S.T JAMES'

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday 1st November 2026

9:30am Festal Choral Matins

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

Introit

Sung by the choir from the Baptistry

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict, from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

Words: Salisbury Diurnal, tr. G. H. Palmer (1846-1926)
Music: Sir William Harris (1883-1973)

Please stand when the bell is sounded.

Hymn 304 (t.569)

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

Welcome

The Officiant says

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power.
For you have created all things,
and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation.
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests
serving our God, and they will reign with you on earth.

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory,
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;
by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.
Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour and power,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Confession

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

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. **Amen.**

Please remain standing.

Preces

Sung by the Officiant and choir to the setting by William Smith (1603-1645).

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

✠ O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The Venite

We remain standing to sing the Venite together

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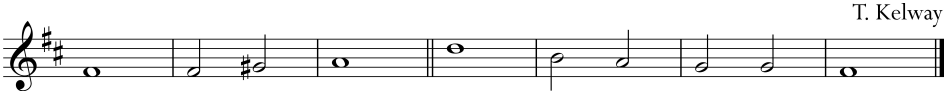
O come let us | sing un • to the | Lord :
Let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation.
Let us come before his | presence • with | thanksgiving :
And shew ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
For the Lord is a | great_ | God :
And a great | King a- | bove all | gods.
In his hand 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 149

The choir sings the psalm to a chant by Thomas Attwood (1765-1838).

O sing unto the Lord a new song :
let the congregation of saints praise him.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him :
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
Let them praise his Name in the dance :
let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
For the Lord hath pleasure in his people :
and helpeth the meek-hearted.
Let the saints be joyful with glory :
let them rejoice in their beds.
Let the praises of God be in their mouth :
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
To be avenged of the heathen :
and to rebuke the people;
To bind their kings in chains :
and their nobles with links of iron.
That they may be avenged of them, as it is written :
Such honour have all his saints.

Gloria patri...

Here begins the 35th chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God
Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf stopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Here ends the First Reading.

Te Deum

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
Morning Service in B flat

Please stand. The choir sings

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.

Second Reading — Luke 9.18-27

Here begins the 18th verse of the 9th chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke.

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, 'Who do the crowds say that I am?' They answered, 'John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered, 'The Messiah of God.'
He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, 'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.'
Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.'

Here ends the Second Reading.

Jubilate

Please stand. The choir sings

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.

Apostles' Creed

Please remain standing.

I believe in God
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.

Responses

Sung by the Officiant and choir

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save The King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

The Collect for All Saints' Day

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ 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.*

Anthem

Sung by the choir.

O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti.
Amicti stolis albis, sequuntur Agnum quocumque ierit.

O how glorious is the kingdom, wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ!
Clothed in white robes, they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Words: Antiphon for All Saints
Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Sermon

Hymn 544

During this hymn a collection for the ministry of the parish will be received. You may wish to make your offering at sjks.org.au/donate, using the card machines in the church or via the QR code provided.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow all the saints in faith and hope and love;
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