

Choral Evensong

6 :15pm, Wednesday 26th February 2025

S.^TJAMIES'
Bicentenary 2019-2024

WEEK OF SEPTUAGESIMA (THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT)

Preces and Responses

Matthew Martin (b.1976)

Psalm

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The choir sings the Psalm to a chant by Bairstow:

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me :
 thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising,
 thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed :
 and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue :
 but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before :
 and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me :
 I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit :
 or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there :
 if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning :
 and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me :
 and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me :
 then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day :
 the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

For my reins are thine :
 thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made :
marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.
My bones are not hid from thee :
though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.
Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect :
and in thy book were all my members written;
Which day by day were fashioned :
when as yet there was none of them.
How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God :
O how great is the sum of them!
If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand :
when I wake up I am present with thee.
Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God :
depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.
For they speak unrighteously against thee :
and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.
Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee :
and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
Yea, I hate them right sore :
even as though they were mine enemies.
Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart :
prove me, and examine my thoughts.
Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me :
and lead me in the way everlasting. *Gloria patri...*

Lessons

Isaiah 52.13-53.6 & Romans 15.14-21

Canticles

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988) - *The Second Service*

Collect of the Day

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.*

Anthem

Kenneth Leighton - *Let all the world in every corner sing*

Prayers

Hymn

NEH 391 - *King of glory, King of peace*

During this hymn a collection will be taken for the work and ministry of the parish.

Double Harpsichord Voluntary

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) - *Sonata No 1 in E-flat: III. Allegro, BWV 525*

Those leading this service

Officiant	The Rev'd John Stewart <i>Associate Rector</i>
Choir	The Choir of St James'
Conductor	Thomas Wilson <i>Director of Music</i>
Organist	Marko Sever <i>Organist & Assistant Director of Music</i> James Brew <i>Margaret Norman Organ Scholar</i>



During Lent,
(12th March- 9th April)
Wednesday evening
services times will
change

5:30pm: Choral Evensong*

8:00pm: Compline

*View online at: sjks.org.au/online-services
[youtube.com/@stjameskingstreet](https://www.youtube.com/@stjameskingstreet)

Notices and upcoming events



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night

St Laurence House is once again holding its annual Shrove Tuesday pancake night to raise funds for the work of St Laurence House in caring for young people at risk of homelessness. The pancake night will be held in the Covered Courtyard here at St James' on Tuesday 4th March from 6pm to 8pm. Tickets are \$30 (\$25 for pensioners and students). Please book at stlaurencehouse.org.au/whats-happening or use the QR code listed.

Ash Wednesday Services

Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March. Our Ash Wednesday services will be as follows:

8:00am Holy Eucharist

12:30pm Lunchtime Eucharist

6:30pm Choral Eucharist

Please return your palm crosses from last year so we can prepare the ash.

Wednesday Evensongs during Lent (commencing 12th March)

During Lent this year we will be adopting a different pattern of evening services on Wednesdays. Evensong will be at the earlier time of 5:30pm, a short service of Compline

(Night Prayer) will be offered at 8pm. Those attending the Wednesday evening study group may wish to attend Evensong first and then attend the study group, which will conclude in time to attend Compline for those who wish to conclude the day in prayer.

Lent Study Sessions

As usual, there are several Lenten Study groups meeting at various times and locations. We have five weeks of studies commencing in the week of Monday 10th March.

Mondays 10am at Chatswood

with Gail Ball and Fr John Stewart.

Tuesdays 9:30am online

with Libby Hindmarsh.

Tuesdays 11am at Bowden Brae

with Sue Mackenzie (*from 4th March*)

Tuesdays 1pm St James' Hall

with Kumar Rasiah.

Wednesdays 6:30pm St James' Hall

with the Rector.

Please register for the group of your choice at events.humanitix.com/lent-studies