S.JAMES'

9:30am Choral Matins



Sunday 13th July The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

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.

The Officiant welcomes the people and introduces the Opening Hymn.

Hymn 494 (t. 413)

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

Confession

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God,

and to take our part in the building up of his Church.

We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy

word, and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

The Scriptures tell us to approach God confidently,

through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we do so, we must confess our sins,

seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

Please sit or kneel.

Officiant Let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence,

and pray together,

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

we confess that we have sinned

in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly, love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God.

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.

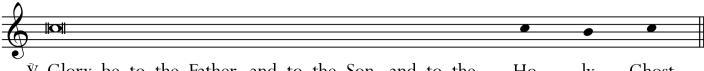
Please stand. The Preces and Responses are sung by the choir and congregation together.



V O Lord, open thou our lips. R And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.



RO Lord, make haste to help us. ΫO God, make speed to save us,



V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the ly Ghost. Но



As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. A-men.



the Lord._ R The Lord's name_ prais - ed. y Praise be

The Venite

We remain standing to sing the Venite together.



O come let us | sing un • to the | Lord :

Let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation.

Let us come before his | presence • with | thanksgiving :

And shew ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.

For the Lord is a | great_ | God:

And a great | King a- | bove all | gods.

In his hand are all the | corners • of the | earth :

And the strength of the | hills is | his_ | also.

The sea is | his and • he | made it :

And his | hands pre- | pared the • dry | land.

O come let us worship and | fall_ | down:

And | kneel be • fore the | Lord our | Maker.

For he is the | Lord our | God:

And we are the people of his | pasture • and the | sheep • of his | hand.

Today if ye will hear his voice | harden • not your | hearts:

As in the provocation *

and as in the day of temp- | tation | in the | wilderness.

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 76

The Choir sings the psalm.

Notus in Judaea

In Jewry is God known:

his Name is great in Israel.

At Salem is his tabernacle:

and his dwelling in Sion.

There brake he the arrows of the bow:

the shield, the sword, and the battle.

Thou art of more honour and might:

than the hills of the robbers.

The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep:

and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.

At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob:

both the chariot and horse are fallen.

Thou, even thou art to be feared:

and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

Thou didst cause thy judgement to be heard from heaven:

the earth trembled, and was still;

When God arose to judgement:

and to help all the meek upon earth.

The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise:

and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.

Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it,

all ye that are round about him:

bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

He shall refrain the spirit of princes :

and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

Gloria Patri...

Here begins the 28th chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy.

If you will only obey the LORD your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the LORD your God:

Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.

Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock.

Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl.

Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. The LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the LORD swore to your ancestors to give you. The LORD will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The LORD will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom—if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them.

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.

Here begins the 17th verse of the 28th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Three days later Paul called together the local leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, 'Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, yet I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. When they had examined me, the Romans wanted to release me, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to the emperor—even though I had no charge to bring against my nation. For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is for the sake of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.' They replied, 'We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken anything evil about you. But we would like to hear from you what you think, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.'

After they had fixed a day to meet him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: 'The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah,

"Go to this people and say, You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them."

Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.'

He lived there for two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

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;

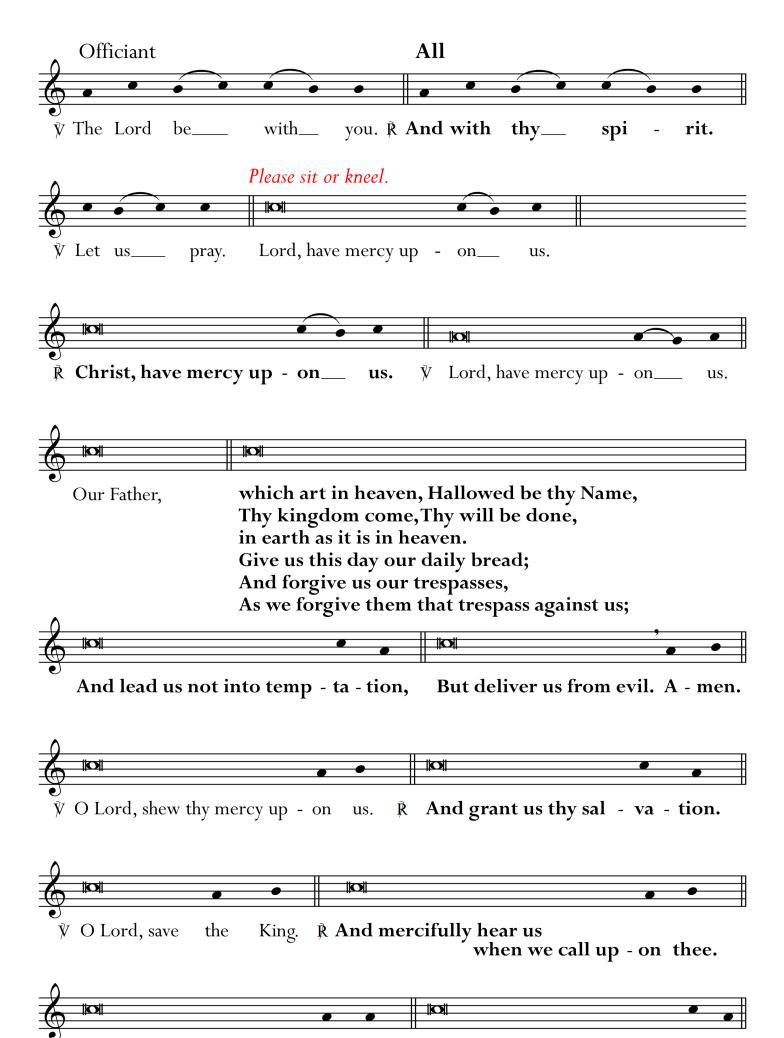
The Communion of Saints;

The Forgiveness of sins;

The Resurrection of the body,

¥ And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Responses are sung by the choir and congregation together.



N 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.



W Give peace in our time, O Lord. R Because there is none other that fighteth for us,

but only thou, O God.



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



Collects

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen*.

The Collect for Peace

O 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 239

You will find the words of the hymn in the green hymn book provided. During the last verse of this hymn the choir retires to the vestry to prepare for the next service of the morning.

Sermon

Hymn - The Kingdom is upon you

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.



'The kingdom is upon you!'
The voice of Jesus cries,
Fulfilling with its message
The wisdom of the wise;
It lightens with fresh insight
The striving human mind,
Creating new dimensions
Of faith for all to find.

'God's kingdom is upon you!'
The message sounds today;
It summons every pilgrim
To take the questing way,
With eyes intent on Jesus,
Our leader and our friend,
Who trod faith's road before us,
And trod it to the end.

The kingdom is upon us!
Stirred by the Spirit's breath,
We glory in its freedom
From emptiness and death;
We celebrate its purpose,
Its mission and its goal,
Alive with the conviction
That Christ can make us whole.

Words: Robert Willis (1947-2024)

Music: WOLVERCOTE William H. Ferguson (1874-1950) [REH 619];

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Blessing

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The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord 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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