

S.^T JAMES'

9:30am Choral Matins



Sunday 16th March

THE 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 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 75

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.
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

Absolution

Officiant May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant unto you ✠ pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.


Please stand. The Preces and Responses are sung by the choir and congregation together.

Officiant

All

O Lord, open thou our lips.

R And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.


 ♪ O God, make speed to save us, ♪ O Lord, make haste to help us.

♩ Gloria be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

A musical staff with a treble clef. The first measure contains a whole note chord consisting of two notes: one on the second space (F) and one on the third space (C). The rest of the staff is empty.

R As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. A-men.

♩ Praise ye the Lord. ♪ The Lord's name be praised.

Venite

We remain standing to sing the Venite together.

T. Kelway



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 remain standing.

Acknowledgement of Children

The children of the parish come forward to the Chancel step.

Officiant Today we hold the monthly Children's Eucharist in the Children's Chapel. We give thanks to God for this ministry and pray today for our ministry to children and young people, and acknowledging the children here today who will worship together in their chapel led this morning by Fr Ron Henderson.

So let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the children of our parish and ask for your blessing on each one of them, precious in your sight. Lord strengthen those who lead the children's ministry of our parish and equip us for the year ahead. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

All Amen.

Celebrant Children of God, we acknowledge you and now we send you forth to Kids@Church. May the Scriptures light your way, may God's love fill your hearts with love, and may your lives be marked by hope and joy.

Children We go on our way in the strength of Christ. Amen.

The organist plays a short improvisation and the children process to the Children's Chapel.

Please sit.

Psalm 119.161 - 176

The Choir sings the psalm

Principes persecuti sunt

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause:

but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I am as glad of thy word :

as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them :

but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee :

because of thy righteous judgements.

Great is the peace that they have who love thy law :

and they are not offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for thy saving health :

and done after thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies :

and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept thy commandments and testimonies :

for all my ways are before thee.

LET my complaint come before thee, O Lord :

give me understanding, according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee :

deliver me, according to thy word.

My lips shall speak of thy praise :

when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word :

for all thy commandments are righteous.

Let thine hand help me :

for I have chosen thy commandments.

I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord :

and in thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee :

and thy judgements shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost :

O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

Gloria patri...

First Reading

Genesis 17.1-7, 15 - 16

Here begins the 17th chapter of the Book Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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

Romans 11.13 - 24

Here begins the 13th verse of the 11th chapter of the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

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

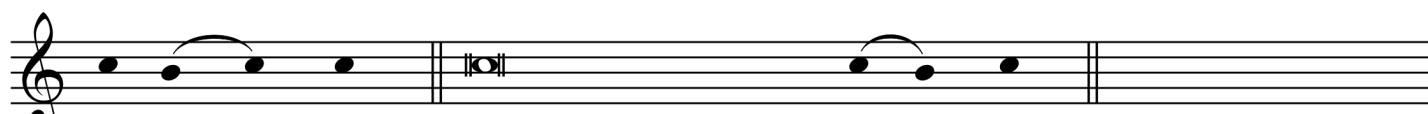
All the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth:
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
 Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 Born of the Virgin Mary,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 Was crucified, dead, and buried,
 He descended into hell;
 The third day he rose again from the dead,
 He ascended 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 All



Ÿ The Lord be____ with__ you. R And with thy__ spi - rit.

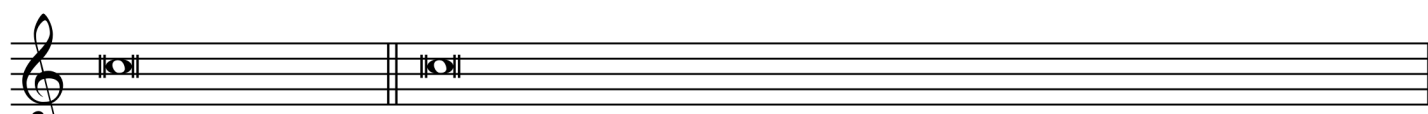


Ÿ Let us____ pray. Lord, have mercy up - on____ us.


Please sit or kneel.




R Christ, have mercy up - on____ us. Ÿ 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.



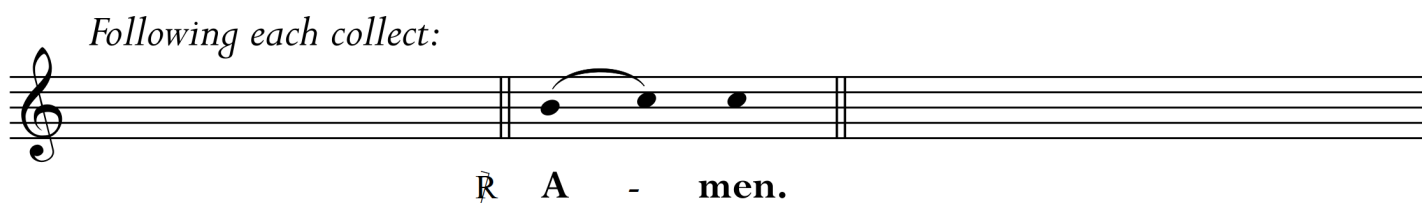
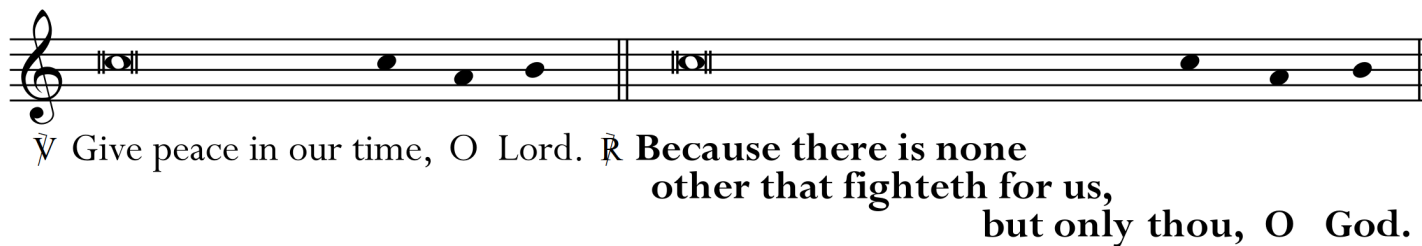
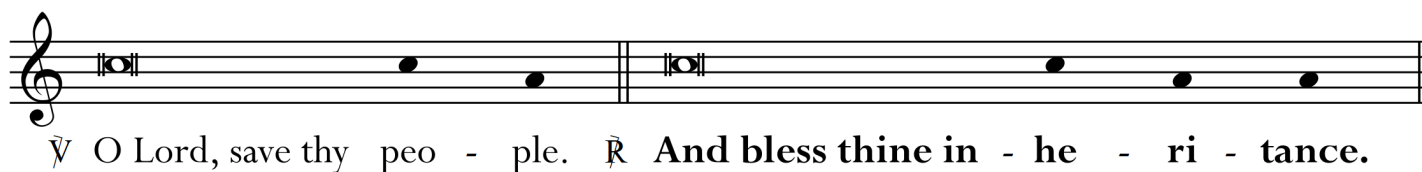
Ÿ O Lord, shew thy mercy up - on us. R And grant us thy sal - va - tion.



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



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



Collects

The Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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 414

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

Sermon

Hymn 512

*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

Reger - *Straf mich nicht in deinem Zorn*, Op 67 No 39



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