

ST JAMES' CHURCH, KING STREET, SYDNEY



A MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR  
**THOMAS ALVISIO / SHIRLEY VALENTINE**

Friday 10 December 2021

at 10am

## ST JAMES' & COVID-19

### Attendance at Services

Services of worship are open to worshippers, although with restricted numbers.

The following COVID-19 restrictions apply:

- People must register using the QR code or written register at the entrance;
- Physical distancing remains under the 2 sqm rule, with seating at the green dots on the pews unless from the same household;
- Masks must be worn while inside the building;
- Fully vaccinated members of the congregation are permitted to sing during services;
- The use of hand sanitiser is encouraged; and,
- People must not attend worship if feeling unwell.

This service is also livestreamed (view online at [sjks.org.au/online-services](http://sjks.org.au/online-services), on Facebook, or the day after on YouTube).

Refreshments are served after this service.

Communion is available in both kinds but receiving the chalice is optional.



Mass setting:

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena by James Healey Willan (1880-1968)

~ THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE ~

CELEBRANT:

The Reverend Andrew Sempell  
*Rector of St James*

DEACON:

The Reverend Ron Henderson, OGS

SUB DEACON:

Christopher Brooks

ASSISTANT:

Associate Professor Michael Horsburgh, AM

TRIBUTES:

Jacqui Murray, Darryl Lodge &  
Richard Cogswell (read by Michael Horsburgh)

READER:

Mark McCrossin

ORGANIST:

Callum Knox

CHOIR OF ST JAMES'

Directed by Sam Allchurch

THE ST JAMES' ALTAR SERVERS' GUILD:

Jackie Dettmann, Peter McInerney & David McQuoid,  
Stephen Samild – *Head Server*

QUEEN SQUARE GUILD OF BELLRINGERS:

Jackie Dettmann – *Tower Captain*

VERGER:

Gilbert Santayana

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## CHURCH BELLS

## PRELUDE

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Please stand to sing as the ministers enter the church.*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.’  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Behold I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live.’  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘I am this dark world’s light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.’  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that Light of life I’ll walk  
till travelling days are done.**

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Tune: KINGSFOLD, Adapted from an English folk song  
by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) [NEH 376]

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*The Celebrant greets the congregation then says,*

**All**            ✕ Rest eternal grant unto your servant Thomas, O Lord;  
**and may light perpetual shine upon him.**

We come to thank God for the life of Thomas Alvisio, to mourn and honour him, and to support one another in a time of grief. We all face the certainty of death; yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ share eternal life with him. Therefore, in faith and hope we turn to God, who created and sustains us all.

Hear the words of Scripture:

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord.

‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.’

(John 3:16)

## KYRIE AND CONFESSION

*The Choir sings,*

*Kyrie eleison*

*Lord have mercy*

*Christe eleison*

*Christ have mercy*

*Kyrie eleison*

*Lord have mercy*

*The Deacon says,*

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,  
 welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord’s table.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
 confident in God’s forgiveness.

**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.**

*The Celebrant says,*

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.

## COLLECT

*The Celebrant prays,*

Let us pray,  
 Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
 taught us to pray for the coming of your Kingdom:  
 grant that when that Kingdom comes we, with your servant Tom,  
 and all who have died in the faith of your holy Name,  
 may enjoy true perfection and happiness  
 in your eternal and everlasting glory;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## TRIBUTES

*Jacqui Murray, Darryl Lodge and  
 Richard Cogswell (read by Michael Horsburgh)*

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*The Choir sings God be in my head by Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
 God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
 God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
 God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
 God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Words: Sarum Primer, 1558

## FIRST READING

*Read by Mark McCrossin.*

***Romans 8: 18, 28, 31–35, 37–39.***

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the word of the Lord,  
**All Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 23

*The Choir sings the psalm to a chant by Alistair Nelson.*

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as a procession moves to the central cross aisle.*

Choir Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:  
whoever believes in me will never die. Alleluia!

**All sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

*Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel reader.*

*John 14 : 1 – 6, 18 – 19, 27.*

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 John.

**All sing Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**All sing Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

*Please be seated*

## PRAYERS

*The Sub Deacon prays,*

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father,  
who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all.

We thank you, loving God, that your Son Jesus Christ came to die for us.  
We thank you that you raised him from the dead.

We thank you for the gift of life, and for the life of Tom.  
Bring us, with Tom and all your faithful people,  
to the fullness of life you promise to those who love you.

Lord, in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us to love and obey you,  
that we may live the rest of our lives in following Jesus,  
and be ready when you call us to the fullness of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who mourn. Be close to them in their loss.  
Increase their faith in your undying love.

Lord, in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

We praise you, Lord God, for your faithful servants in every age.  
May we, with Tom and all who have died in the faith of Christ,  
be brought to a joyful resurrection  
and the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

## GREETING OF PEACE

*Please stand. The Celebrant says,*

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 extend the greeting of peace to those nearby.*

## PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

*All remain standing and sing,*

**Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings within and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am (thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down),  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Words: Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871)

Music: SAFFRON WALDEN, Arthur Henry Brown (1830-1926)

*At the conclusion of the hymn please remain standing for the offertory prayer.*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts of bread and wine to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**All Blessed be God forever.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing.*

The Lord be with you.

**All sing And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All sing We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All sing It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,  
giver of life, and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross,  
your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight.  
Through his resurrection from the dead,  
you have given us new birth into a living hope,  
into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,  
and so we join with angels and archangels,  
with Tom and all your faithful people,  
evermore praising you and singing:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*The Choir sings,*

*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.*

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and this 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 his 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 in remembrance of me.'

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All sing Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Therefore with thanksgiving for the gift of your Son  
we here proclaim his passion and death,  
And his victory over the grave.

+ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with Tom and all your faithful 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 sing Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*A bell is rung, and silence is kept.*

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**

*The celebrant breaks the bread and says,*

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.**

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 AND COMMUNION

*The Choir sings,*

*Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,  
grant him rest*

*Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,  
grant him rest*

*Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,  
grant him rest, everlasting rest.*

*Communion is distributed at the chancel steps.*

***The Anglican tradition welcomes communicant members of all Christian churches to receive Communion at the Lord's Table.***

***Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.***

*We request that people not use the practice of 'intinction' at Communion (the practice of dipping the consecrated bread into the consecrated wine) as it increases the possibility of transmitting infection. If you are concerned about use of the common cup, it is acceptable for you to receive Communion in one kind (i.e. the bread only). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*During Communion the Choir sings, Be thou my vision by Bob Chilcott (b. 1955).*

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart.  
Be all else but naught to me Save that thou art.  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom be thou my true word.  
Be thou ever with me, and I with me, Lord.  
Be thou my great father and I thy true son.  
Be thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of Heaven my treasure thou art.  
Great heart of my own heart whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision O ruler of all.

Words: Words: Ancient Irish hymn; trans. Mary Byrne, arr. Bob Chilcott.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand. The Celebrant prays,*

Lord of life and death,  
 we thank you that in your great love you have given us this foretaste  
 of the heavenly banquet prepared for all your saints.  
 Grant that this sacrament of Christ's death may be to us  
 a comfort in affliction, a firm assurance of his resurrection,  
 and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom  
 where death and sorrow are no more, but all things are made new.

**All      Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
 to live and work to your praise and glory.**

## FAREWELL LITURGY

*Please remain standing.*

*The Choir sings Psalm 150 to a chant by C V Stanford (1852-1924).*

O praise God in his holiness:  
     praise him in the firmament of his power.  
 Praise him in his noble acts:  
     praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:  
     praise him upon the lute and harp.  
 Praise him in the cymbals and dances:  
     praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:  
     praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
 Let every thing that hath breath:  
     praise the Lord.

*The Deacon prays,*

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to Tom by water and the Spirit.  
 Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death,  
 and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in the Father's love.  
 Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way,  
 to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
 to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Let us entrust Tom to the mercy and love of God.

*Silence is kept then all join in praying,*

**All Holy and loving Father,  
by your mighty power you gave us life,  
and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.  
We entrust Tom to your merciful keeping:  
in the faith of Jesus Christ,  
who died and rose again to save us,  
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
in glory for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says,*

**All + Rest eternal grant unto your servant Tom, O Lord:  
and may light perpetual shine upon him.**

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*The Celebrant says*

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church,  
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,  
to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.  
And the blessing of Almighty God,  
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Deacon says,*

**All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Please follow the procession out of the church to the Crypt for the immurement of Tom's ashes.*

**When the sun refused to shine,  
When the sun refused to shine,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the sun refused to shine.**

*Refrain: When the saints go marching in,  
When the saints go marching in;  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.*

**When the moon turns into blood,  
When the moon turns into blood,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the moon turns into blood.      *Refrain***

**When we crown Him King of kings,  
When we crown Him King of kings,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When we crown Him King of kings.      *Refrain***

**When they gather 'round the throne,  
When they gather 'round the throne,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When they gather 'round the throne.      *Refrain***

**While the happy ages roll,  
While the happy ages roll,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
While the happy ages roll.      *Refrain***

Words: Robert Emmett Winsett (1876 – 1952)

Music: African American spiritual

*During the recessional hymn  
the procession will make its way to the  
All Souls' Chapel in the crypt  
for the immurement of Tom's ashes.*

## **POSTLUDE**

*The Organist plays 'Joshua fit de battle ob Jericho' by Fela Sowande.*

## IMMUREMENT OF ASHES

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' (John 11:25-26)

God our creator, giver of life and all that is good and true,  
we thank you for the life of Tomas Alvisio  
as we come to commit his ashes to their resting place in this chapel.

*As the ashes are immured the officiant says,*

God our Father, in loving care your hand has created us, and as the potter fashions the clay you have formed us in your image. Through the Holy Spirit you have breathed into us the gift of life. In the sharing of love you have enriched our knowledge of you and one another. We claim your love today as we commit these remains of Tom to their resting place, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life.

*The congregation joins in saying,*

**All        Thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
              through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

*The officiant then continues,*

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality.        (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)

God of hope, grant that we, with all who have believed in you,  
may be united in the full knowledge of your love  
and the unclouded vision of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All        The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
              and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
              be with us all evermore. Amen.**



