

S. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

Choral Evensong for the Coming of the Light



St James' Anglican Church
173 King Street, Sydney
(Opposite Hyde Park Barracks)
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www.sjks.org.au
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Wednesday 1 July 2020

6:15pm

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.

Organ Prelude

Gabriel Dupont (1878-1914) – *Méditation*

Welcome

The Officiant welcomes the congregation.

Sentence

Officiant Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” (John 8: 12)

Preces

Sung by The Choir to a setting by John Reading (c.1645-1692).

Officiant ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir *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.

Psalm

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The Choir sings the Psalm, to chants by I. A. Atkins & R. Cooke.

The Lord is my light, and my salvation; whom then shall I fear:

the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes,

came upon me to eat up my flesh:

they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid:

and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require:

even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle:

yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,

and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head:

above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness:
I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee:
have mercy upon me, and hear me.
My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face:
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me:
nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
Thou hast been my succour:
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me:
the Lord taketh me up.
Teach me thy way, O Lord:
and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries:
for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.
I should utterly have fainted:
but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
O tarry thou the Lord's leisure:
be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.
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.

First Lesson

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

58: 8-11

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Here ends the first reading.

Magnificat

The Choir sings,

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewn strength with his arm:
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.
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.

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926) – *Evening Service in D*

Second Lesson

A reading from the Gospel according to St John

12: 35-47

Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them. Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. This was to fulfil the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah: 'Lord, who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?' And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said, 'He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they might not look with their eyes, and understand with their heart and turn - and I would heal them.'

Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him. Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God.

Then Jesus cried aloud: 'Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.'

Here ends the second reading.

Nunc Dimittis

The Choir sings,

✠ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all thy people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

Music: Wood – *Evening Service in D*

Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God

All 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 Choir to a setting by John Reading.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

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 Queen.
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.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given to the people of the Islands of the Torres Strait the glorious light of the gospel of Christ:
mercifully grant that we may always walk in the light of his love,
and give us the strength and unifying power of your Holy Spirit
to spread that light and enlarge your kingdom in the hearts of all people.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed;
Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

The Collect for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Anthem

The Choir sings the anthem.

*Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden;
und der Tag hat sich geneiget.*

Bide with us, for evening draws on,
and the day will soon be over.

Words: Luke 24: 9 (Luther's translation)

Music: Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Prayers

Prayers are said for The Queen and nation, the Church and its mission, and for the good of all people, or other seasonal prayers. The prayers may conclude with the Prayer of St John Chrysostom and the Grace.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **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.

Hymn

The hymn is sung by The Choir only, as part of the Covid-19 restrictions. Please consider making your offering at sjks.org.au/donate or at the tap machines in the church.

1 In Christ there is no East or west,
in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as a son
is surely kin to me.

3 In Christ now meet both East and West,
in him meet South and North,
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941)

Music: MANCHESTER Richard Wainwright [NEH 480] ; CCL licence 552064

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933) – ‘Clair de lune’ from *Trois impressions, Op. 72*

Those leading this service

The Rev'd Andrew Sempell **Officiant**
Christopher Waterhouse **Assistant**
Claire Burrell-McDonald **Reader**

The Choir of St James'
Warren Trevelyan-Jones **Head of Music**
Alistair Nelson & Callum Knox **Organists**