

S.^TJAMES'

9:30am Choral Matins



Sunday 25th May 2025

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER 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.

Order of Service

Please stand as the Choir and Ministers enter.

Welcome

Officiant ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Officiant welcomes the people and introduces the Opening Hymn.

Hymn 55

You will find the words of the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Confession

Officiant In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Please sit or kneel.

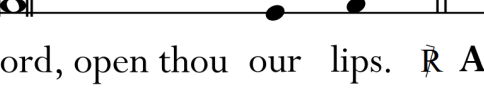


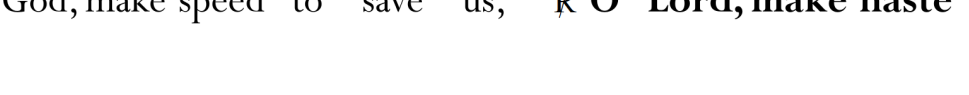
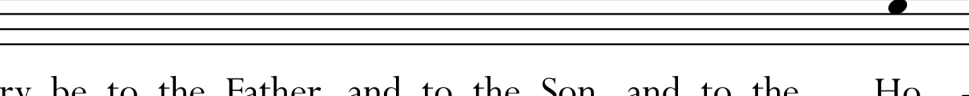
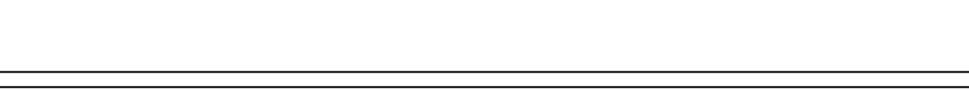
All God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the water of
baptism. You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against
you and our neighbour. We have wounded your love and
marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution

Officiant May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant unto you ✠ pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Please stand. The Preces and Responses are sung by the choir and congregation together.

<p>Officiant</p>  <p>∇ O Lord, open thou our lips. Ɀ</p>	<p>All</p>  <p>And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.</p>
 <p>∇ O God, make speed to save us, Ɀ O Lord, make haste to help us.</p>	
 <p>∇ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.</p>	
 <p>Ɀ As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men.</p>	
 <p>∇ Praise ye the Lord. Ɀ The Lord's name be prais - ed.</p>	

The Easter Anthems

We remain standing to sing the Easter Anthems together.



Christ our passover is | sacri·fic'd | for us :
therefore | let us | keep the | feast;
Not with the old leaven *
nor with the leaven of | malice · and | wickedness :
but with the unleavened | bread · of sin- | cerity · and | truth.
Christ being raised from the dead | dieth · no | more :
death hath no | more do- | minion | over him.
For in that he died * he died unto | sin__ | once :
but in that he liveth he | liv·eth | un·to | God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves
to be dead in- | deed · unto | sin :
but alive unto God through | Jes·us | Christ our | Lord.
Christ is risen | from the | dead :
and become the | first · fruits of | them that | slept.
For since by | man came | death :
by man came also the resur- | rec·tion | of the | dead.
For as in | Adam · all | die :
even so in Christ shall | all be | made a- | live.

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. * A- | - - | men.

Please sit.

Psalm 40.1 - 9

The choir sings the psalm.

Expectans expectavi

I WAITED patiently for the Lord :

and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.

He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay :

and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth :

even a thanksgiving unto our God.

Many shall see it, and fear :

and shall put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord :

and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done,

like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward :

and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

If I should declare them, and speak of them :

they should be more than I am able to express.

Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not:

but mine ears hast thou opened.

Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required :

then said I, Lo, I come.

Gloria Patri...

First Reading

Genesis 1.26 - 28

Here begins the 26th verse of the 1st chapter of the Book of Genesis.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'

Here ends the First Reading.

Te Deum

Please stand.

Choir

*We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud :
the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O LORD, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.*

Please sit.

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Second Reading

John 5.1 - 18

Here begins the 1st verse of the 5th chapter of the Gospel according to John

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew

Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’ The sick man answered him, ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, ‘It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.’ But he answered them, ‘The man who made me well said to me, “Take up your mat and walk.”’ They asked him, ‘Who is the man who said to you, “Take it up and walk”?’ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, ‘See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.’ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, ‘My Father is still working, and I also am working.’ For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

Here ends the Second Reading.

Jubilate

Please stand.

Choir *O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise :
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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.*


Please remain standing.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant	I believe in God
All	the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, ✠ And the Life everlasting. Amen.

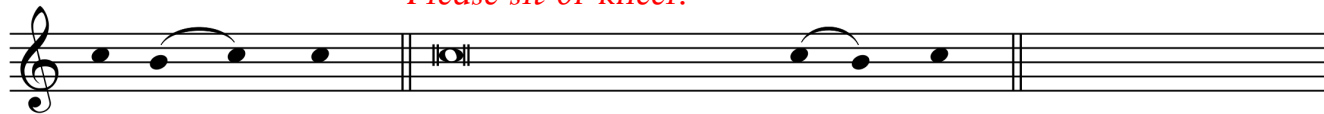
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Officiant All



Ÿ The Lord be___ with___ you. R And with thy___ spi - rit.

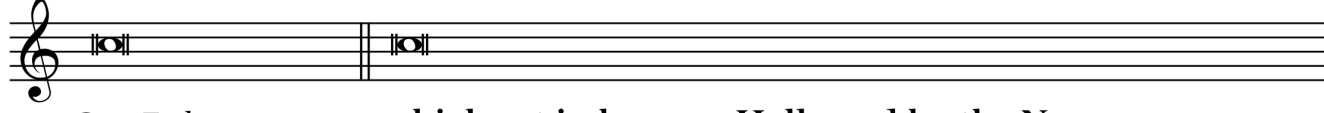
Please sit or kneel.



Ÿ Let us___ pray. Lord, have mercy up - on___ us.




R Christ, have mercy up - on___ us. Ÿ Lord, have mercy up - on___ us.




Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;




And lead us not into temp - ta - tion, But deliver us from evil. A - men.



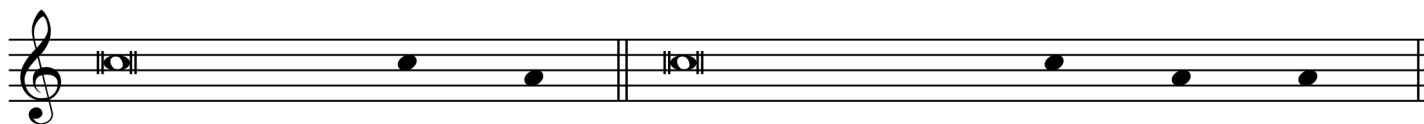
Ÿ O Lord, shew thy mercy up - on us. R And grant us thy sal - va - tion.



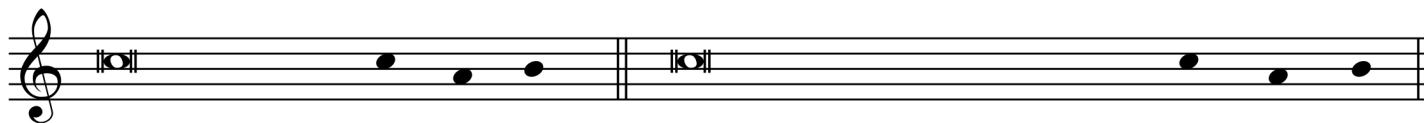
Ÿ O Lord, save the King. R And mercifully hear us
when we call up - on thee.



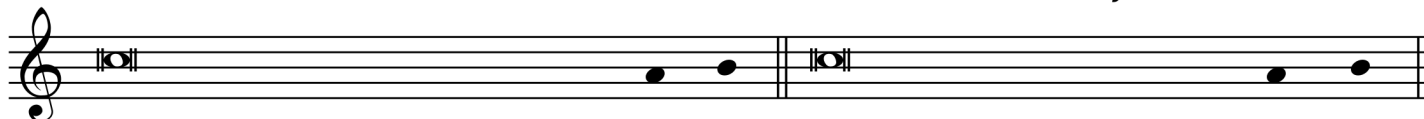
Ÿ Endue thy ministers with right-eous-ness. R And make thy chosen people joy-ful.



Ÿ O Lord, save thy peo - ple. R And bless thine in - he - ri - tance.

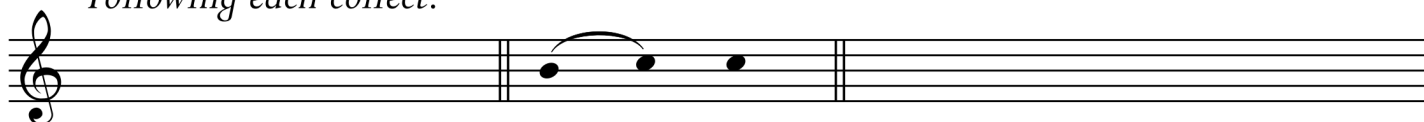


Ÿ Give peace in our time, O Lord. R **Because there is none
other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**



Ÿ O God, make clean our hearts with - in us. R **And take not
thy holy Spirit from us.**

Following each collect:



R A - men.

Collects

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Easter

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen *Amen.*

The Collect for Peace

God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,
in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,
whose service is perfect freedom:
Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in thy defence,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect for Grace.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day:
Defend us in the same with thy mighty power;
and grant that this day we fall into no sin,
neither run into any kind of danger;
but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance,
to do always that is righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 318

You will find the words of the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Sermon

Hymn 372

*You will find the words of the hymn in the green hymn book provided.
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, using the tap
machines in the church or via the QR code provided.*



Blessing

Officiant Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God Almighty
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Organ Voluntary

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