

S.^TJAMIES'

11:00am Choral Eucharist



The Fig Tree, Paul Klee
1929, Watercolour on Paper

Sunday 23rd March

THE THIRD 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.
O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 55.1 - 9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

A short silence is observed.

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

Psalm 63.1 - 9

Sung by the choir

O God, thou art my God :

early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee :

in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness :

that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself :

my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner :

and lift up my hands in thy Name.

My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness :

when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered thee in my bed :

and thought upon thee when I was waking?

Because thou hast been my helper :

therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon thee :

thy right hand hath upholden me.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10.1 - 13

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

A short silence is observed.

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

Hymn 376

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 13.1 - 9

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 time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

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 445

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 caeli 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

Civitas sancti tui, facta est deserta. Sion deserta facta est. Ierusalem desolata est.

Your holy cities have become a wilderness,
Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

Words: Isaiah 64.10

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 70

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

Mendelssohn - *Sonata 3: I. Con moto maestoso*

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