

Choral Evensong

5:30pm, Wednesday 12th March 2025

FIRST WEEK IN LENT

S.^TJAMIES'
Bicentenary 2019-2024

Preces and Responses

Plainsong

Psalm

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The choir sings the Psalm to a chant by Thalben-Ball:

Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger :
neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

For thine arrows stick fast in me :
and thy hand presseth me sore.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy displeasure :
neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

For my wickednesses are gone over my head :
and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

My wounds stink, and are corrupt :
through my foolishness.

I am brought into so great trouble and misery :
that I go mourning all the day long.

For my loins are filled with a sore disease :
and there is no whole part in my body.

I am feeble, and sore smitten :
I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

Lord, thou knowest all my desire :
and my groaning is not hid from thee.

My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me :
and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble :
and my kinsmen stood afar off.

They also that sought after my life laid snares for me :
and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined
deceit all the day long.

As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not :

and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.
I became even as a man that heareth not :
and in whose mouth are no reproofs.
For in thee, O Lord, have I put my trust :
thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.
I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me :
for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.
And I, truly, am set in the plague :
and my heaviness is ever in my sight.
For I will confess my wickedness :
and be sorry for my sin.
But mine enemies live, and are mighty :
and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.
They also that reward evil for good are against me :
because I follow the thing that good is.
Forsake me not, O Lord my God :
be not thou far from me.
Haste thee to help me :
O Lord God of my salvation. *Gloria Patri...*

Lessons

Genesis 11.1-9 & Matthew 24.15-28

Canticles

William Byrd (c.1540-1623) - *Fauxbourdons Service*

Collect of the Day

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 thy Son
our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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 thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Anthem

John Sheppard (c.1515-1558) - *In pace, in idipsum*

Prayers

Hymn

NEH 62 - *Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended*

During this hymn a collection will be taken for the work and ministry of the parish.

Organ Voluntary

Douglas Mews (b. 1956) - *Gigue de Pan*

Those leading this service

Officiant	The Rev'd Christopher Waterhouse <i>Rector</i>
Choir	The Choir of St James'
Conductor	Marko Sever <i>Organist & Assistant Director of Music</i>
Organist	Thomas Wilson <i>Director of Music</i> James Brew <i>Margaret Norman Organ Scholar</i>

Notices and upcoming events

St Laurence House Pancake Night



On Tuesday night we hosted the annual pancake night fundraiser in support of St Laurence House. We congratulate Fr John Stewart on his success

in coming first in the clergy pancake bake-off. The photo above was taken just before the results were announced with both Fr John and Mthr Kathryn Bellhouse (from CCSL) having sent their completed pancake dishes off to the judges for tasting. On the night we heard the moving stories of some of the young people who call St Laurence House their home. If you were unable to be present on the night, please prayerfully consider making a donation

to the vital work and ministry of St Laurence House - stlaurencehouse.org.au/donate

Lent Study Sessions

As usual, there are several Lenten Study groups meeting at various times and locations. We have five weeks of studies commencing this week.

Mondays 10am at Chatswood with Gail Ball and Fr John Stewart.

Tuesdays 9:30am online with Libby Hindmarsh.

Tuesdays 11am at Bowden Brae with Sue Mackenzie (*from 4th March*)

Tuesdays 1pm St James' Hall with Kumar Rasiah.

Wednesdays 6:30pm St James' Hall with the Rector.

Please register for the group of your choice at events.humanitix.com/lent-studies



**During Lent,
(12th March- 9th April)**

**Wednesday evening
services times will
change**

5:30pm: Choral Evensong*

8:00pm: Compline