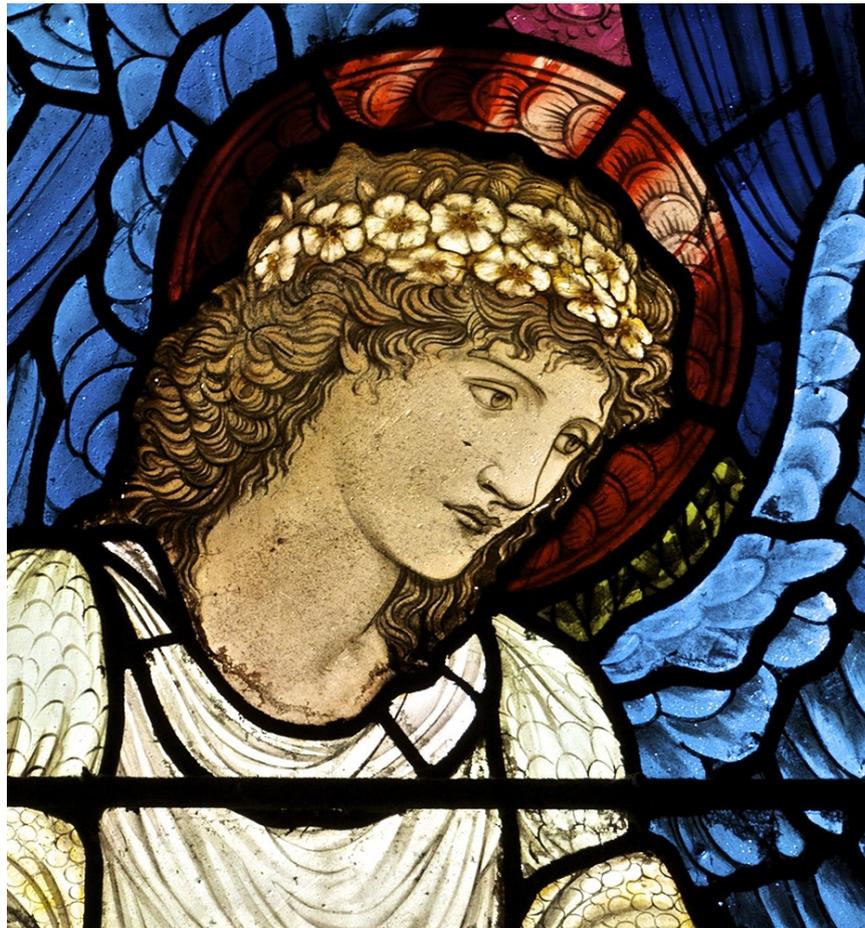


S. JAMES'

9:30am Choral Matins



Sunday 9th March
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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 64

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

Confession

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God,
and to take our part in the building up of his Church.
We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy
word, and pray for this world, and for ourselves.
Today in particular we pray for all those affected by the cyclone in
Northern New South Wales and Queensland.
The Scriptures tell us to approach God confidently,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
As we do so, we must confess our sins,
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

Please sit or kneel.

Officiant Let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence,
and pray together,

All **Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

cf Psalm 51

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 sit.

Psalm 50. 1-15

The Choir sings the psalm

The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken :
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun,
unto the going down thereof.
Out of Sion hath God appeared :
in perfect beauty.
Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence :
there shall go before him a consuming fire,
and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
He shall call the heaven from above :
and the earth, that he may judge his people.
Gather my saints together unto me :
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
And the heaven shall declare his righteousness :
for God is Judge himself.
Hear, O my people, and I will speak :
I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God,
even thy God.
I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices,
or for thy burnt-offerings :
because they were not alway before me.
I will take no bullock out of thine house :
nor he-goat out of thy folds.
For all the beasts of the forest are mine :
and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.
I know all the fowls upon the mountains :
and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.
If I be hungry, I will not tell thee :
for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.
Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh :
and drink the blood of goats?
Offer unto God thanksgiving :
and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.
And call upon me in the time of trouble :
so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.

Gloria patri...

First Reading

Genesis 37.12-28

Here begins the 12th verse of the 37th chapter of the Book Genesis.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Here ends the First Reading.

Benedicite

The Song of the Three Holy Children 35-66

Please stand. The choir sings

- O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord :
O let the Earth bless the Lord :
O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord :
O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord :
O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord :
O let Israel bless the Lord :
O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord :
O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord :
O Ananias, Azarias and Misael, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

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 sit.

Second Reading

Matthew 7.21-28

Here begins the 21st verse of the 7th chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew.

Jesus said to the crowd, ‘Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?” Then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.”

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching.

Here ends the Second Reading.

Please stand. The choir sings

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel :
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hand of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :
that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies :
might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him :
all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

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.

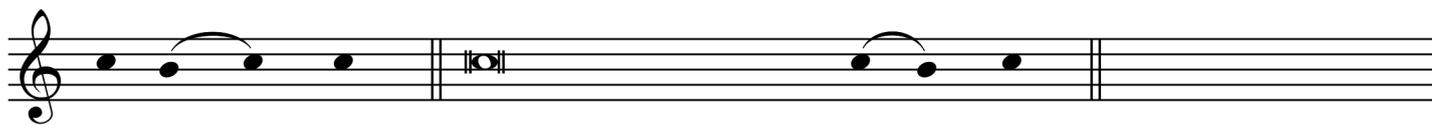
The Responses are sung by the choir and congregation together.

Officiant

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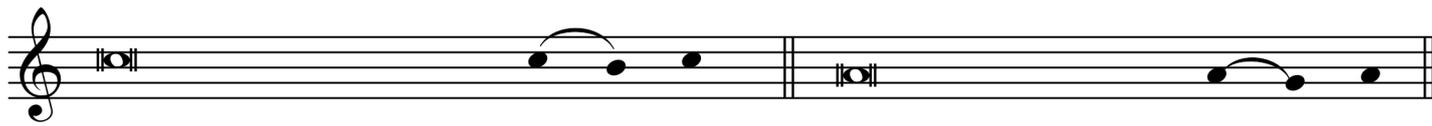


∩ The Lord be___ with___ you. ∩ And with thy___ spi - rit.

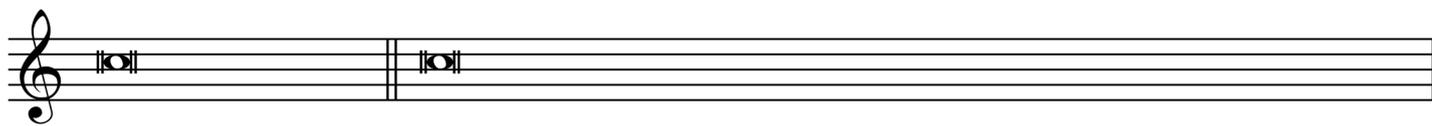


∩ Let us___ pray. Lord, have mercy up - on___ us.

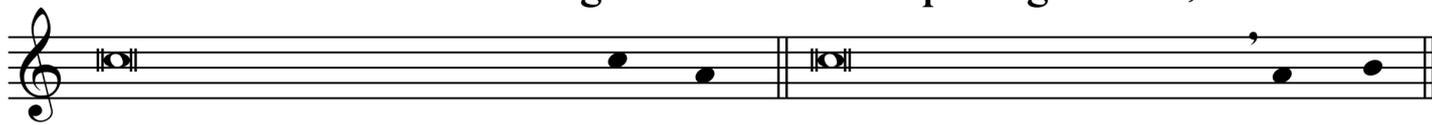
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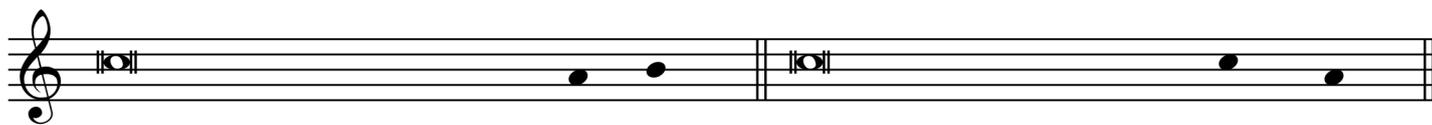
∩ Christ, have mercy up - on___ us. ∩ Lord, have mercy up - on___ us.



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;



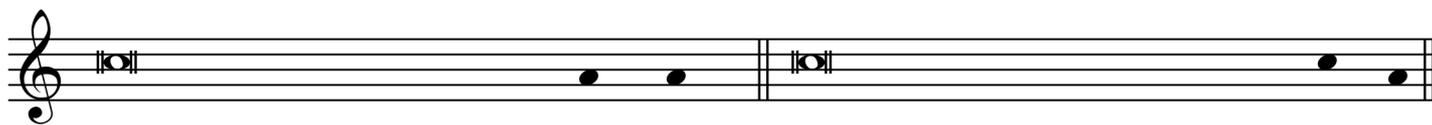
And lead us not into temp - ta - tion, But deliver us from evil. A - men.



∩ O Lord, shew thy mercy up - on us. ∩ And grant us thy sal - va - tion.



∩ O Lord, save the King. ∩ And mercifully hear us
when we call up - on thee.



∩ Endue thy ministers with right-eous-ness. ∩ And make thy chosen people joy-ful.

♪ O Lord, save thy peo - ple. ♪ And bless thine in - he - ri - tance.

♪ Give peace in our time, O Lord. ♪ **Because there is none
other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

♪ O God, make clean our hearts with - in us. ♪ **And take not
thy holy Spirit from us.**

Following each collect:

♪ A - men.

Collects

The Collect for Lent

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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

Please stand. During the last verse of this hymn the choir retires to the vestry to prepare for the next service of the morning.



**Love will be our Lenten calling,
love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit,
stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.**

**Peace will be our Lenten living
as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon,
stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful,
with the Church on Easter day.**

**Truth will be our Lenten learning:
hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,
images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.**

Words: Elizabeth J Smith (b.1956)

Music: PICARDY French, c. 17th century, found in Tiersot's *Mélodies*, Paris 1887

Sermon

Hymn 386 (t.385)

*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 Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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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