

S.^TJAMIES'

11:00am Choral Eucharist



Der Verlorene Sohn unter den Schweinen, Max Beckmann

1918, Gouache and watercolour over ink and pencil drawing on parchment

Sunday 30th March

THE FOURTH 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.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today is known as Refreshment Sunday or Laetare Sunday, from the opening words of the traditional introit set for the day; “Rejoice (Laetare) with Jerusalem” (Isaiah 66.10). The choir will sing an English translation of the introit this morning. Today the church is called to joyful anticipation of Christ’s victory over sin and death. This joyful theme provides a day of refreshment from the penitential emphasis of Lent. This day is also sometimes referred to as ‘Mothering Sunday’ in the life of the church, and it was a tradition to return to the church where you were baptised (your ‘mother church’) on this day of the year. We maintain the tradition of the distribution of Simnel Cake at all our services this morning. Today we also sing a Communion setting written by James MacMillan (b.1959) which features a composed setting of the Sursum Corda, Eucharistic preface and the memorial acclamations. We have provided the music in this order of service so that you can follow along.

Order of Service

Please stand as the servers, choir, and sacred ministers enter.

Introit in Procession

Sung by the choir

Choir	Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her: that ye may nurse, and be satisfied with the warmth of her consolations.
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cf. Isaiah 66.10-11

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

You were sent to heal the contrite: Lord, have mercy.
You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
You plead for us at the right hand of the Father: 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 compassion,
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts:
receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you,
and seat them at your bountiful table,
that, with all your children,
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.’ So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised.

For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.’ And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

A short silence is observed.

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

Psalm 32

Sung by the choir

*Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven :
and whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin :
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
For while I held my tongue :
my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night :
and my moisture is like the drought in summer.
I will acknowledge my sin unto thee :
and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord :
and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee,
in a time when thou mayest be found :
but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.
Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble :
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go :
and I will guide thee with mine eye.
Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding :
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
lest they fall upon thee.
Great plagues remain for the ungodly :
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord,
mercy embraceth him on every side.
Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoyce in the Lord :
and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5.16 - 21

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

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A short silence is observed.

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

Hymn 294

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 I will arise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned
 against heaven and against you.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15.11 - 32

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.**

Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

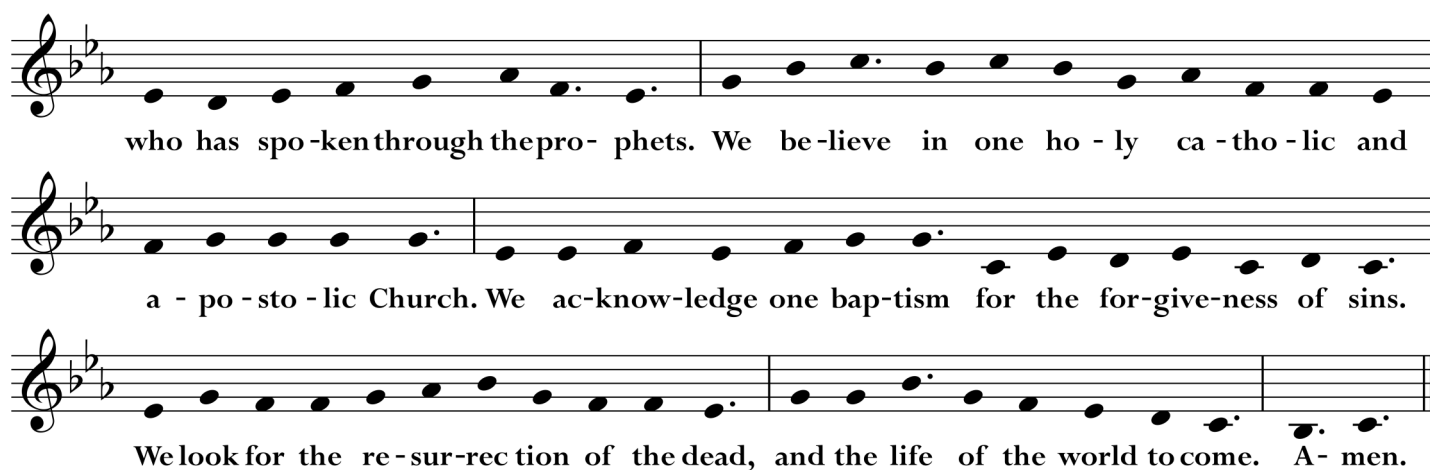
Nicene Creed

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 kingdom will have no end.
We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the gi-ver of life, who proceeds
from the Fa-ther and the Son, who with the Fa-ther and the Son is worshipped and glo-ri-fied,



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 333



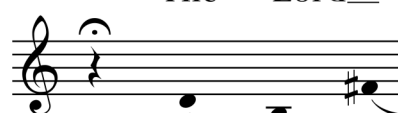



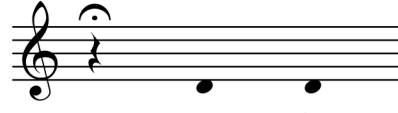

During this hymn a collection for the church's ministry will be received. You may wish to make your offering at sjks.org.au/donate, using the tap machines in church, or via this QR Code.



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	All
	
The Lord__ be with you.	And al - so 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
 ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

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

✠ Bless - sing and ho - nour glo - ry and
 pow'r are yours for ev - er and ev - er.

Choir 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

Pater peccavi in cælum et coram te. Iam non sum dignus vocari filius tuus.

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

Words: Luke 15.21

Music: Duarte Lobo (c.1565-1646)

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 457i

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

Tournemire - *L'Orgue Mystique, Office 15:
Lætare "Postlude-Fantaisie"*

