bounds which they shall not pass :
neither turn again to cover the earth.*

*He sendeth the springs into the rivers :
which run among the hills.*

*There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan:
whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.*

Gloria patri...

Here begins the 6th chapter of the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said:

‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’ And he said, ‘Go and say to this people:

“Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.” Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.’

Then I said, ‘How long, O Lord?’ And he said: ‘Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remains in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.’ The holy seed is its stump.

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.

Second Reading

Luke 8.4 - 15

Here begins the 4th verse of the 8th chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke.

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 'A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.' As he said this, he called out, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand."

'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

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 Sexagesima or The Second Sunday before Lent

O LORD GOD, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Collect for Peace

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 359 (t.322)

You will find the words of the hymn in the green hymn book provided. During the last verse of the hymn the choir retires to the vestry to prepare for the next service of the morning.

Sermon

Hymn 262

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

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