

ST JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

4:00pm Choral Evensong



Studies in Suffering Georges Rouault
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Sunday 4th April
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 or religion.
We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of on which we worship —the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

Order of Service

Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy.

The Sentences and Confession

Officiant Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

Please sit or kneel.

All Almighty and most merciful Father;
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have
done; and we have done those things which we ought not
to have done; and there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable
offenders; spare thou them, O God, which confess their
faults, restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises, declared unto mankind in
Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober
life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn
from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and
commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his
people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins:
✠ He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent,
and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,
and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do
at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure,
and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray,

**All 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 temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Preces

The Preces and Responses are sung to a setting by Ebdon.

Officiant ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir *And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

✠ O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.*

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 130

Please sit. The Choir sings the psalm to a chant by Walford Davies.

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord :
Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well :
the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss :
O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee :
therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him :
in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord :
before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy :
and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel :
from all his sins.

Gloria patri...

First Reading

Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12

Here begins the 13th verse of the 52nd chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Here ends the First Reading.

Office Hymn 61 (t.238)

Please stand. Please use the green hymn book provided.

Magnificat

Please remain standing as the Choir sings the Magnificat sung to the setting by Herbert Howells, The Westminster Service.

✠ *My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewn strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.
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 be seated.

Second Reading

Luke 23.26-49

Here begins the 26th verse of the 23rd chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Here ends the Second Reading.

Nunc Dimittis

Please stand. The Choir sings,

✠ *Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all thy people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.*

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.**

Responses

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir *And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon 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 temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save The King.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

The Collect for The Fifth Sunday in Lent

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; 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

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

The Collect for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Anthem

Please be seated. The Choir sings the anthem.

*Iehova, quam multi sunt hostes mei, quam multi insurgunt contra me.
Quam multi dicunt de anima mea, non est ulla salus isti in Deo plane.
At tu, Iehova, clypeus es circa me: gloria mea, et extollens caput meum.
Voce mea ad Iehovam clamanti respondit mihi e monte sanctitatis suæ maxime.
Ego cubui et dormivi, ego expergefeci me, quia Iehova sustentat me.
Non timebo a myriadibus populi quas circum disposuerint metatores contra me.
Surge, Iehova, fac salvum me, Deus mi: qui percussisti omnes inimicos meos
maxillam, dentes improborum confregisti.
Iehova est salus, super populum tuum sit benedictio tua maxime.*

Lord, how are they increased that trouble me :
many are they that rise against me.
Many one there be that say of my soul :
There is no help for him in his God.
But thou, O Lord, art my defender :
thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.
I did call upon the Lord with my voice :
and he heard me out of his holy hill.
I laid me down and slept, and rose up again :
for the Lord sustained me.
I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people :
that have set themselves against me round about.
Up, Lord, and help me, O my God :
for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheekbone;
thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
Salvation belongeth unto the Lord :
and thy blessing is upon thy people.

Words: Psalm 3

Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Sermon

Hymn 62

Please stand. Please use the green hymn book provided.

Prayers

Please kneel or be seated. Prayers are offered for the world and for the church concluding with

**All ✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Hymn 74

Please stand. During this hymn a collection is taken for the work and ministry of the parish. You may wish to consider making your offertory using the card machine at the entrance, online at sjks.org.au/donate or via this QR code.



Blessing

**Officiant The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
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

Dupré - *Crucifixion* (Symphonie-Passion)