

S.^TJAMES'

11:00am Choral Eucharist

Sunday 9th November 2025

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST



Heaven's Door, Tim Steward

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.

Welcome to Kingdom Season

We are observing the Sundays of November from All Saints' to Advent as "Kingdom Season". This season represents the end of our annual liturgical pilgrimage. We have journeyed through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Trinity and Ordinary Time, and soon we'll mark the end of the liturgical year with the great Feast of Christ the King.

Kingdom Season began with All Saints' and All Souls' last Sunday as we commemorated the faithful departed. This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, which has particularly significance in 2025 as we mark the 80 anniversary of the end of The Second World War. The season culminates in the celebration of Christ the King, which we will mark with an orchestral service on Sunday 23rd November. The liturgical colour for Kingdom Season is red, which symbolises the fire of the Holy Spirit, the blood of the martyred saints, and the red of the poppies for remembrance.

As we celebrate Kingdom Season we pray for the coming of God's kingdom here on earth, and are reminded that we live as members of God's kingdom already, here and now. We are a kingdom people; a forgiven and forgiving people, a people who look in hopeful expectation to the day when God will make all things new and His Kingdom, which has been established, will come in its fullness.

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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

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 364 (t.185)

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

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 Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

Silence may be kept.

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.
God of all the living,
in the resurrection of Christ Jesus
you have given us the promise of life
which death itself cannot destroy:
in the strength of this unshakeable promise,
give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

A short silence is observed.

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

Psalm 145.1 - 5, 17 - 21

Sung by the choir

*I will magnify thee, O God, my King :
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I give thanks unto thee :
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised :
there is no end of his greatness.
One generation shall praise thy works unto another :
and declare thy power.
As for me, I will be talking of thy worship :
thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
The Lord is righteous in all his ways :
and holy in all his works.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him :
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him :
he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
The Lord preserveth all them that love him :
but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord :
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.*

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2.1 - 5, 12 - 17

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

A short silence is observed.

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

Hymn 366

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 For all things give thanks to God;
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!*

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 20.27 - 40

Celebrant 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.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.' Then some of the scribes answered, 'Teacher, you have spoken well.' For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

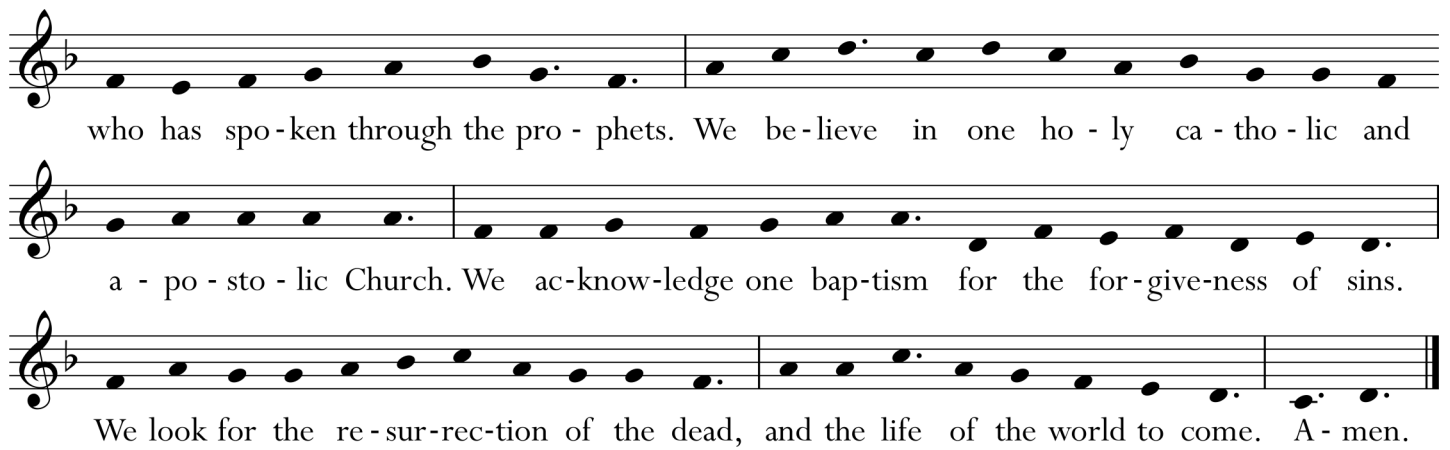
A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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.

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Colossians 3.14,15

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 485

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 To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.
Amen.

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 As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**All so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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

My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars,
Where stands a wingèd sentry all skilful in the wars:

There above noise, and danger, sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,
And One born in a manger commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious friend, and (O my soul, awake!)
Did in pure love descend, to die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither, there grows the flower of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither, thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges, for none can thee secure,
But One who never changes, thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Words: Henry Vaughan (1622-1695),
Music: Sir C Hubert H Parry (1848-1918)

At the end of the Communion silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant Gracious God,
 we thank you that in this sacrament
 you assure us of your goodness and love.
 Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
 and help us to grow in love and obedience
 that we may serve you in the world
 and finally be brought to that table
 where all your saints feast with you for ever.

**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. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn 494 (t.413)

Please stand.

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
 that you may reign with him in glory;
 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 Parry - *Chorale Fantasia on "O God our help in ages past"*