

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

11:00am Choral Eucharist



*The Healing of the Paralytic*, Unknown Painter, c. 1560/1590  
Oil on Panel (Chester Dale Collection, National Gallery of Art)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**SIXTH 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 105i (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)**

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

## **Introit**

*Sung by the choir*

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia:  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth:  
The Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia.

## **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.

Great and loving God,  
your will for us in your Son Jesus  
is the peace which the world cannot give,  
your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised.  
Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear,  
and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## First Reading

Acts 16.9 - 15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

*A short silence is observed.*

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

## Psalm 67

*Sung by the choir.*

*GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us :  
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:  
That thy way may be known upon earth :  
thy saving health among all nations.  
Let the people praise thee, O God :  
yea, let all the people praise thee.  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad :  
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,  
and govern the nations upon earth.  
Let the people praise thee, O God :  
let all the people praise thee.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase :  
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.  
God shall bless us :  
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.*

## Second Reading

## Revelation 21.10, 22 - 22.5

A reading from the Revelation to St John the Divine.

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.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

*A short silence is observed.*

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

## Hymn 457i

*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        *All who love me will keep my words;  
                  and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*  
All            **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

John 14.23 - 29

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.**

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Deacon      For the Gospel of the Lord,

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

## Sermon

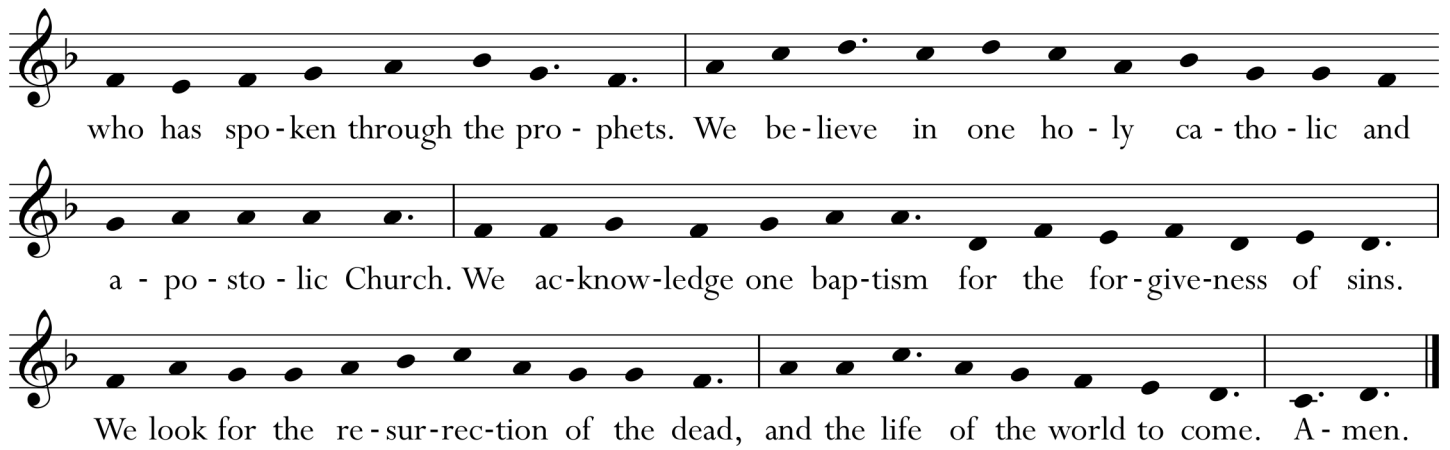
*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

# 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 280

*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

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exulemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Words: Antiphon at the foot-washing, Maundy Thursday, Latin rite  
Music: Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

*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 413

*Please stand.*

## 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, al - le - lu - ia,  
All: **In the name of Christ, A - men, al - le - lu - ia,**

al - le - - - lu - - - ia. \_\_\_\_\_  
al - le - - - lu - - - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

## Organ Voluntary

Bonnet - Étude de Concert

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