

S.^T JAMES'

11:00am Choral Eucharist



The Embrace of Apostles Peter and Paul, Cretan school, Angelos Akotantos, Painted first half 15th century tondo, paint and gilding on wood base, diameter 37.5cm,

Sunday 29th June 2025

PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES AND MARTYRS

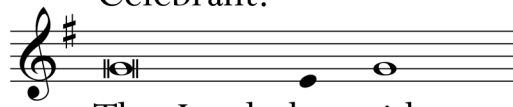

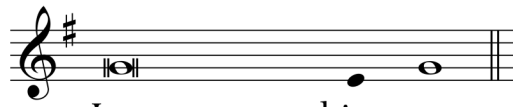

As Sydney's oldest church, St James' is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching and fine music. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion.

We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship
—the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

Processional Hymn 197

Please stand.

After the playover of the hymn, the celebrant sings:

Celebrant:	All:
	
The Lord be with you.	And also with you.
	
Let us proceed in peace.	In the name of Christ. A - men.

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy Name, O Jesu, be forever blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluya! Alleluya!

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.

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 ἔλεησον

Χριστέ ἔλεησον

Κύριε ἔλεησον

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Deacon Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'

John 15.14

Silence may be kept.

Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

**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.

Almighty God,
whose apostles Peter and Paul glorified you
in their deaths as in their lives:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and knit together in unity by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter* went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

A short silence is observed.

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

Psalm 87

Sung by the choir.

*Her foundations are upon the holy hills :
the Lord loveth the gates of Sion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.*

*Very excellent things are spoken of thee :
thou city of God.*

*I will think upon Rahab and Babylon :
with them that know me.*

*Behold ye the Philistines also :
and they of Tyre, with the Morians; lo, there was he born.
And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her :
and the most High shall stablish her.*

*The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people :
that he was born there.*

*The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse :
All my fresh springs shall be in thee.*

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4.6 - 8, 17 -18

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A short silence is observed.

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

Hymn 214ii

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

Gospel Acclamation

Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader.

All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Choir I do not call you servants but friends,
 because I have made known to you
 everything that I have heard from my Father.
All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

John 21.15 - 22

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.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, ‘Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?’ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, ‘Lord, what about him?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!’

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

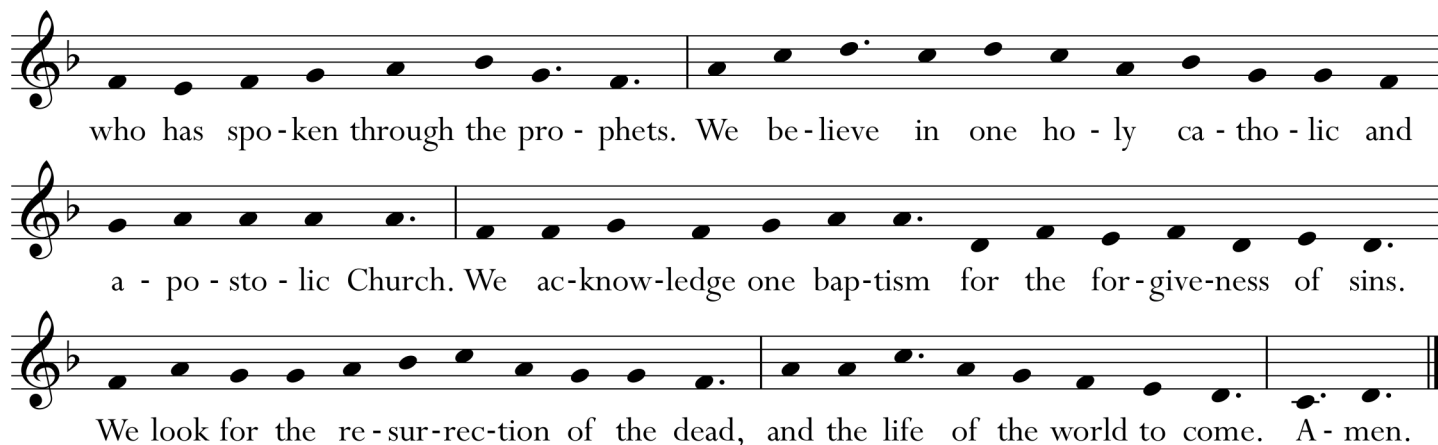
A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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 We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who
were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn 171

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 or via this QR code. At the conclusion of the hymn, please remain standing.



Celebrant Father, accept all we bring before you this day.
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table
as you nourish the faith of the Church
by the preaching of your apostles Peter and Paul.
All Blessed be God for ever.

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.
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.
And now we give you thanks because
you have called us into the fellowship of Peter and Paul
and all your saints,
and set before us the example of their witness
and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.
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 God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificabo ecclesiam meam; et portæ inferi non prævalebunt adversus eam: et tibi dabo claves regni cælorum. Quodcumque ligaveris super terram, erit ligatum et in cælis. Et quodcumque solveris super terram, erit solutum et in cælis.

Thou art Peter, the rock and foundation whereon is resting the church which I shall build; the gates of darkest hell shall have no power against my kingdom: and I shall make thee guard and keeper of heaven's gate. Here on earth whatever law thou ordainest, it shall be ordained even in heaven. And whatever thou dost grant here upon earth, it shall be granted there in heaven.

Words: Matthew 16.18-19

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

At the end of the Communion silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant Almighty God,
 who on the day of Pentecost
 sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
 with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
 filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
 by the power of the same Spirit
 strengthen us to witness to your truth
 and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;

All **Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Send us out in the power of your Spirit
 to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn 172(t.443)

Please stand.

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
 bring you, with Peter and Paul and all the saints,
 to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
 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

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Henri Mulet - *Tu es petra et portæ inferi non prævalebunt adversus te* (Esquisses byzantines)