

# ST JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

## A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols



St James' Anglican Church  
173 King Street, Sydney  
(Opposite Hyde Park Barracks)  
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**Sunday**

**18 December 2022**

**7:30pm**

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 or religion.

We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of which we worship  
—the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

# Those taking part in tonight's service:

*We warmly welcome you to this historic church  
in the heart of Sydney.  
We are pleased you have chosen  
to worship God with us this Christmas.*

The Rev'd John Stewart (Acting Rector) **Officiant**  
The Rev'd Glenn Maytum (Assistant Priest) **Assistant**  
Assoc Prof Michael Horsburgh AM (Parish Lay Reader) **Assistant**

**The Choir of St James'**  
Warren Trevelyan-Jones **Head of Music**  
Marko Sever **Acting Assistant Head of Music**  
Callum Knox **Organ Scholar**  
**Members of the NSW Police Band**

Christopher Lock, Alan Melrose, Holly Raiche **Wardens**

**The Altar Servers' Guild of St James' Church**  
Stephen Samild **Head Server**

**The St James', Queens Square, Guild of Bellringers**  
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**The St James' Sidespersons Team**  
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8:00, 10:00am **Sunday Services**



## IN CASE WE NEED TO EVACUATE

As you take your place in your pew, please make yourself aware of the route to the nearest emergency exit. Should there be a fire, leave quickly and assemble in Queens Square by the statue of Queen Victoria.



## FIRST AID

A First Aid kit is located on the wall of the kitchen in the crypt and in the Vestry.



## GETTING INSIDE

If you require access to the church via the lift, please see the Verger or one of the Sidespeople.



## TOILETS

Toilets are located in the crypt beneath the church.

If you need to use the disabled access toilet, ask the Verger for assistance.



## HEAR ALL OF IT

A hearing loop is installed in the church.



## BABY FACILITIES

Baby change tables are provided in the unisex toilets in the crypt. Nursing mothers are welcome.



## BE INFORMED

Pick up copies of previous weeks' pew sheets and *St James' Connections* in the Baptistry.

# *The Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols*

The first Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols as we know it today was held at King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve in 1918. It was conceived by Eric Milner-White, the Dean of the College, whose experience as an army chaplain had led him to believe that more imaginative worship was needed by the Church of England. The order of service was adapted from one drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use at a 10:00pm service on Christmas Eve in 1880 that took place in a temporary wooden shed serving as his cathedral in Truro, Cornwall. A.C. Benson recalled: 'My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve – nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various officers of the Church, beginning with a chorister, and ending, through the different grades, with the Bishop.' The suggestion had come from G.H.S. Walpole, later Bishop of Edinburgh

Almost immediately, other churches adapted the service for their own use. A wider fame began to grow when the service was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass had been removed from the Chapel and the name of King's College could not be broadcast for security reasons. Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Dean Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. 'The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God ...' seen 'through the windows and words of the Bible'. Local interests appear, as they do here, in the Bidding Prayer. Many of those who took part in the first service must have recalled those killed in the Great War when it came to the famous passage 'all those who rejoice with us but on another shore and in a greater light'.



# Order of Service

## Organ Music before the Service

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) – *Concerto in B-flat major* (arr. M. Sever)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) – *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661*

Johann Sebastian Bach – *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 715*

## Arrival of the Governor of New South Wales

*A bell is rung. Please stand as the Vice-Regal party enter the church. Please remain standing until the Governor is seated.*

*The lights in the church will be extinguished and silence follows.*

## Processional Hymn

*Please stand.*

Solo           Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that Mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

Choir           He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and mean and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

All             And through all his wondrous childhood,  
he would honour and obey,  
love and watch the lowly maiden  
in whose gentle arms he lay:  
Christian children all must be  
mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,  
day by day like us he grew;  
he was little, weak and helpless,  
tears and smiles like us he knew:  
And he feeleth for our sadness,  
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love,  
for that Child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him: but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high,  
where like stars his children crowned,  
all in white shall wait around.

Words: Mrs. C.F. Alexander (1818-1895) *alt.*

Music: IRBY H J Gauntlett (1805-1876) revised by A.H. Mann and others

Descant and organ part: David Willcocks (1919-2015); CCL licence: 552064

## Welcome

*The Acting Rector welcomes the congregation and acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land.*

## Bidding Prayer

Officiant Beloved in Christ, we come to hear again the message of the angels, and to transport ourselves in heart and mind to Bethlehem, there to see the loving-kindness of our God, and the baby lying in a manger.

Let us therefore open the Holy Scriptures and read that story of the earliest disobedience to God's will, which is common to us all; then let us hear the story of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to save us from our sins and make us pure and happy; and finally let us thank him with our hymns and carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on earth and goodwill among all people, so that we may learn to love one another, as children of the one God and Father of us all.

We pray for those suffering the health and wellbeing effects of the floods and coronavirus, for those who work in commerce, industry, health, education, arts, and politics, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for the Church in our country and in this city.

And because it would most please God's heart, let us also remember before him the poor and homeless, the hungry and oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, and all who do not know the Lord, or do not love him, or because of sin do grieve his heart.

Finally, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but are upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which we cannot number, who live with the Lord for ever.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

All           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.

May Almighty God bless us with his grace: may Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to that fellowship of the heavenly city may the angels of God bring us all.

Amen.

## Carol

Choir       A Babe is born all of a may,  
              to bring salvation unto us.  
              To him we sing both night and day.  
                  *Veni Creator Spiritus.* (Come, Creator Spirit)

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,  
the child of bliss now born he was;  
and him to serve God give us grace,  
              *O lux beata Trinitas.* (O Trinity of blessed light)

There came three kings out of the East,  
to worship the King that is so free,  
with gold and myrrh and frankincense,  
              *A solis ortus cardine.* (From the pivot of the sun's rising)

The angels came down with one cry,  
a fair song that night sung they  
in worship of that child:  
              *Gloria tibi Domine.* (Glory be to you, O Lord)

A babe is born all of a may,  
to bring salvation unto us.  
To him we sing both night and day.  
*Veni Creator Spiritus, O lux beata Trinitas,  
A solis ortus cardine, Gloria tibi Domine. Noel!*

Words: Anonymous, 15th century  
Music: William Mathias (1934-92)

## First Lesson

## Genesis 3: 8–15

*Read by James Brew, Choral Scholar, The Choir of St James'.*

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman  
shall bruise the serpent's head.*

The man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

*After a short silence for reflection the reader says —*

Thanks be to God.

## Short Responsoy

## Psalms 106: 6; 119: 2–3

Assistant We have sinned like our ancestors,  
we have acted perversely and done wrong.

All Blessed are those who keep his commands  
and seek him with their whole heart; those who do no wrong,  
but walk in the ways of our God.

## Carol

Choir

The Lord at first did Adam make  
Out of the dust and clay,  
And in his nostrils breathed life,  
E'en as the scriptures say.  
And then in Eden's paradise  
He placed him to dwell,  
That he within it should remain,  
To dress and keep it well: *Refrain:*

Now let good Christians all begin  
And holy life to live,  
And to rejoice and merry be,  
For this is Christmas Eve.

Now mark the goodness of the Lord  
Which he to mankind bore;  
His mercy soon he did extend,  
Lost man for to restore;  
And then, for to redeem our souls  
From death and hellish thrall,  
He said his own dear Son should be  
The Saviour of us all: *Refrain*

Now for the blessings we enjoy,  
Which are from Heav'n above;  
Let us renounce all wickedness,  
And live in perfect love:  
Then shall we do Christ's own command,  
E'en His own written word,  
And when we die, in Heaven shall  
Enjoy our Living Lord. *Refrain*

And now the tide is nigh at hand  
In which our Saviour came:  
Let us rejoice and merry be  
In keeping of the same:  
Let's feed the poor and hungry souls  
And such as do it crave:  
That when we die, in Heaven we  
Our sure reward shall have. *Refrain.*

Words: Some Ancient Christmas Carols 1822  
Music: George Guest (1924-2002)

## Second Lesson

Genesis 22: 15–18

*Read by Mr Robert Marriott, Chair, St James' Organ Appeal.*

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed  
shall the nations of the earth be blessed.*

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

*After a short silence for reflection the reader says —*

Thanks be to God.

## Short Responsory

Psalm 112: 1, 3

Assistant O praise the Lord. Blessed are they that fear the Lord  
and greatly delight in his commandments.

All Riches and plenty shall be in their house  
and their righteousness shall stand for ever.

## Carol

Choir	<i>In dulci jubilo</i>	(in sweet jubilation)
	let us our homage show!	
	Our heart's joy reclineth	
	<i>in praesepio</i>	(in a manger)
	And like a bright star shineth,	
	<i>matris in gremio.</i>	(in his mother's lap)
	<i>Alpha es et O.</i>	(Thou art the beginning and the end)
	<i>O Jesu parvule!</i>	(O tiny Jesus)
	I yearn for Thee alway!	
	Hear me, I beseech thee,	
	<i>O Puer optime!</i>	(O best of boys)
	My prayer let it reach Thee,	
	<i>O Princeps gloriae.</i>	(O Prince of Glory)
	<i>Trahe me post te!</i>	(Draw me after thee)

*O Patris caritas, O nati lenitas!* (O love of the Father, O gentleness of the Son)  
Deeply were we stained  
*per nostra crimina,* (through our crimes)  
But Thou hast for us gained  
*caelorum gaudia.* (the joys of heaven)  
O that we were there!

*Ubi sunt gaudia,* (Where are joys)  
where, if that they be not there?  
There are angels singing  
*nova cantica,* (new songs)  
There the bells are ringing  
*in regis curia.* (in the courts of the King)  
O that we were there!

Words: Anonymous, traditional; Latin of unknown origin; *Tr.* Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795-1856)  
Music: Anonymous, Medieval; old German melody. *Arr.* Robert Lucas Pearsall

## Hymn

*Please stand.*

All O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth;  
for Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.

Choir        How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

All            O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: FOREST GREEN English traditional *arr.* R. Vaughan Williams  
descant by Thomas Armstrong. CCL licence: 552064

*Please sit.*

### **Third Lesson**

**Isaiah 9: 2, 6–7**

*Read by Ms Nicole Forsyth, Curator, BachBand@StJames.*

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*After a short silence for reflection the reader says —*

Thanks be to God.

## Short Responsory

Psalm 85: 9; 72: 7

Assistant Truly God's salvation is near to those that fear him,  
and his glory shall dwell in our land.

All In his time shall righteousness flourish and abundance of peace,  
till the moon shall be no more.

## Carol

Choir Jerusalem rejos for joy:  
Jesus, the sterne of most bewte,  
in thee is rissin as richtous roy,  
fro dirkness to illumyne thee.  
With gloriis sound of angell gle  
thy prince is borne in Baithlem  
which sall thee mak of thraldome fre:

*Illuminare, Jerusalem.*

With angellis licht in legionis  
thou art illumynit all about.  
Three kingis of strange regionis  
to thee ar cumin with lusty rout,  
all drest with dyamantis,  
reverst with gold in every hem,  
sounding attonis with a schout.

*Illuminare, Jerusalem.*

The regeand tarrant that in thee rang,  
Herod, is exilit and his ofspring,  
the land of Juda that joist wrang,  
and rissin is now thy richtous king.  
So he so mychtie is and ding,  
when men his glorious name dois nem,  
Heven erd and hell makis inclyning.

*Illuminare, Jerusalem.*

Words: Bannatyne MS in *A Choice of Scottish Verse* (1470-1570), alt.  
Music: Judith Weir (b. 1954)

## Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11: 1–9

Read by Ms Sue Labordus OAM, Secretary, The Australia-Britain Society.

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

*After a short silence for reflection the reader says –*

Thanks be to God.

## Short Responsory

Psalm 36: 7, 10

Assistant How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness.

The children of Adam shall take refuge  
under the shadow of your wings.

All Continue your merciful kindness toward those who know you and your  
righteous dealing to those that are true of heart.

## Carol

Choir The thin distraction of a spider's web  
Collects the clear cold drops of night.  
Seeds falling on the water spread  
A rippling target for the light.  
The rumour in the ear now murmurs less,  
The snail draws in its tender horn,  
The heart becomes a bare attentiveness,  
And in that bareness light is born.

Text: James McAuley (1917-1976)

Music: Brooke Shelley (b.1975)

## Hymn

*Please stand.*

All           It came upon the midnight clear,  
                  that glorious song of old,  
                  from angels bending near the earth  
                  to touch their harps of gold:  
                  ‘Peace on the earth, good-will to men,  
                  from heaven’s all gracious King!’  
                  The world in solemn stillness lay  
                  to hear the angels sing.

                  Still through the cloven skies they come,  
                  with peaceful wings unfurled;  
                  and still their heav’nly music floats  
                  o’er all the weary world;  
                  above its sad and lowly plains  
                  they bend on hov’ring wing;  
                  and ever o’er its Babel sounds  
                  the blessèd angels sing.

                  Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
                  the world has suffered long;  
                  beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
                  two thousand years of wrong;  
                  and man, at war with man, hears not  
                  the love-song which they bring:  
                  O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
                  and hear the angels sing!

                  For lo! the days are hastening on,  
                  by prophet bards foretold,  
                  when, with the ever-circling years,  
                  comes round the age of gold;  
                  when peace shall over all the earth  
                  its ancient splendours fling,  
                  and the whole world send back the song  
                  which now the angels sing.

Words: Edmund Sears (1810-1876)

Music: English traditional melody *arr.* Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

Descant: David Willcocks CCL licence: 552064

*Please sit.*

*Read by Mr Richard Fisher AM, President, The Australian Club.*

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

*After a short silence for reflection the reader says –*

Thanks be to God.

**Short Responsory****Psalms 84: 11–12; 90: 17**

Assistant     The Lord God is a light and a shield, the Lord gives favour and honour and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk in innocence. O Lord God of hosts, blessed are those who put their trust in you.

All             **May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us.  
Prosper the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands!**

**Carol**

Choir          I sing of a maiden  
                  That is makeless.  
                  King of all kings  
                  To her son she ches.

                  He came all so still,  
                  Where his mother was,  
                  As dew in April  
                  That falleth on the grass.

He came all so still  
To his mother's bower  
As dew in April  
That falleth on the flower.

He came all so still,  
Where his mother lay,  
As dew in April That  
falleth on the spray.

Mother and maiden was never one but she,  
Well may such a lady God's mother be.

Words: Medieval anonymous  
Music: Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

## Sixth Lesson

**Luke 2: 1–7**

*Read by Dr Julie Townsend, Headmistress, St Catherine's School.*

### *St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*After a short silence for reflection the reader says –*

Thanks be to God.

## Short Responsory

**Psalm 132: 13–15, 17**

Assistant     The Lord has chosen Zion for himself,  
                     he has desired it for his habitation.  
                     'This shall be my resting-place for ever,  
                     here will I dwell, for my delight is in her.'

All             'I will bless her provisions with abundance,  
                     I will satisfy her poor with bread.  
                     There will I make a horn to sprout for the family of David:  
                     I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.'

## Carol

Choir

*Uns ist ein Kindlein heut geborn,  
von einer Jungfraun auserkorn,  
ein wahrer Mensch und wahrer Gott,  
daß er uns helf aus aller  
Not, sein Nam ist Wunderbar und Rat,  
durch ihn haben wir funden Gnad.*

This day to us a Child is born,  
A gentle Babe, a Virgin's Son;  
Both God and Man in flesh comes He  
That He may learn our misery.  
His name is Wonderful and Wise,  
And favour wins us in God's eyes.

*Was hätt uns Gott mehr können tun,  
Denn daß er uns schenkt seinen Sohn,  
Der von uns weggenommen hat,  
All unser Sünd und Missetat,  
Erlöst uns von der Sünd und Pein,  
Darein wir sollten ewig sein.*

What more for us could God have done  
Than make us brothers of His Son,  
Who now is born to set us free  
From all our sore infirmity,  
Relieving us from sin and pain,  
Wherein we else should forever remain?

*Freu dich du werte Christenheit,  
Und dank es Gott in Ewigkeit,  
Haß aber alle Sünd und List,  
Davon du teur erlöset bist,  
Sei fortan gottfürchtig und rein,  
Zu Ehren dem neugbornen Kindelein.*

So then, rejoice, good Christians all,  
And loud to God your praises tell;  
Hence from you cast the weight of sin  
And eager your salvation win;  
Fear God and serve Him all your days,  
And to His Son confess your praise!

Words: Anon (Wittenberg, 1560)  
Music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

## Hymn

*Please stand.*

All        The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel!*

They lookèd up and saw a star,  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night:

*Refrain*

And by the light of that same star,  
Three wise men came from country far:  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went:

*Refrain*

This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay:

*Refrain*

Then enter'd in those wise men three,  
full rev'rently upon their knee,  
and offer'd there in his presènce  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:

*Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
that hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
and with his blood mankind hath bought:

*Refrain*

Words & Music: English traditional carol, *arr.* by David Willcocks  
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*Please sit.*

## **Seventh Lesson**

**Luke 2: 8–16**

*Read by The Hon. Justice Francois Kunc, Judge, Supreme Court of NSW.*

### *The shepherds go to the manger.*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

*After a short silence for reflection the reader says —*

Thanks be to God.

## Short Responsory

**Psalm 34: 7; 28: 10**

Assistant     The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him  
and delivers them in their need.

All             Save your people and give your blessing to your own;  
be their shepherd, and bear them up for ever.

## Carol

Choir

VERSE 1

*Quem pastores laudavere,  
Quibus angeli dixerunt:  
Absit vobis iam timere,  
Natus est Rex gloriae.*

Him whom the shepherds lauded,  
to whom the angels said,  
Far be it now from you to fear,  
born is the King of glory.

*Den die Hirten lobten sehre  
und die Engel noch viel mehre:  
Fürcht' euch fürbaß nimmer mehre,  
euch ist geboren ein König der Ehr'n.*

Him whom the shepherds lauded,  
and the angel still more so,  
"Fear ye henceforth nevermore,  
to you is born a King of glory."

*Heut sind die lieben Engelein  
im hellen Schein  
Erschienen bei der Nacht.  
Den Hirten so ihr Schäfelein  
Beim Mondenschein  
in weitem Feld bewachen.*

Today have the dear angels  
in bright splendor  
appeared in the night  
to the shepherds, who their sheep  
by the moonshine  
in the broad field watch.

*Große Freud und gute Mär  
wolln wir euch offenbaren,  
die euch und aller Welt soll widerfahren.*

Great joy and good tidings  
will we reveal to you,  
which shall befall you and all the world:

*Refrain:  
Gottes Sohn is Mensch geboren,  
ist Mensch geboren,  
hat versöhnt des Vaters Zorn,  
des Vaters Zorn.*

*Refrain:  
God's Son is born a Man,  
is born a Man,  
hath satisfied the Father's wrath,  
the Father's wrath.*

VERSE 2

*Ad quem magi ambulabant,  
Aurum, thus, myrrham portabant,  
Immolabant haec sincere  
Leoni victoriae.*

*Zu dem die Könige kamen geritten,  
Gold, Weihrauch, Myrrhen brachten sie mitte.  
Sie fielen nieder auf ihre Knie:  
„Gelobet seist du, Herr, allhie.“*

*„Sein' Sohn die göttlich Majestät  
euch geben hat,  
ein Menschen lassen werden.  
Ein Jungfrau ihn geboren hat  
In Davids Stadt,  
da ihr ihn finden werdet  
liegend in eim Krippelein  
nackend, bloß und elende,  
daß er all euer Elend  
von euch wende. Refrain...*

To Him whom the wise men walked,  
carried gold, incense, myrrh,  
they offered these things in sincerity  
to the Lion of victory.

To Him whom the wise men came riding,  
gold, incense, myrrh brought they with them.  
They fell down upon their knees:  
“Praised be Thou, Lord, in this very place.”

“His Son the divine Majesty  
hath given to you,  
caused to become a man.  
A virgin hath borne Him  
in David's city,  
where ye shall find Him  
lying in a little crib  
naked, bare and wretched,  
that He may turn all your wretchedness  
away from you.” Refrain...

VERSE 3

*Christo regi, Deo nato,  
per Mariam nobis dato,  
merito resonet vere,  
laus, honor et gloria.*

*Lobt, ihr Menschen alle gleiche,  
Gottes Sohn vom Himmelreiche;  
dem gebt jetzt und immermehr  
Lob und Preis und Dank und Ehr*

*Die Hirten sprachen: „Nun wohlan,  
so laßt uns gahn  
und diese Ding erfahren,  
die uns der Herr hat kundgetan:  
das Vieh laßt stahn,  
er wird's indes bewahren.“  
Da fanden sie das Kindelein  
in Tüchelein gehület,  
das alle Welt mit seiner Gnad erfüllet.*

*Refrain...*

To Christ, King and God, born  
of Mary, given to us,  
deservedly let there truly resound  
laud, honour, and glory.

Laud, ye men, all together  
God's Son from the kingdom of heaven;  
to whom give now and evermore  
laud and praise and thanks and glory.

The shepherds said: “Well now,  
let us go then  
and experience this thing,  
which the Lord hath made known to us:  
let the livestock stay there,  
He shall keep them in the meantime.”  
Then found they the little Child  
in a little blanket wrapped,  
who fills all the world with His grace.

*Refrain...*

Words: 15<sup>th</sup> Century  
Music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

## Hymn

*Please stand.*

All            God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay,  
for Jesus Christ our Saviour  
was born upon this day,  
to save us all from Satan's power  
when we were gone astray:  
                 *O tidings of comfort and joy,  
                 comfort and joy;  
                 O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heav'nly Father  
a blessèd angel came,  
and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same,  
how that in Bethlehem was born  
the Son of God by name:  
                 *O tidings of comfort and joy,  
                 comfort and joy;  
                 O tidings of comfort and joy!*

The shepherds at those tidings  
rejoicèd much in mind,  
and left their flocks a-feeding  
in tempest, storm and wind:  
and went to Bethlehem straightway  
this blessèd babe to find:  
                 *O tidings of comfort and joy,  
                 comfort and joy;  
                 O tidings of comfort and joy!*

But when to Bethlehem they came,  
whereat this infant lay,  
they found him in a manger,  
where oxen feed on hay;  
his mother Mary, kneeling,  
unto the Lord did pray:  
                 *O tidings of comfort and joy,  
                 comfort and joy;  
                 O tidings of comfort and joy!*

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
all you within this place,  
and with true love and brotherhood  
each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas  
all others doth deface:

*O tidings of comfort and joy  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

Words & Music: English traditional carol *arr.* David Willcocks  
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*Please sit.*

## **Eighth Lesson**

**Matthew 2: 1–11**

*Read by The Hon. Mark Speakman SC MP, NSW Attorney General.*

*The magi are led by the star to Jesus.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ‘

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*After a short silence for reflection the reader says —*

Thanks be to God.

## Short Responory

Psalm 72: 10–11; 102: 15

Assistant     The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute;  
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.  
All kings shall fall down before him and all nations do him service.

All             **The nations shall fear your name, O Lord,  
and all the kings of the earth your glory.**

## Carol

Choir	<i>Videntes stellam Magi gavisii sunt gaudio magno: et intrantes domum obtulerunt Domino aurum, thus et myrrham.</i>	Seeing the star the Magi rejoiced with great joy: and entering the house they offered to the Lord gold, frankincense and myrrh.
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Words: Antiphon for Epiphany  
Music: Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

## Ninth Lesson

John 1: 1–14

*Please stand.*

*Read by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC,  
Governor of New South Wales.*

*St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*After a short silence for reflection the reader says —*

Thanks be to God.

## Short Responsory

Psalm 119: 89, 130; 139: 11

Assistant Lord, your word is for ever. It stands firm in the heavens.  
The unfolding of your word gives light,  
it gives understanding to the simple.

All The darkness is no darkness with you, O Lord,  
but the night is as clear as the day.  
The darkness and the light are both alike.

*Please sit.*

## Carol

Choir

*O magnum mysterium, et admirabile  
sacramentum, ut animalia viderent  
Dominum natum, iacentem in praeseptio.  
Beata virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt  
portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia.*

O great mystery and wondrous sign, that  
the animals should see the Lord born,  
lying in a manger. Blessed is the Virgin,  
whose womb was counted worthy to bear  
the Lord Christ. Alleluia.

Words: Matins Responsory for Christmas Day  
Music: Giovanni Gabrieli (c1553–1612)

*Please stand.*

## Hymn

*During this hymn a collection for the church's ministry will be received. You may wish to  
make your offering at [sjks.org.au/donate](http://sjks.org.au/donate), or at the tap machine in the church.*

All Of the Father's heart begotten,  
ere the world from chaos rose,  
he is Alpha: from that Fountain  
all that is and hath been flows;  
he is Omega, of all things  
yet to come the mystic Close,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

By his word was all created;  
he commanded and 'twas done;  
earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
universe of three in one,  
all that sees the moon's soft radiance,  
all that breathes beneath the sun,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

He assumed this mortal body,  
frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
that the race from dust created  
might not perish utterly,  
which the dreadful Law had sentenced  
in the depths of hell to lie,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

O how blest that wondrous birthday,  
when the Maid the curse retrieved,  
brought to birth mankind's salvation,  
by the Holy Ghost conceived;  
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
in her loving arms received,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

This is he, whom seer and sibyl  
sang in ages long gone by;  
this is he of old revealèd  
in the page of prophecy;  
lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;  
let the world his praises cry!  
*Evermore and evermore.*

Sing, ye heights of heav'n, his praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
let your joyous anthems ring,  
ev'ry tongue his name confessing,  
countless voices answering,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

Words: Prudentius (348-413) *tr.* R.F. Davis (1866-1937)

Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM Melody from *Piae Cantiones Theoderici Petri Nylandensis*  
1582 *arr.* David Willcocks CCL licence: 552064

## Blessing

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

May he who by his incarnation gathered into one,  
things earthly and heavenly,  
bestow upon you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you,  
and remain with you always.

Amen.

## Hymn

*It is recommended that the congregation wear masks when singing.*

All Hark! the herald angels sing;  
glory to the new-born King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
joyful all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies,  
with th' angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come  
offspring of a Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
hail th' incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings;  
mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.

*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Words: C. Wesley, T. Whitefield, M. Madan and others

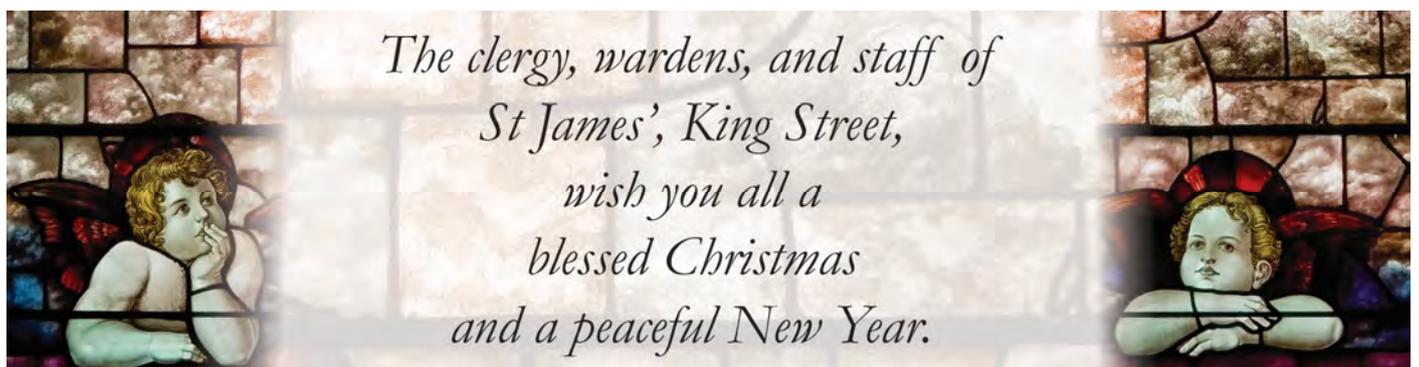
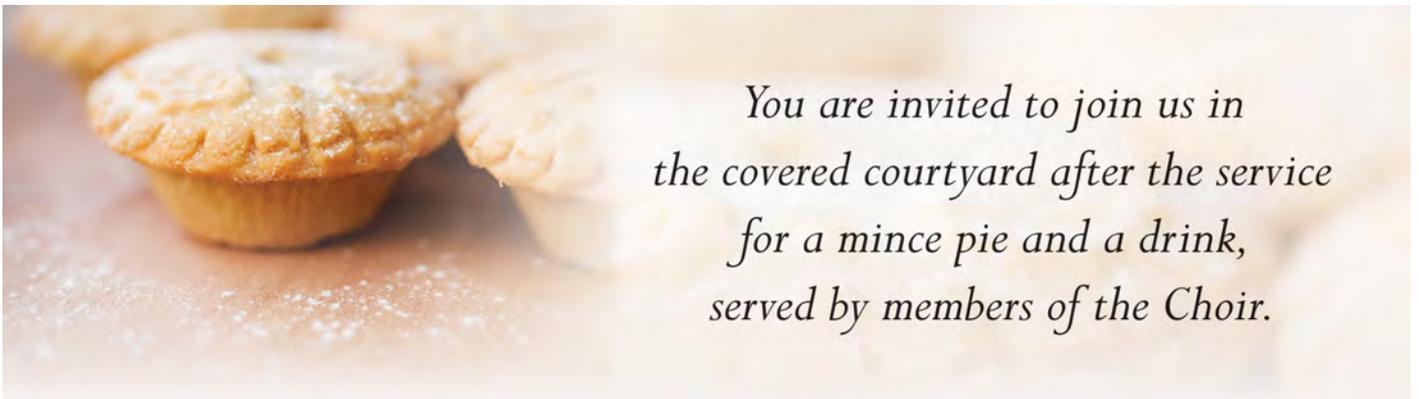
Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) Descant and organ part: David Willcocks

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## Recessional

*Please remain standing as the Vice-Regal party retire.*

George Baker (b.1951) - *Toccata-Gigue on the 'Sussex Carol'*



# *Christmas Services at St James'*

## **Wednesday 21 December**

1:30pm Lunchtime Lessons and Carols  
6:30pm Candlelight Lessons and Carols  
*Sung by The Choir of St James'*

## **Thursday 22 December**

6:30pm Candlelight Lessons and Carols  
*Sung by The Choir of St James'*

## **Saturday 24 December**

6:00pm Christingle\*  
*A Service for Children*

10:30pm Night Eucharist of the Nativity\*  
*Sung by The Choir of St James'*

## **Sunday 25 December**

8:00am Sung Eucharist of the Nativity  
*Sung by The St James' Singers*

10:00am Choral Eucharist of the Nativity\*  
*Sung by The Choir of St James'*

*Share with us the joy of Christmas*



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