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The Eucharist in Holy Week



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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.

**Please keep both the readings and this booklet
if you will be attending the evening Eucharists this week.**

Order of Service

All stand as the servers and sacred ministers enter.

Gathering in God's Name

The celebrant welcomes the people, then says,

Celebrant ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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.**

Lord, have mercy

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Christ, have mercy

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Confession

Celebrant God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

A time of silence is kept.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

The First Reading

At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says,

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

The Psalm is then recited antiphonally between the reader and congregation. A long pause is observed at the colon in each verse.

The Second Reading

At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says,

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

Please stand.

Gospel Reading

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to ...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is read.

Celebrant For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

Intercessions

Celebrant Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The following response may be used,

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers the Celebrant says,

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. The celebrant says,

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.

All exchange a sign of peace with those nearby.

Celebrant Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I
will give you rest. *Matthew 11.28*

or

Jesus said, I am the bread of life. Who ever comes to me will never
be hungry, and who ever believes in me will never be thirsty.
John 6.35

or

Jesus said: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one
another, even as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

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.

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 saying:

**All 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.**

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.'

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:

**✠ 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;

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.**

Agnus Dei

**All 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.**

**Celebrant Draw near with faith.
 Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
 which he gave for you,
 and his blood which he shed for you.
 Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts
 by faith with thanksgiving.**

Communion

Communion will be distributed at the High Altar.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant God our help and strength,
through these holy mysteries
confirm our faith
that by the death and resurrection of your Son
we may walk in the way of salvation.

**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.**

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 and the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

**All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Holy Week and Easter at St James'

Daily Services, Monday to Thursday this week

8am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm Lunchtime Eucharist

Monday in Holy Week, 14th April

6:30pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon

Tuesday in Holy Week, 15th April

6:30pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon

Wednesday in Holy Week, 16th April

6:30pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon

Maundy Thursday, 17th March

6:30pm Choral Eucharist with Footwashing
from 8:00pm The Watch

Good Friday, 18th April

9:00am Stations of the Cross

12noon Good Friday Liturgy

7:30pm Choral Tenebrae

Easter Day, Sunday 20th April

6:00am Easter Vigil

10:00am Choral Eucharist



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