

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

## 11:00am Sung Eucharist



*Doubting Thomas* James Hanley 1991  
Oil on Board

**Sunday 27th April 2025**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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 of which we worship  
—the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

*Please advise one of the Sidespersons if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. If necessary, you are welcome to sit for those parts of the liturgy when it is normal to stand.*

## **Hymn 106**

*Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.*

## **Welcome**

*The celebrant welcomes the people, then says,*

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.**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **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 congregation and cantors together.*

Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

*The Deacon says,*

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
with a sincere and a true heart.

**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.**

## Gloria

*Sung by the congregation and cantors together.*

(organ)



Glo-ry to God in the high-est,    and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord    God,    hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and    Fa - ther, we    wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.    Lord    Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son    of the

Fa - ther,    Lord    God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the    sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us;    you are sea - ted at the right hand of the    Fa - ther: re - ceive our    prayer.    For

you    a-lone are the Ho - ly One,    you    a-lone are the Lord,    you    a-lone are the

Most    High    Je - sus Christ with the    Ho - ly    Spi - rit,

in    the glo - ry of God the    Fa - ther.    A -    men.

## Collect

Celebrant    Let us pray.  
Living God,  
for whom no door is closed,  
no heart is locked:  
draw us beyond our doubts,  
till we see your Christ  
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.  
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## First Reading

**Acts 5.27 - 32**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the Temple Police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

*A short silence is observed.*

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

*Sung by the cantors.*

Cantors    *The Lord is my strength, and my song :  
                  and is become my salvation.  
The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous :  
                  the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.  
The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence :  
                  the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.  
I shall not die, but live :  
                  and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord hath chastened and corrected me :  
                  but he hath not given me over unto death.  
Open me the gates of righteousness :  
                  that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord :  
                  the righteous shall enter into it.  
I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me :  
                  and art become my salvation.  
The same stone which the builders refused :  
                  is become the head-stone in the corner.  
This is the Lord's doing :  
                  and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day which the Lord hath made :  
                  we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Help me now, O Lord :  
                  O Lord, send us now prosperity.  
Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord :  
                  we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.  
God is the Lord who hath shewed us light :  
                  bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.  
Thou art my God, and I will thank thee :  
                  thou art my God, and I will praise thee.  
O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious:  
                  and his mercy endureth for ever.*



## Second Reading

## Revelation 1.4 - 8

A reading from the Revelation to St John the Divine.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*A short silence is observed.*

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

## Hymn



We walk by faith and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod;  
But in his promise we rejoice  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near  
And seek where you are found.

That, when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light,  
May we behold you as you are  
With full and endless sight.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871)

Music: ST BOTOLPH Gordon Slater (1896-1979) [NEH 385]; CCL Licence 552064

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

## Gospel Acclamation

**All** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**All** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



## Holy Gospel

John 20.19 - 31

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.**

Now it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon      For the Gospel of the Lord,

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

## Sermon

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

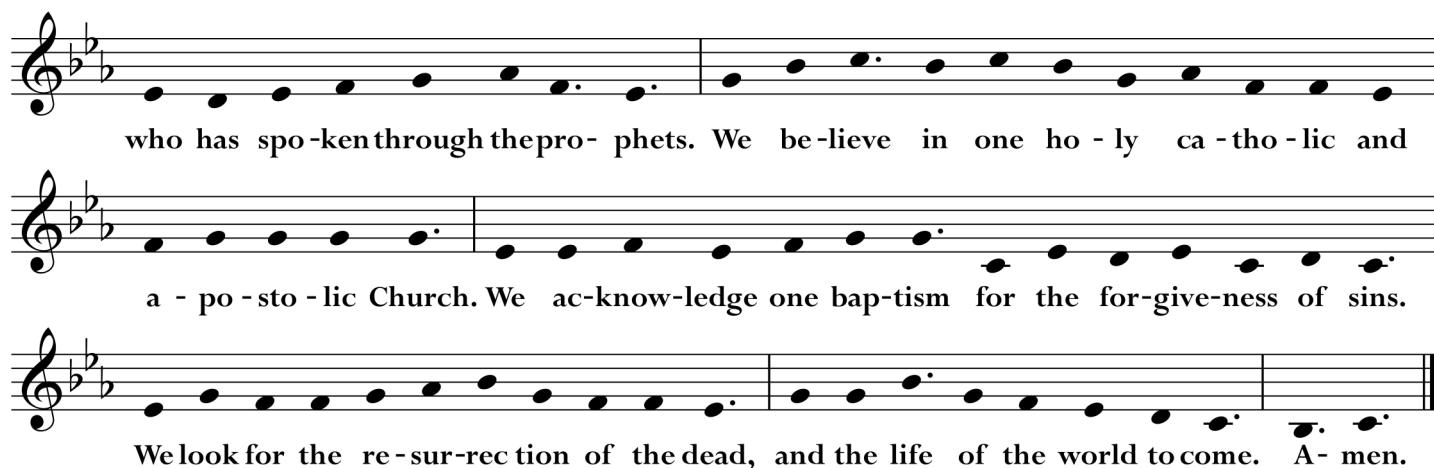
# Nicene Creed

*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.**

## Greeting of Peace

*Please stand.*

Celebrant The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia! The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

**And also with you. Alleluia!**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Hymn 338

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



*Please remain standing.*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All            All things come from you,  
                 and of your own do we give you.**

### **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.

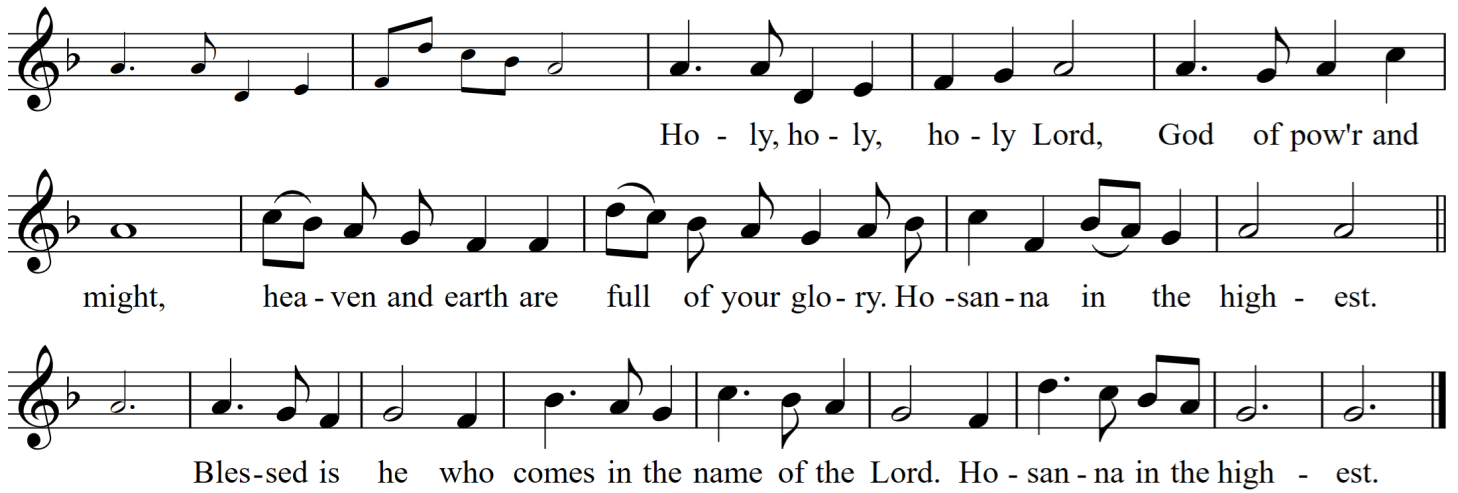
He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us  
and has taken away the sin of the world.

And now we give you thanks  
that you raised him in triumph from the dead.

By his death, he has destroyed death and by his rising to life again  
has restored us to eternal life.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:



Christ has died; Christ - is ris - en; 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:



*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:*

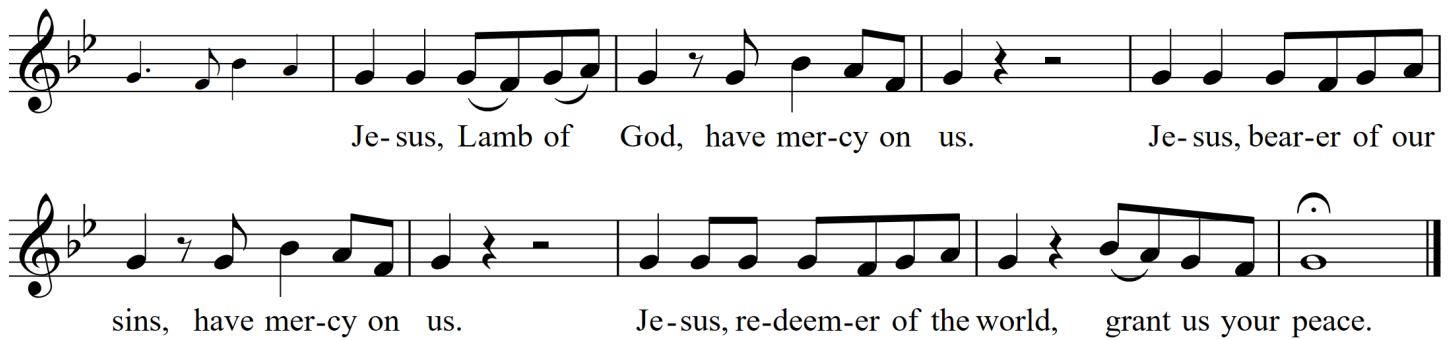
Celebrant As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**All**      **so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Deacon Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All**      **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Agnus Dei



*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.***

*At the end of the Communion a silence is kept.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Please stand.*

Celebrant Eternal God, giver of life,  
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.  
May we who celebrate this holy feast walk in his risen light  
and bring new life to all creation.

All **Most loving God,**  
**you send us into the world you love.**  
**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage**  
**in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

## Notices

### Hymn 118

*Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.*



## **Blessing and Dismissal**

Celebrant    The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting  
covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you what is pleasing in his sight;  
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. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**All            In the name of Christ, Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Organ Voluntary**

Howells - *Paean*