

S.^T JAMES'

11:00am Choral Eucharist

Sunday 10th August 2025

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



The Sleepless Night, Hanno Karlhuber 1980
Oil on Canvas

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 234ii

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

Introit

Sung by the choir

I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me; incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words. Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Psalm 17.6, 8

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.

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 Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

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.
Kindle in our hearts, Father,
the same faith that impelled Abraham
to set out from his home
and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land.
As we, like him, look for the city
that none but you can design and build,
keep us watchful for your Son's coming,
that we may be found faithful stewards
of all that you have entrusted to us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 1.1, 10 - 20

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

A short silence is observed.

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

Psalm 50.1 - 6, 23 - 24

Sung by the choir

The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken :
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun,
unto the going down thereof.

Out of Sion hath God appeared :
in perfect beauty.

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence :
there shall go before him a consuming fire,
and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

He shall call the heaven from above :
and the earth, that he may judge his people.

Gather my saints together unto me :
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

And the heaven shall declare his righteousness :
for God is Judge himself.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak :
I myself will testify against thee, O Israel;
for I am God, even thy God.

I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices,
or for thy burnt-offerings :
because they were not alway before me.

Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoureth me :
and to him that ordereth his conversation right
will I shew the salvation of God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11.1 - 3, 8 - 16

A reading from the Letter of to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

A short silence is observed.

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

Hymn 177

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 Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 12.32 - 40

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 Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

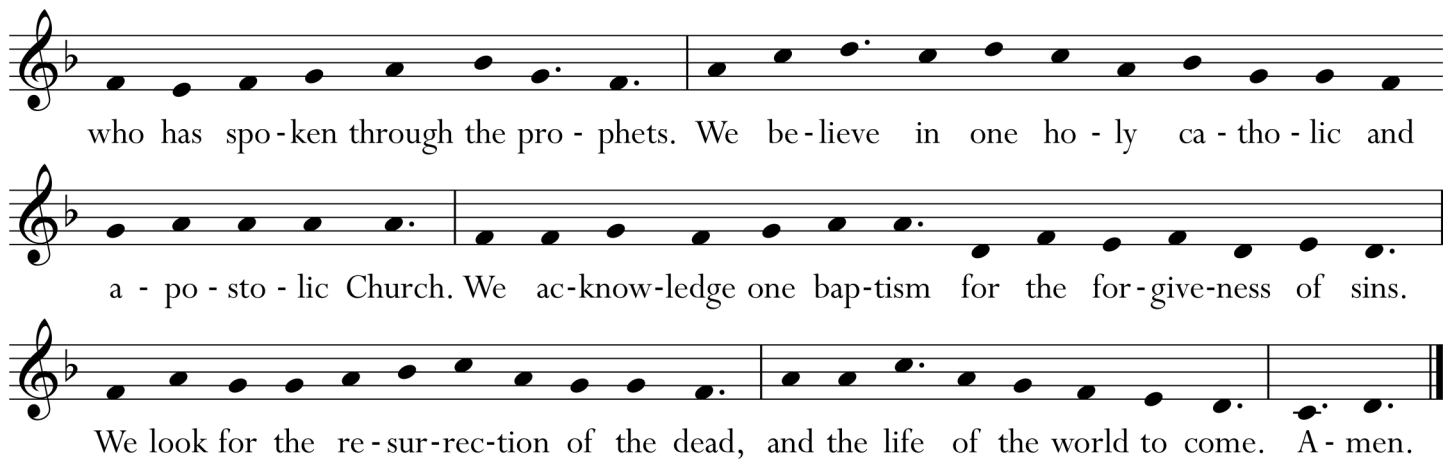
Nicene Creed

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) (Rise)
was in-car-nate of the Ho-ly Spi-rit and the Vir-gin Ma-ry and be-came tru-ly hu-man.
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 the body of Christ.

All His Spirit is with us.

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 - You Living Christ

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.



**You, living Christ, our eyes behold,
Amid your Church appearing,
All girt about your breast with gold
And bright apparel wearing;
Your countenance is burning bright,
A sun resplendent in its might:
Lord Christ, we see your glory.**

**Your glorious feet have sought and found
Your own of every nation;
With everlasting voice you sound
The call of our salvation;
Your eyes of flame still search and know
The whole outspreading realm below:
Lord Christ, we see your glory.**

**O risen Christ, today alive,
Amid your Church abiding,
Who now your blood and body give,
New life and strength providing,
We join in heavenly company
To sing your praise triumphantly,
For we have seen your glory.**

Words: Edmund R. Morgan (1888-1979) from Revelation 1: 12-16
Music: Palace Green [CP 333 / Tune: NEH 447], Michael Fleming (1928-2006);
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Celebrant Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

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.
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

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 The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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

*Blessèd city, heavenly Salem,
vision dear of peace and love,
who of living stones art builded
in the height of heaven above,
and by Angel hands apparell'd
as a bride dost earthward move.*

*Out of heav'n from God descending,
new and ready to be wed
to thy Lord, whose love espous'd thee,
fair adorn'd shalt thou be led;
all thy gates and all thy bulwarks
of pure gold are fashionèd.*

*Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
they are open evermore;
and, their well earn'd rest attaining
thither faithful souls do soar,
who for Christ's dear name in this world
pain and tribulation bore.*

*Many a blow and biting sculpture
polish'd well those stones elect,
in their places now compacted
by the heavenly Architect,
nevermore to leave the Temple
which with them the Lord hath deck'd.*

*To this Temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving kindness
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway. Amen.*

Words: Latin, 7th-8th century, tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

At the end of the Communion silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant Living God,
 in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
 May the power of your love,
 which we have known in word and sacrament,
 continue your saving work among us,
 give us courage for our pilgrimage,
 and bring us to the joys you promise.

**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.**

Notices

Hymn 400 (t. 492)

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant The peace of God which passes 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.

All Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Bach - *Toccata & Fugue in D minor*, BWV 565