

# S.<sup>T</sup>JAMIES'

11:00am Choral Eucharist



*Mary with the Costly Perfume He QI*  
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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

THE FIFTH 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

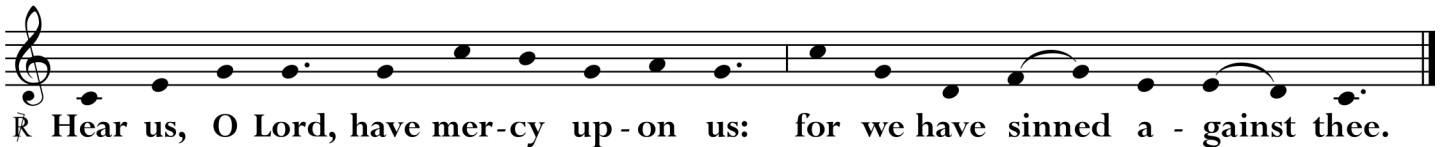
*Please stand as the servers, choir, and sacred ministers enter.*

## 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	PRAYER BOOK TEXT
Κύριε ἐλέησον	Lord, have mercy
Χριστέ ἐλέησον	Christ, have mercy
Κύριε ἐλέησον	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 Redeemer of all who trust in you:**  
**heed the cry of your people,**  
**and deliver us from the bondage of sin,**  
**that we may serve you in perfect freedom**  
**and rejoice in your unfailing love;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Saviour,**  
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 43.16 - 21

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

*A short silence is observed.*

Reader	For the Word of the Lord,
<b>All</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## Psalm 126

*Sung by the choir*

*When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion :  
then were we like unto them that dream.*

*Then was our mouth filled with laughter :  
and our tongue with joy.*

*Then said they among the heathen :  
The Lord hath done great things for them.*

*Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already :  
whereof we rejoice.*

*Turn our captivity, O Lord :  
as the rivers in the south.*

*They that sow in tears :  
shall reap in joy.*

*He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed :  
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.*

## Second Reading

## Philippians 3.3 - 14

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*A short silence is observed.*

Reader	For the Word of the Lord,
<b>All</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## Hymn 385

*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 With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

*Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader.*

## Holy Gospel

John 12.1 - 8

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 John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Sermon

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

# Nicene Creed

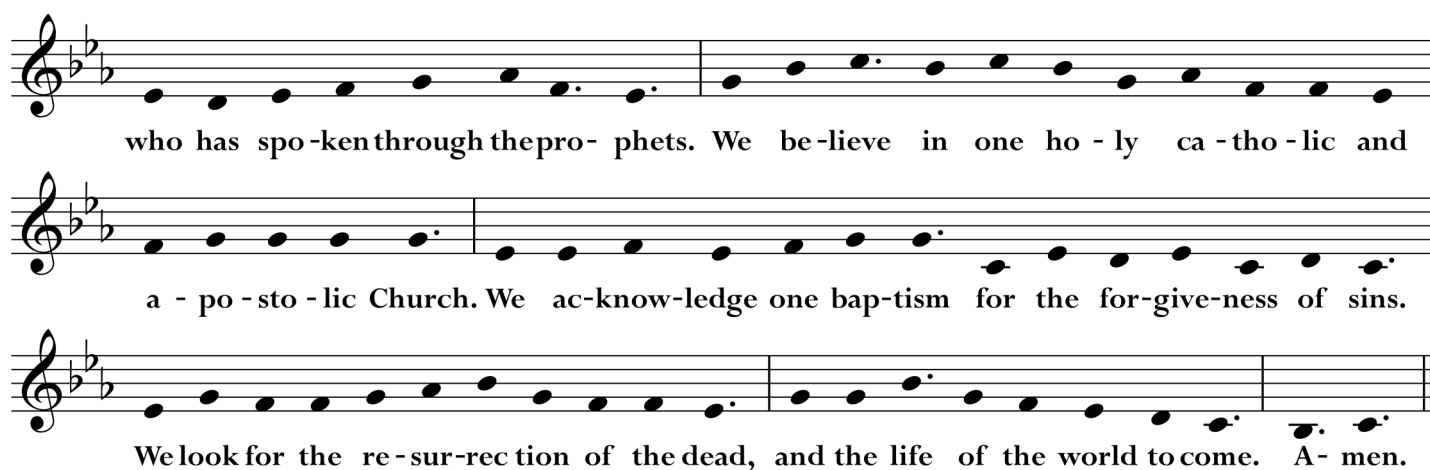
*Please stand.*

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 86

*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](https://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 cæli et terra gloria tua.*  
*Hosanna in excelsis.*

✠ *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.*

### PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
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

*Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,  
Giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.  
For us thy wretched folk is any word?  
Who knew that for our sins this is thy pain?  
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds,  
Why must thou suffer torture for our sins?  
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord,  
That very suffering may thy mercy win.  
This is the night of tears, the three days' space,  
Sorrow abiding in the eventide,  
Until the daybreak with the risen Christ,  
And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.  
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,  
That they may sharers of thy glory be;  
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,  
To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.*

Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142), translated by Helen Waddell  
Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

*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 95

*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

Buxtehude - *Præludium G-moll*, BuxWV 149



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