

S^T. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

Choral Evensong

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE



The Presentation of Christ in The Temple - Nicholas Mynheer (2013)

4pm, Sunday 2nd February 2025

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 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.

Preces

The Preces and Responses are sung to a setting by Clucas.

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.

Psalm 48

The Choir sings the psalm to a chant by Longhurst

*Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised :
 in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth :
upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King;
 God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
For lo, the kings of the earth :
 are gathered, and gone by together.
They marvelled to see such things :
 they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
Fear came there upon them, and sorrow :
 as upon a woman in her travail.
Thou shalt break the ships of the sea :
 through the east-wind.
Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God :
 God upholdeth the same for ever.*

*We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God :
in the midst of thy temple.
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end :
thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad :
because of thy judgements.
Walk about Sion, and go round about her :
and tell the towers thereof.
Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses :
that ye may tell them that come after.
For this God is our God for ever and ever :
he shall be our guide unto death.*

Gloria patri...

First Reading

1 Samuel 1.21 - 28

Here begins the 21st verse of the first chapter of the First Book of Samuel.

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, ‘As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.’ Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.’ So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.’

She left him there for the Lord.

Here ends the First Reading.

Office Hymn 156 (t. 288)

Please stand. Please use the green hymn book provided.

Magnificat

Please remain standing as the Choir sings the Magnificat.

✠ *My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewn strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.
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 be seated.

Second Reading

John 2.13 - 25

Here begins the 13th verse of the second chapter of the Gospel according to St John.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Here ends the Second Reading.

Nunc Dimittis

Please stand. The Choir sings,

✠ *Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all thy people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.*

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 Presentation of Christ in the the Temple

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

The Collect for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Anthem

Please be seated. The Choir sings the anthem.

*When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child,
Him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed.
He took up Jesus in his arms, and blessing God, he said:
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen,
the Hope of Israel, the Light of men.*

*Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be
as once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in thee;
and when we must from earth departure take,
may gently fall asleep, and with thee wake.*

Words: John Troutbeck (1832-1899)

Music: Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

Sermon

Hymn 157

Please stand. Please use the green hymn book provided.

Prayers

Please kneel or be seated. Prayers are offered for the world and for the church concluding with

**All ✝ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Hymn

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

**Holy light on earth's horizon,
star of hope to those who fall,
light amid a world of shadows,
dawn of God's design for all,
chosen from eternal ages,
you alone of all our race,
by your Son's atoning merits
were conceived in perfect grace.**

**Mother of the world's Redeemer,
promised from the dawn of time:
how could one so highly favoured
share the guilt of Adam's crime?
Sun and moon and stars adorn you,
sinless Eve, triumphant sign;
you it is who crushed the serpent,
Mary, pledge of life divine.**

**Earth below and highest heaven,
praise the splendour of your state,
you who now are crowned in glory
were conceived immaculate.
Hail, beloved of the Father,
Mother of his only Son,
mystic bride of Love eternal, hail,
O fair and spotless one!**

Words: Edward Caswall, Cong. Orat. (1814-1878)

Music: BLAENWERN William Rowlands (1860-1937) [NEH 408i];

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Conclusion

Officiant Father, here we bring to an end our yearly celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**All Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.**

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

Cox - Creation Dance

This Week at St James' King Street

3rd February— 9th February 2025

Monday 3rd February

FIRST ANGLICAN SERVICE AT SYDNEY COVE, CONDUCTED BY RICHARD JOHNSON, SYDNEY 1788

8.30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

10:30am Service for the Opening of the Law Term

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Tuesday 4th February

Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d.865)

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Wednesday 5th February

Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki (d.1597)

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

1:15pm Lunchtime Concert

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

6:15pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 6th February

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Friday 7th February

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Saturday 8th February

Sunday 9th February

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:30am Choral Matins

11:00am Choral Eucharist

with Holy Baptism

Preacher: The Rev'd John Stewart

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Saturdays: 8:00am-1:00pm

Sundays: 7:00am-4:00pm

Please submit all requests for notices by the Wednesday preceding the service.

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The details are: BSB 032 007, A/C 250025, Churchwardens St James' Gen. A/C.