

S. JAMIES'

11:00am Choral Eucharist



White Hen with Chickens, Anton Ignaz Hamilton
First half of the 18th Century, Oil on Canvas

Sunday 16th March

SECOND 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 servers, choir, and sacred ministers enter.

Lenten Prose

Sung by the choir

Choir Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
 for we have sinned against thee.

All



Choir To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes
 in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

All **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
 for we have sinned against thee.**

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of
Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from
all defilement.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
 for we have sinned against thee.**

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to
thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
 for we have sinned against thee.**

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition,
now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
 for we have sinned against thee.**

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us
sinners sentences, save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
 for we have sinned against thee.**

Welcome

Celebrant ✠ In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The celebrant welcomes the people.

Preparation

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie

Sung by the choir

GREEK TEXT

Κύριε ἐλέησον

Χριστέ ἐλέησον

Κύριε ἐλέησον

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Confession

Deacon Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
Though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

A time of silence is kept.

Let us then ask for mercy,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All **Merciful God,**
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.
God of our ancestors,
whose chosen servant Abraham
was given faith to obey your call
and go out into the unknown:
endow your Church with such faith
that we may follow you with courage;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, ‘I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’ But he said, ‘O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.’

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

Sung by the choir

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear :
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh :
they stumbled and fell.
Though an host of men were laid against me,
yet shall not my heart be afraid :
and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require :
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle :
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,
and set me up upon a rock of stone.
And now shall he lift up mine head :
above mine enemies round about me.
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness :
I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee :
have mercy upon me, and hear me.
My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face :
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me :
nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
Thou hast been my succour :
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me :
the Lord taketh me up.
Teach me thy way, O Lord :
and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries :
for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.
I should utterly have fainted :
but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

*O tarry thou the Lord's leisure :
be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart;
and put thou thy trust in the Lord.*

Second Reading

Philippians 3.17 - 4.1

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 63

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Gospel Acclamation

Choir Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Cantor Repent, says the Lord;
 the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13.31 - 35

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “ Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Please stand.

Celebrant:

All:

We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the al-migh-ty, ma-ker of heav'n and earth,
of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly
Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, be-got-ten, not made, of one be-ing with the Fa-ther,
through him all things were made. For us and for our sal-va-tion he came down from heav'n,
(Bow) was in-car-nate of the Ho-ly Spi-rit and the Vir-gin Ma-ry and be-came tru-ly hu-man. *(Rise)*
For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suffered death and was bu-ried.
On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cor-dance with the Scrip-tures; he as-cen-ded
in to heav'n; and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther. He will come a-gain
in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead; and his king-dom will have no end.
We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the gi-ver of life, who pro-ceeds
from the Fa-ther and the Son, who with the Fa-ther and the Son is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied,

who has spo-ken through the pro- phets. We be-lieve in one ho - ly ca - tho - lic and
a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac-know-ledge one bap-tism for the for-give-ness of sins.
We look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come. A- men.

Intercessions

Deacon Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please be seated for the prayers. The following response may be used,

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers the deacon says,

Deacon Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**All Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of Approach

Please remain kneeling or seated.

**All We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Please stand.

Celebrant Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

All We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Hymn 148 (vv. 1 - 4, 8)

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 church, or via this QR Code.



Please remain standing.

God of wisdom,
may the light of your eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;
Blessed be God forever!

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant All glory and honour, be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.
He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin.
By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to walk in the way of his love.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Sung by the choir.

LATIN TEXT

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.

✠ *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.*

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat.
This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

All ✠ **Blessing and honour and glory and power**
 are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The bell is rung and silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,**
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The celebrant breaks the Eucharistic Bread and says:

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

All for we all share in the one bread.

Deacon Jesus is the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Agnus Dei

Sung by the Choir.

LATIN TEXT

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

*Communion will be distributed at the High Altar rail. Baptised Christians from all traditions are welcome to receive Communion. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. You are also advised to take any valuables with you to Communion to ensure their security. If you prefer not to receive from the chalice the nature of the Sacrament is such that it is acceptable to only receive the Host. **For health reasons intinction is not permitted.***

Motet

Ne irascaris Domine satis, et ne ultra memineris iniquitatis nostræ. Ecce, respice, populus tuus omnes nos.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Words: Isaiah 64.9

Music: William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

At the end of the Communion silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

All **Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of
your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices

Hymn 461 (t. Corvedale)

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.



Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Dupré - *Cortège et Litanie*

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