

# S. JAMES'

11:00am Choral Eucharist



*Das Abendmahl*, Otto Dix, 1960  
Lithograph

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**FIFTH 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 on 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 263 (verses 1, 2, 3, 7)**

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

## **Introit**

*Sung by the choir*

O sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia:  
for the Lord hath done marvelous things, alleluia:  
In the sight of the nations hath he shewed his righteous judgements.

## **Welcome**

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 choir*

GREEK TEXT

Κύριε ἐλέησον

Χριστέ ἐλέησον

Κύριε ἐλέησον

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Deacon 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 choir.*

## 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

Celebrant Let us pray.

We behold your glory, O God,  
in the love shown by your Son,  
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:  
be glorified anew in the love we have for one another  
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

*A short silence is observed.*

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

## Psalm 148

*Sung by the choir.*

*O praise the Lord of heaven :  
    praise him in the height.  
Praise him, all ye angels of his :  
    praise him, all his host.  
Praise him, sun and moon :  
    praise him, all ye stars and light.  
Praise him, all ye heavens :  
    and ye waters that are above the heavens.  
Let them praise the Name of the Lord :  
    for he spake the word, and they were made;  
    he commanded, and they were created.  
He hath made them fast for ever and ever :  
    he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.  
Praise the Lord upon earth :  
    ye dragons, and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and vapours :  
    wind and storm, fulfilling his word;  
Mountains and all hills :  
    fruitful trees and all cedars;  
O Beasts and all cattle :  
    worms and feathered fowls;  
Kings of the earth and all people :  
    princes and all judges of the world;  
Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord :  
    for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.  
He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him :  
    even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.*



A reading from the Revelation to St John the Divine.

I John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.'

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The angel who talked to me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

*A short silence is observed.*

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

## Hymn 408i

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

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

## Gospel Acclamation

**All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir *I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.*

**All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

**John 13.31 - 35**

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.**

During the supper, when Judas Iscariot had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

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

## Sermon

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

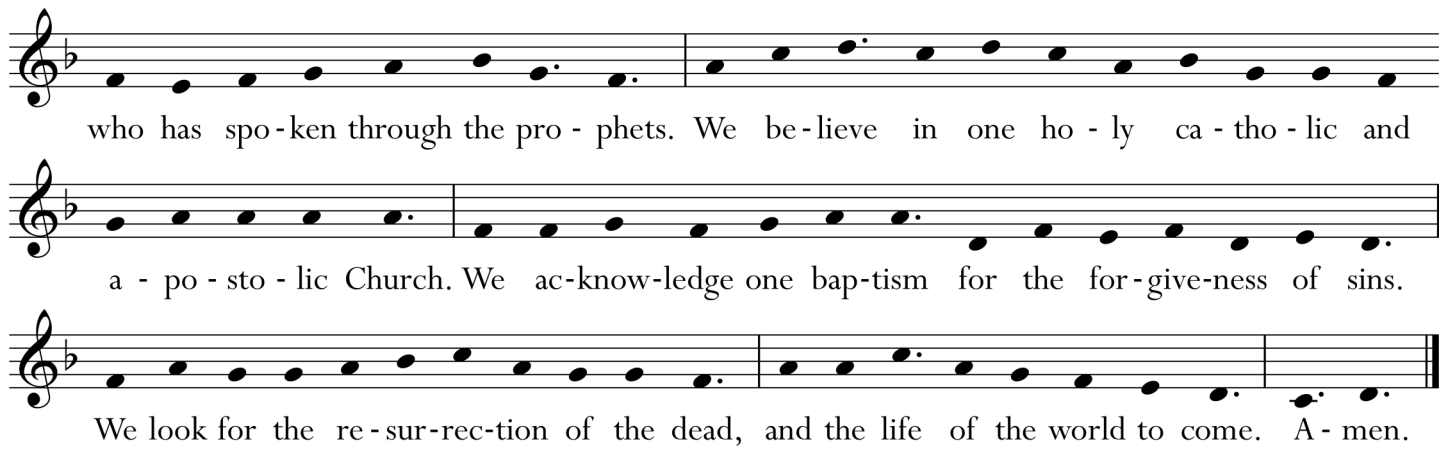


# Nicene Creed

*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 king-dom will have no end.  
We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the gi-ver of life, who pro-ceeds  
from the Fa-ther and the Son, who with the Fa-ther and the Son is wor-shipped 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 were they 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.*

## Offertory Hymn 104

*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](https://sjks.org.au/donate) or via this QR code. At the conclusion of the hymn, please remain standing.*



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

*Sung by the choir.*

### LATIN TEXT

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

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

### PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat.  
This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his  
offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty  
resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming  
again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and  
sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**All            ✠ Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The bell is rung and silence is kept.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant    As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**All            Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion**

*The celebrant breaks the Eucharistic Bread and says:*

Celebrant    We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**All            for we all share in the one bread.**

Deacon       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 will be distributed at the High Altar rail. Baptised Christians from all traditions are welcome to receive Communion. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. You are also advised to take any valuables with you to Communion to ensure their security. If you prefer not to receive from the chalice the nature of the Sacrament is such that it is acceptable to only receive the Host. **For health reasons intinction is not permitted.***

## Motet

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

*And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people: and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

Words: Revelation 21.1-4

Music: Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

*At the end of the Communion 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

*Please stand.*



**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing: *Refrain***

*Refrain*

**Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.**

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
By your humble birth: *Refrain***



Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
Victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
Sinners justified: *Refrain*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
High in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
Stifle hymns of love: *Refrain*

So, our hearts and voices raising  
Through the ages long,  
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
This shall be our song: *Refrain*

Words: Michael Saward (1932-2015)

Music: GUITING POWER John Barnard (b. 1948) [CP 398]; CCL Licence 552064

Descant: Christopher Robinson (b. 1974)

## 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

Demessieux - *Répons pour le temps de Pâques*

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