

S.^TJAMIES'

11:00am Choral Eucharist
with Holy Baptism

Sunday 14th September 2025

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



The Good Shepherd, by Nicholas Mynheer, oil on paper 2012.

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 334

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

Introit

Sung by the choir

Give peace, O Lord, to them that wait for thee,
and let thy prophets be found faithful:
regard the prayers of thy servant, and of thy people Israel.

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.

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,
exultant you bring home the found:
touch our hearts with grateful wonder
at the tenderness of your forbearing love;
grant us delight in the mercy that has found us;
and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Reading

Jeremiah 4.11–12, 22–28

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.’

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

A short silence is observed.

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

Psalm 14

Sung by the choir

The fool hath said in his heart :

There is no God.

They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings :

there is none that doeth good, no not one.

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men :

to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

But they are all gone out of the way,

they are altogether become abominable :

there is none that doeth good, no not one.

Their throat is an open sepulchre,

with their tongues have they deceived :

the poison of asps is under their lips.

Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness :

their feet are swift to shed blood.

Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways,

and the way of peace have they not known :

there is no fear of God before their eyes.

Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief :

eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?

There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was :

for God is in the generation of the righteous.

As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor :

because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion?

When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people :

then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1.1–2, 12–19a

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have suffered shipwreck in the faith.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader.

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 15.1 - 10

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.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Baptism of David Aytas Brett

David, his parents and godparents stand at the chancel steps.

Celebrant We welcome David Aytas Brett, who comes to be baptised.
I invite his parents and godparents to present him now.

The parents and godparents answer,

We present David Aytas Brett to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing David for baptism?

Sponsors I will

Are you willing to answer on behalf of David ?

I am

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage David in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God, with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.
Will you support them in this calling?

All We will.

Let us pray,

Grant, merciful God, that David may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him.

May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him.

Amen.

Give to Deniz and James, David's parents, and Matilda and Blake, his Godparents, the desire to share with him what you have revealed in your holy gospel.

Amen.

May David know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ.

Amen.

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ.

Amen.

During the procession to the font the choir and congregation sings the following antiphon:



Having poured water into the font, the Celebrant begins the thanksgiving:

All The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life.

With water you cleanse and replenish the earth;
you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

Celebrant And now we give you thanks that you have called David to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.
Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that David who is to be baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.
May he die to sin, rise to newness of life,
and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom we give you praise and honour
in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Celebrant says to the congregation:

Celebrant Parents and godparents, and brothers and sisters in Christ,
I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third
day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will
come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, ✠ and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church:

**All This is our faith – We believe in One God: Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.**

David is brought to the water and baptised.

David Aytas, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Celebrant anoints David.

David Aytas, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you
are marked as Christ's own for ever. Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

**All Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant presents David with his baptismal candle.

David Aytas, God has brought you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

**All Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

David is welcomed into the family of the church.

David Aytas, God has called you into his Church.

**All We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with
us of the body Christ, as a child of the one heavenly
Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

The Celebrant presents David to the congregation.

Greeting of Peace

Celebrant We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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

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.



We pray thee, heavenly Father,
to hear us in thy love,
and pour upon thy children
the unction from above;
that so in love abiding,
from all defilement free,
we may in pureness offer
our Eucharist to thee.

All that we have we offer,
for it is all thine own,
all gifts, by thine appointment,
in bread and cup are shown;
one thing alone we bring not,
the wilfulness of sin,
and all we bring is nothing
save that which is within.

Within the pure oblation,
beneath the outward sign,
by that his operation,—
the Holy Ghost divine,—
lies hid the sacred body,
lies hid the precious blood,
once slain, now ever glorious,
of Christ our Lord and God.

Wherefore, though all unworthy
to offer sacrifice,
we pray that this our duty
be pleasing in thine eyes;
for praise, and thanks and worship,
for mercy and for aid,
the catholic oblation
of Jesus Christ is made.

Words: V. Stuckey S. Coles (1845-1929) [NEH 311]

Music: Dies DOMINICA J. B. Dykes (1823-1876); CCL Licence 552064

Celebrant Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
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 Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your 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

*Salvator mundi, salva nos, qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos:
auxiliare nobis te deprecamur, Deus noster.*

O saviour of the world, who by the Cross and the Blood have
redeemed us, save us and help us, we beseech you, O God.

Words: Antiphon at Good Friday Liturgy

Music: John Blow (1649-1708), Organist of Westminster Abbey 1669-79, 1695-1708

At the end of the Communion silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant Father of all, we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**All Keep us in this hope that we have grasped:
so we and all your people will be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn 463ii

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

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

Marchand - *Grand Dialogue du 5^e Ton*

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