

S. JAMES'

9:30am Choral Matins



Sunday 23rd March
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 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,

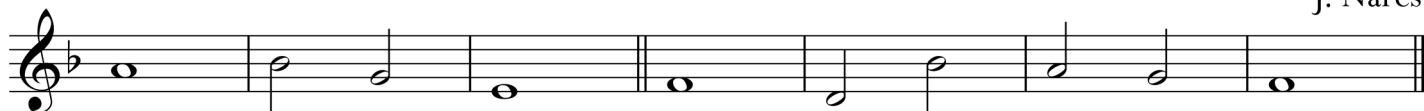
All **Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.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

cf Psalm 51

Venite

We remain standing to sing the Venite together.

J. Nares



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 :

And 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 26

The Choir sings the psalm

Judica me, Domine

*BE thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently :
my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.
Examine me, O Lord, and prove me :
try out my reins and my heart.
For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes :
and I will walk in thy truth.
I have not dwelt with vain persons :
neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.
I have hated the congregation of the wicked :
and will not sit among the ungodly.
I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord :
and so will I go to thine altar;
That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving :
and tell of all thy wondrous works.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house :
and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
O shut not up my soul with the sinners :
nor my life with the blood-thirsty;
In whose hands is wickedness :
and their right hand is full of gifts.
But as for me, I will walk innocently :
O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.
My foot standeth right :
I will praise the Lord in the congregations.*

Gloria patri...

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6.4 - 9

Here begins the 4th verse of the 6th chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

John 17.1a, 11b - 19

Here begins the 17th chapter of the Gospel according to St John.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Here ends the Second Reading.

Benedictus

Luke 1.68

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

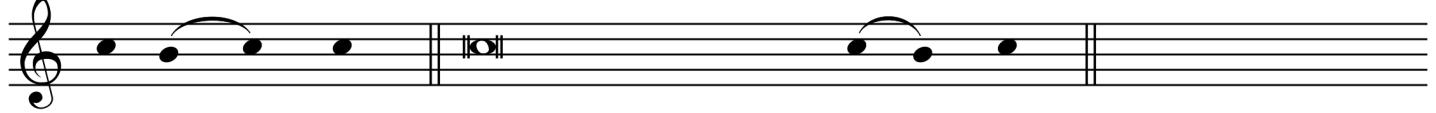
Officiant I believe in God
All **the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried,
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again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

The Responses are sung by the choir and congregation together.

Officiant All

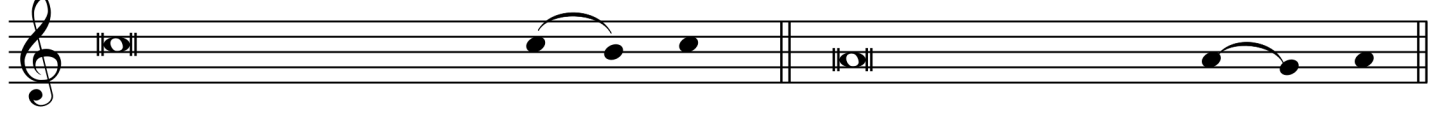


Ÿ The Lord be___ with___ you. R̄ And with thy___ spi - rit.

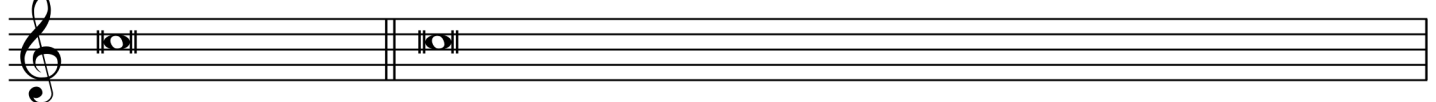


Ÿ Let us___ pray. Lord, have mercy up - on___ us.

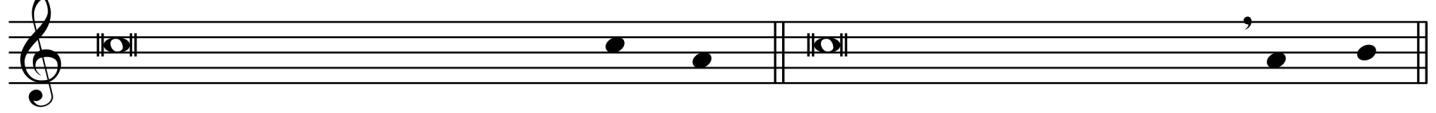
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R̄ Christ, have mercy up - on___ us. Ÿ Lord, have mercy up - on___ us.



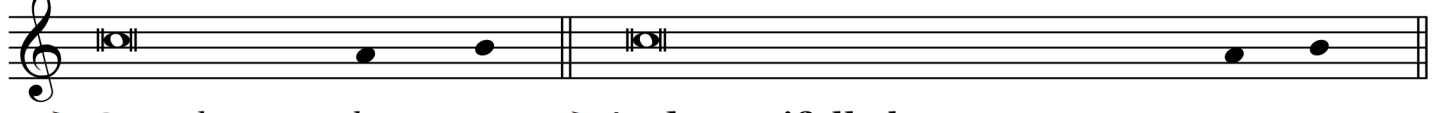
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;




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



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



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



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

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

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

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

Following each collect:

R A - men.

Collects

The Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; 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 239

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 456

*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

Bach - *Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verdebt*, BWV 637