

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

## Great Easter Vigil with Lighting of the New Fire



**Easter Day  
20th April 2025  
6:00am**

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

*Those taking part in this service*

The Rev'd Christopher Waterhouse **Celebrant**

The Rev'd John Stewart **Deacon**

Christopher Brooks **Subdeacon**

**Readers**

Carol Webster, Keith Carpenter, Greg Hawken, Jonathan Blackwell

**The Choir of St James'**

Thomas Wilson **Director of Music**

Marko Sever **Organist & Assistant Director of Music**

James Brew **Margaret Norman Organ Scholar**

**The Altar Servers' Guild of St James' Church**

**The St James', Queens Square, Guild of Bellringers**

Dr James Farrow **Tower Captain**

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## Great Vigil of Easter

Our celebration today is the climax of the Church's Year. This service is a vigil for the Lord, awaiting the dawn of the great Day of Resurrection, the day on which all the lesser Sundays or 'little Easters' throughout the year depend.

- The Liturgy has four parts:
- The *Liturgy of the Light*, when the new fire and Paschal candle are lit;
- The *Ministry of the Word*, when the lessons from the Scriptures are read, and we recall God's great saving acts from the beginning;
- The *Liturgy of Baptism* and the *Renewal of Baptismal Vows*; and
- The *Great Thanksgiving* and *Easter Communion*.

### Liturgy of the Light

The new fire is lit, symbolising the renewal of the Church. The Paschal Candle is inscribed with the sign of the cross, the symbol of life and death; the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega, a reminder that Christ is the beginning and end of all things; and this year of salvation, the year in which our redemption is made present to us here and now. Five grains of incense signifying the wounds of Christ are inserted into the Paschal Candle, and the Candle, lit from the fire, becomes the symbol of the resurrection of Christ. The procession into the darkened church recalls the night of the exodus from Egypt, which for us has become the passage of the people of God with Christ from darkness to the light of the resurrection. As soon as everyone has entered, the church is filled with lighted candles and the *Exultet* is sung.

The *Exultet* celebrates the mystery of Christ's dying and rising. It is a chant dating from the fourth century, sung in praise of Christ's triumph over darkness, and of the candle as the sign of this triumph. All the candles which have been lit from this one candle produce a blaze of illumination in the darkness and celebrate the living presence of Christ in his church now.

## **Ministry of the Word**

The readings follow the themes of creation and re-creation: the crossing of the Red Sea, which reminds us of the waters of our baptism; the cleansing and renewal of the church by the gift of the Spirit of the Risen Christ; the mystery of Baptism which identifies us with the risen Christ; and the resurrection narrative itself.

## **Liturgy of Baptism**

The font is the birthplace of the church. The spirit of the Risen Christ is received in Baptism.

At this point in the liturgy, we all commit ourselves afresh to the Risen Lord of life.

## **Great Thanksgiving and Easter Communion**

The Eucharist begins with an explosion of joy and sound in the *Gloria in excelsis*. It is the great song of triumph which echoes the *Exultet*. The *Exultet* is sung amidst the blaze of illuminated candles. The *Gloria*, however, is sung after the sun itself has risen, reminding us that the light of the Risen Christ has dawned upon the whole creation. Bread and wine are now brought to the altar, and the whole church is called to that table which the Lord himself prepared for his people through his death and resurrection. Praise Him!

*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.*

*The Celebrant, sacred ministers, and people gather in the darkness outside the church. The unlit Paschal candle is held.*

## LITURGY OF THE LIGHT

Celebrant Beloved in Christ, on this holy morning, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her members throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We recall his death and resurrection by hearing his word, celebrating his mysteries, and accepting his promise of life; and we are confident that we shall share his victory over death in his eternal kingdom.

Eternal God, who made this most holy morning to shine with the brightness of your one true light: set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The Celebrant takes the Paschal candle.*

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, *Alpha* and *Omega*, all time belongs to him and all the ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The five nails containing grains of incense are inserted.*

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant lights the candle.*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The procession makes its way into the church. Once the congregation takes its place in the pews, the deacon and people make the following acclamation -*

Deacon The Light of Christ

**All Thanks be to God.**

*This acclamation is made three times. The light from the Candle, which represents the Risen Christ, is gradually passed throughout the congregation.*



It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God, through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin; and reconciled us once again to you.

Now therefore our Passover, we Sacrifice, wherein for us the very Lamb of God is slain: by whose Blood the doors of his faithful people are made holy. This is the night, wherein, when our fathers, the children of Israel, were led forth out of Egypt, you divided the sea and made them pass over, as on dry land. Yea, this is the night, that with the fiery pillar has purged away the darkness of our condemnation. This is the night, whereby all that believe in Christ upon the face of all the earth, delivered from this wicked world and out of the shadow of death, are renewed by grace, and are made partakers of eternal life. This is the night, wherein the bonds of death were loosed, and Christ harrowing hell rose again in triumph. For why should we be born into this world, save that being born we may be redeemed? How wonderful then, O God, is your loving kindness to us your children. Behold, what manner of love our God has bestowed upon us: who to redeem a servant, delivered up his only Son. O wonderful providence of Adam's transgression, that by such a death, sin might be done away. O blessed iniquity, for whose redemption such a price was paid by such a Saviour. O Night verily blessed, to you alone that time and that hour were made manifest, when our Saviour Christ rose again from death to life. This is the night, whereof David said: "The night is as clear as the day: then shall my night be turned to day."

The mystery therefore of this most holy night puts to flight the deeds of darkness, purges away sin: restores innocence to the fallen, and gladness to all those who mourn: casts out hatred, brings peace to all humankind, and bows down mighty princes. O Night, verily blessed which did spoil the people of Egypt and magnified the Hebrews. O Night, wherein heaven and earth are joined, and humankind partakes with the Godhead.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering; this wax, the work of bees and the hands of your ministers. As we gaze upon the splendour of this flame fed by the melting wax conceived by mother bee, grant that this Easter candle may make our darkness light.

We pray you, therefore, O most Merciful: that this candle which we have lighted and consecrated before you in your own name, may continue to shine forth without ceasing, and may vanquish all the shades of darkness. We beseech you, therefore, O most Merciful: that you would direct and guide us your servants, and the hearts of all your faithful family: and all those that minister in your service: your servants Kanishka and Michael our Bishops, so helping us with continual grace, that we may pass our time in rest and quietness, in the glad solemnity of our redemption. Give grace also to all those who rule in authority over us, and by the immeasurable gift of your love and pity direct their thoughts towards righteousness and peace, that they, together with all your people, may come from the toils of this world to their heavenly country.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory; Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us! Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world! Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

All





## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how God saved his people throughout history and, in the fullness of time, sent Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer.

### First Reading

Genesis 22: 1–18

*read by Carol Webster*

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.’ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.’ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘Father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?’ Abraham said, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.’ So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place ‘The Lord will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.’

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

### Short Responsory

Psalm 16: 7–11

Reader I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:

**All at night also he has instructed my heart.**

I have set the Lord always before me:

**he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:

**my flesh also shall rest secure.**

For you will not give me over to the power of death:

**nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life:

**in your presence is the fullness of joy,**

**and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.**

### Second Reading

Exodus 14: 10–31; 15: 20–21a

*read by Keith Carpenter*

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

### Short Responsory

Exodus 15: 21b, 2a, 11b and 13a

Reader Let us sing to the Lord for he has won a glorious victory:  
**All the horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.**  
The Lord is my strength and my song:  
**he has become my salvation.**  
Who is like you, Lord, majestic in holiness:  
**who is like you, Lord, awesome in glory,**  
**working wonders.**  
In your unfailing love:  
**you will lead the people you have redeemed.**

### Third Reading

Zephaniah 3: 14–20

*read by Greg Hawken*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

## Short Responory

Psalm 98: 1–4

Reader O, sing to the Lord a new song:  
All **for he has done marvellous things;**  
His right hand and his holy arm:  
**they have got him the victory.**  
The Lord has made known his salvation:  
**he has revealed his just deliverance**  
**in the sight of the nations.**  
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness  
towards the house of Israel:  
**and all the ends of the earth**  
**have seen the salvation of our God.**

## Fourth Reading

Romans 6: 3–11

*read by Jonathan Blackwell*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## Short Responsoy

Psalm 114: 1–4, 7–8

Reader      When Israel came out of Egypt:  
**All            and the house of Jacob from among a people  
                 of an alien tongue,**  
                 Judah became his sanctuary:  
**and Israel his dominion.**  
                 The sea saw that and fled:  
**Jordan was driven back.**  
                 The mountains skipped like rams:  
**and the little hills like young sheep.**  
                 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord:  
**at the presence of the God of Jacob,**  
                 Who turned the rock into a pool of water:  
**and the flint stone into a welling spring.**

*Please stand.*

*After the responsoy, the Celebrant proclaims -*

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!  
CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

*and the congregation responds -*

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

*The lights in the church are turned on, bells are rung, and the people join in ringing their bells while there is an organ fanfare.*

## Gloria

Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967) – *Missa brevis*

*Sung by the Choir of St James'*

### LATIN TEXT

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax  
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam  
gloriam tuam. Domine Deus,  
Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere  
nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi:  
Suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam Tu solus sanctus.  
Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu  
✠ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

### PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord  
God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Collect for the Great Easter Vigil

Celebrant    Eternal Giver of life and light,  
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ:  
renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,  
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,  
and shine as a light in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people's candles are now extinguished. Please remain standing for the hymn.*

## Hymn

Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) [NEH 113]

Music: SAVANNAH Melody from MS. *Choralbuch*, Herrnhut c 1740 as given in J. Wesley's *Foundry Collection* 1742. ]; CCL Licence: 552064

*Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel reader.*

## The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 28: 1–10**

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 Matthew.

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



After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*After the sermon, the sacred ministers and servers move to the Baptistry. As they go, the following chant is sung and the choir and congregation turn to face the font. The people’s candles are re-lit.*

### Laudate Dominum

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes  
gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Confession

Deacon Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness. Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.  
Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy,  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit,  
you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another.  
Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you your sins,  
and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

Deacon Let us pray.

Bless us who are to reaffirm our baptismal promises. Grant us your grace to live as disciples of Christ. Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of discernment and inner strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill us, Father, with wonder and awe at your presence.

God of grace;

**All hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice. Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

God of grace;  
**hear our prayer.**

Help us to fulfil our responsibility as citizens and to seek the well-being of society; teach us to care for the earth, and to use its fruits to your glory and for the good of all people.

God of grace;  
**hear our prayer.**

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and all who are oppressed and suffer injustice.

God of grace;  
**hear our prayer.**

Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

God of grace;  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith, and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

God of grace;  
**hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the ministry we have to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ, and our baptism fulfilled in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

God of grace;  
**hear our prayer.**

## PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life.

With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the River Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that you have called us to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour, in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Creed

Celebrant Let us now proclaim the Christian faith into which we were baptised and in which we live and grow.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
✠ and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith: We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the Paschal mystery we also have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**All I do.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant sprinkles the people with water, during which the choir sings the Vidi Aquam.*

Celebrant This water is the reminder of your baptism into Christ.

Choir *I saw water proceeding out of the temple, from the right side thereof, Alleluia. And all men, whithersoever the waters shall come, shall be healed, and shall say: Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious : because his mercy endureth for ever. I saw water...*

*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.*

*I saw water...*

*The Celebrant then concludes the Reaffirmation rite:*

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### **Greeting of Peace**

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

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

**All And also with you. Alleluia!**

*Please exchange a greeting of peace with others, greeting one another with these words.*

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed.**

*The people's candles are now extinguished. The ministers return to the Sanctuary.*

## Offertory Hymn

*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](http://sjks.org.au/donate), or at the tap  
machine in the church or by using the QR code provided.*



**Alleluya! Alleluya!**  
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the Cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.

**Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
Of the holy harvest field,  
Which will all its full abundance  
At his second coming yield;  
Then the golden ears of harvest  
Will their heads before him wave,  
Ripened by his glorious sunshine  
From the furrows of the grave.**



Christ is risen, we are risen;  
Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
From the brightness of thy face;  
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven  
Here on earth may fruitful be,  
And by angel-hands be gathered,  
And be ever safe with thee.

Alleluya! Alleluya!  
Glory be to God on high;  
To the Father, and the Saviour,  
Who has gained the victory;  
Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluya! Alleluya!  
To the Triune Majesty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Music: LUX EOI Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900) [NEH 103]; CCL Licence 552064

*Please remain standing.*

Celebrant Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
and make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**All Blessed be God for ever!**

### **Sursum Corda and Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

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.

By his death on the cross, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin, and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant, and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored, and we are made whole once more.

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.**

*A bell is rung, and silence is kept.*

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

*The celebrant breaks the 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 Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## 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

*Communion will be distributed from the Altar rail.*

*The choir sings the Communion Motet.*

*Dum transisset sabbatum Maria*

*Magdelene et Maria*

*Iacobi et Salome emerunt aromata;*

*ut venientes ungerent Iesum.*

*Alleluia.*

*Et valde mane una sabbatorum veniunt  
ad monumentum,*

*orto iam sole;*

*ut venientes ungerent Iesum. Alleluia.*

When the Sabbath was over Mary

Magdalen and Mary the mother of James

and Salome bought spices so that they

might come and anoint Jesus.

Alleluia.

And very early on the first day of the  
week they came to the tomb when the

sun had risen, so that they might come

and anoint Jesus. Alleluia.

Words: Mark 16: 1–2

Music: John Taverner (c1490-1545)

## Sending out of God's People

*The celebrant proclaims -*

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!  
CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

*and the congregation responds -*

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Celebrant    Almighty God,  
                  You have delivered us from the power of darkness,  
                  And brought us into the kingdom of your Son,  
                  Grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,  
                  So his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy.

All            **Faithful God,**  
                  **may we who share this banquet**  
                  **glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
                  **our salvation, life and hope,**  
                  **who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

## Post-Communion Hymn

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,**  
**endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;**  
**angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,**  
**kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,*  
*endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;**  
**lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;**  
**let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,**  
**for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,*  
*endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
 life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,  
 make us more than conquerors  
 through thy deathless love;  
 bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
 endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Words: French, Edmond Budry (1854-1932) *tr.* R. Hoyle (1875-1939)

Music: MACCABAEUS G. F. Handel (1685-1759) [NEH 120] CCL Licence: 552064

## Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
 open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**All Amen.**

God the Son,  
 who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
 give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

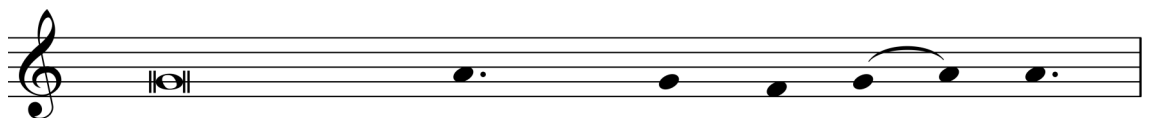
**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
 who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
 empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

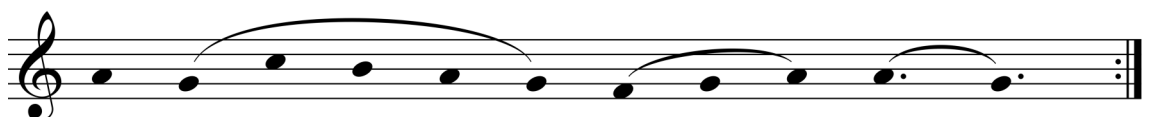
**Amen.**

And the blessing of the Holy and Life-Giving Trinity,  
 ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

**Amen.**



Deacon: Go in the peace of Christ      Al - le - lu - ia,  
 All: Thanks be to God      Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - - - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - - - lu - ia.

## Organ Voluntary

Pierre Cochereau (1924-1984) - *Toccata (Boston)*

## **Please Pray for:**

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Holy Land.

**Baptism anniversaries:** Takara Hanna North.

**The sick – Immediate:** Matthew Nand, Norma Boston, Colin Middleton, Leo Christie, Tess Heintze, Paul Moynahan, Rosemary White, Kathryn James, Stuart Clark, Callum McNeil.

**The sick - Long-term:** Janice Proud, Monica Dennison, Fr Max Wood, Elita Gore, Dan Van Overbeke, Raf Dua, Katrina Monley, Lisa Stapleton, Janice Peate, Jonathan Lloyd, Fr Des Cox, Jocelyn Savill, John Wotton, Louella, John Grace, Colleen Hodge, Michael, Fr Lance Johnston, Walter Sutcliffe, Chris Cheetham, Alison Sharpe, Robert Bevan, Nicholle Nobel, Quincy Mugabi, Richard, Helen, Rachel, Julie Sheppard, The Rev'd Ivan Head, Kevin Stapleton, Liam, Geoffrey Whitehead, Faith Whitehead, Danielle Geddes, Enid and Brian, Cameron Kimber, Ali Crawford, Katie Richardson, Elliott, Steven Bell, Elizabeth Farry, Anahera Chessum, The Rev'd Paul Cooper, Bernice Lee, Nick De Brett, Jivan Harito, James Ridley, Euan Black, Ann Bratt, Megan Nelson, Helen Ashley, Fiona Hawke, Sebastiana Ilardo, Bec.

**In need:** Nicholas Lee.

**The recently departed:** Donna Ward, Betty Olsen, Marian Pilone.

**Those whose year's mind falls at this time:** Stella Irene Powter, Victor Ratten, Barbara Evans, Arthur John Mark Warr, Donald McIntyre, Reginald Henry Kentish, Elizabeth Mackenzie, Eric Dennis Richards, John Frederick Ward, Marjorie Isobell Ethell, June Shain, Mary Gillette (nee Bowles), Philip Newell, *bishop*, John Scott, *priest*, Roslyn Elizabeth Crockford, Arthur William Longley, Robert Charles Harrison Gray, Howard Sambell, Lois Edwards, Harry Herbert Wyse, Edith Pretyman, Carole Linde Jobling.

*Please note that names of the sick will remain on the 'Immediate' list for one month only. If there is a need for a name to remain longer, please ask for it to be placed on the 'Long Term' list. All requests must be made to Jonathan Elcock at office@sjks.org.au or 8227 1300.*

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER PREACHER: THE REV'D CATHERINE EATON



Catherine Eaton is an Anglican Priest and Spiritual Director.

Born in Sydney, much of Catherine's early faith formation happened through St Thomas', North Sydney.

Catherine initially trained in Social Sciences, and worked as a Community Worker, for much of that time with Anglicare with the parishes of the growing Macarthur Region, and then with St Alban's, Epping.

In the late 1990s, Catherine moved to Melbourne to complete her theological studies at Trinity College.

Following ordination, Catherine was fortunate to spend most of her years in Victoria on the Mornington Peninsula, first as Vicar of the parish of Sorrento and Rye, and then at St George's, Red Hill. Immersed in the diversity and beauty of the environment, these years offered Catherine opportunity to continue her explorations in spirituality.

Catherine moved back to NSW in 2015, and now lives in the Southern Highlands where she offers Spiritual Direction, runs a couple of contemplative groups in her home, and assists in a local church community.



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## Notices and upcoming events

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### Welcome to St James' King Street

We offer a warm welcome to anyone who is visiting us today or new to St James'. Breakfast will be served downstairs after the vigil service this morning.

### Thank you

A huge thank you to each and every person who has helped this week to assist with the smooth running of all the Holy Week and Easter services. At this time of year the entire St James' family comes together to glorify God in this place. It has been greatly encouraging to see so many people offering their assistance and working hard behind the scenes to prepare and deliver all the liturgies of this Holy Week and Easter season. Thank you.

### Order of Australia 50th Anniversary

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Australian honours and awards system, which includes The Order of Australia, the Australian Bravery Decorations and the National Medal. A national conference celebrating 50 years of The Order of Australia will be held in Sydney in May and we will host a special anniversary Evensong here at St James' on Saturday 3rd May at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

### Martin Baker in Concert

On Saturday 3rd May at 5pm we welcome the acclaimed organist and composer Martin Baker to present the next concert in our 2025 International Organ Festival. Tickets available at [sjks.org.au/music](http://sjks.org.au/music). The Festival is made possible through the generous support and sponsorship of the St James' Music Foundation.

### St James' Institute Director (Part-time)

St James' King Street is looking for an inspiring and collaborative Director (lay or ordained) with a strategic, creative, and entrepreneurial approach to leading and developing the St James' Institute into the next phase of its life. The Institute provides a range of educational activities through the year including regular seminars, talks, study groups, tours and other events on a range of topics to enable people to explore and grow in the Christian faith, and to engage in public discussion on contemporary issues. Enquiries to the Rector, The Rev'd Christopher Waterhouse on 02 8227 1300 or email [rector@sjks.org.au](mailto:rector@sjks.org.au). For further information, please see the Position Description at [sjks.org.au/institute](http://sjks.org.au/institute).



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# Donate to the St James' Foundation



**St James' Church** has a vital ministry in Sydney. The parish is held in high regard in the community. Its fine musical tradition is widely enjoyed and appreciated.

The cost of this ministry is rising each year. If you want St James' to continue to grow, consider donating or making a bequest to The St James' Foundation.

The Foundation's primary purpose is to build a strong ethically invested capital base so that investment income can be distributed to fund parish activities.

**The St James' Church Building and Property Foundation** provides financial assistance to assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the historic church building, one of the gems of Sydney's iconic Macquarie Street precinct. Donations to this Foundation are not tax deductible.

**The St James' Music Foundation** provides financial assistance primarily for the production and performance of sacred and

secular music, with a focus on choral and pipe organ music. Donations to this Foundation are tax deductible. Two types of donations are accepted:

- general donations for the Foundation's capital fund which are invested to provide annual distributions to fund the ongoing music programme;
- donations for specific projects such as organ and choral scholarships, commissions for new works, final payments for The Bicentennial Pipe Organ or the production of CDs, Orchestral Masses, Bach Cantatas and other activities.

The Foundation has a strong track record. Since its establishment in 1999, and through the generosity of donors and investment income, it has earned over \$11 million and distributed over \$6.63 million into parish projects.

**Donate now! Help keep St James' a vibrant presence in Sydney.**

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## Donation form: *The St James' Building & Property Foundation, The St James' Music Foundation*

Name:  Mobile:

Address:  Email:

Please accept my donation for:

The Capital Fund of the Music Foundation \$

the Organ Replacement Fund of the Music Foundation \$

The Current Activities Fund of the Music Foundation \$

the Capital Fund of the Building Foundation \$

Or: Please debit my: Visa  Mastercard

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Expiry Date:  /  Signature:

**For Direct Bank Transfer:**

Contact the Treasurer, Marilyn Smith for Bank Account details: [smithys@inet.net.au](mailto:smithys@inet.net.au)

Send me information about how I can include a bequest in my will.



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## Upcoming Services and Events

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Please note the following upcoming activities for your diary.

<b>Saturday 3rd May</b>	2pm Evensong for the Order of Australia
<b>Saturday 3rd May</b>	5pm Martin Baker organ concert
<b>Sunday 4th May</b>	8am, 9:30am, 11am Eucharists
<b>Sunday 4th May</b>	2pm Icons: Glimpses into Eternity, SJI
<b>Sunday 4th May</b>	4pm Choral Evensong
<b>Wednesday 7th May</b>	5pm Patrick Parkinson at St James' Institute
<b>Sunday 25th May</b>	2pm Quiet Day (with Philip Kariatlis)
<b>Thursday 29th May</b>	6:30pm Ascension Day Choral Eucharist

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## Parish Directory

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# This Week at St James' King Street

21st - 27th April 2025

## Monday 21st April

### MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

## Tuesday 22nd April

### TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

## Wednesday 23rd April

### WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

1:15pm Lunchtime Concert

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

## Thursday 24th April

### THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

## Friday 25th April

### FRIDAY IN EASTER WEEK

#### ANZAC Day

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

## Saturday 26th April

### SATURDAY IN EASTER WEEK

## Sunday 27th April

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am Holy Eucharist

*Preacher: Assoc Prof Michael Horsburgh AM*

9:30am Sung Matins

*Preacher: The Rector*

11:00am Sung Eucharist

*Preacher: Assoc Prof Michael Horsburgh AM*

## Parish of St. James' King Street

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## Church Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturdays: 8:00am-1:00pm

Sundays: 7:00am-4:00pm

*Please submit all requests for notices by the Wednesday preceding the service.*

**Please consider paying your offering directly into the church account.**

The details are: BSB 032 007, A/C 250025, Churchwardens St James' Gen. A/C.