

S^T. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

4:00pm Choral Evensong



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.

Order of Service

Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy.

The Sentences and Confession

Officiant Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

Please sit or kneel.

All Almighty and most merciful Father;
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have
done; and we have done those things which we ought not
to have done; and there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable
offenders; spare thou them, O God, which confess their
faults, restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises, declared unto mankind in
Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober
life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn
from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and
commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his
people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins:
✠ He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent,
and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,
and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do
at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure,
and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray,

**All 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:
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Preces

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

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 2

Please sit. The Choir sings the psalm to a chant by Crotch.

*Why do the heathen so furiously rage together :
and why do the people imagine a vain thing?
The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together :
against the Lord, and against his Anointed.
Let us break their bonds asunder :
and cast away their cords from us.
He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn :
the Lord shall have them in derision.
Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath :
and vex them in his sore displeasure.
Yet have I set my King :
upon my holy hill of Sion.
I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me :
Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.
Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance :
and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.
Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron :
and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
Be wise now therefore, O ye kings :
be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.
Serve the Lord in fear :
and rejoice unto him with reverence.
Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way :
if his wrath be kindled, (yea, but a little,)
blessed are all they that put their trust in him.*

Gloria patri...

First Reading

Deuteronomy 34.1-12

Here begins the 34th chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy.

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Here ends the First Reading.

Office Hymn 245

Please stand. Please use the green hymn book provided.

Magnificat

Please remain standing as the Choir sings the Magnificat sung to the setting by Matthew Martin, The St John's College Service.

✠ *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 12.27-41

Here begins the 27th verse of the 12th chapter of the Gospel according to St John.

Jesus said, 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them. Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. This was to fulfil the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

'Lord, who has believed our message,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?'
And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said,
'He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and understand with their heart and turn—
and I would heal them.'

Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him.

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

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| 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 Quinquagesima

Almighty O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *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 Seek Him that maketh the seven stars and Orion and turneth the shadow of death into the morning. Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day, the night is light about me. Amen.

Words: Amos 5.8, Psalm 139.11

Music: Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Sermon

Hymn 383ii

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 368

Please stand. 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.



Blessing

**Officiant The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Pott - *Toccata on "King's Lynn"*

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