S.T JAMES'
Bicentenary 2019-2024

Holy Eucharist Service Booklet

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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 on which we worship—the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

Please keep both the readings and this booklet
if you will be attending the evening Eucharists this week.

Order of Service

All stand as the servers and sacred ministers enter.

Gathering in God's Name

The celebrant welcomes the people, then says,

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

The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Lord, have mercy	**Lord, have mercy**
Christ, have mercy	**Christ, have mercy**
Lord, have mercy	**Lord, have mercy**

Confession

Celebrant Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

A time of silence is kept.

Let us then ask for mercy, 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.

The celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

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.**

The Celebrant says the Prayer or Collect of the Day.

Please sit.

The First Reading is read.

At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says,

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

The Psalm is then recited antiphonally between the reader and congregation. A long pause is observed at the colon in each verse.

The Second Reading is read.

At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says,

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

Please stand.

Gospel Reading

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to ...
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is read. At the conclusion of the Gospel,

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

All **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Intercessions

Celebrant Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please be seated for the prayers, which may be offered by a member of the congregation. The following response may be used,

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers the Celebrant says,

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. The celebrant says,

Celebrant Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

All exchange a sign of peace with those nearby.

The celebrant prays over the bread and wine,

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made;
it will become for us the bread of life.
And through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands;
it will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever!**

Sursum Corda and Great Thanksgiving

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.

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.

He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin. 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.By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to walk in the way of his love.

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:

All **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 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.'

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:

Blessing and honour and glory and power.
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

A bell is rung, and silence is kept.

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

The celebrant breaks the bread and says;

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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Agnus Dei

All 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

Communion in one kind will be distributed from the cross aisle.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand. The celebrant prays the post-communion prayer.

Celebrant God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

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.

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven
✠ and the blessing and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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

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