

S^T. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

Choral Evensong



St James' Anglican Church
173 King Street, Sydney
(Opposite Hyde Park Barracks)
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Wednesday 15 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

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946) - *Pazienza* from *Reflections*

Welcome

The Officiant welcomes the congregation.

Preces

Sung by The Choir to a setting by Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986).

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

37: 31-41

The Choir sings the Psalm, to a chant by E. F. Day.

The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom:
and his tongue will be talking of judgement.

The law of his God is in his heart:
and his goings shall not slide.

The ungodly seeth the righteous:
and seeketh occasion to slay him.

The Lord will not leave him in his hand:
nor condemn him when he is judged.

Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way,
and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land:
when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.

I myself have seen the ungodly in great power:
and flourishing like a green bay tree.

I went by, and lo, he was gone:
I sought him, but his place could no where be found.

Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right:
for that shall bring a man peace at the last.

As for the transgressors, they shall perish together:
and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.

But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord:
 who is also their strength in the time of trouble.
And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them:
 he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them,
 because they put their trust in him.

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 Ezekiel

20: 39 - 21: 7

As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: Go, serve your idols, every one of you now and hereafter, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts and your idols.

For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord God, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred things. As a pleasing odour I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. You shall know that I am the Lord, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your ancestors. There you shall remember your ways and all the deeds by which you have polluted yourselves; and you shall loathe yourselves for all the evils that you have committed. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I deal with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways or corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, says the Lord God.

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, set your face towards the south, preach against the south, and prophesy against the forest land in the Negeb; say to the forest of the Negeb, Hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree in you and every dry tree; the blazing flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from south to north shall be scorched by it. All flesh shall see that I the Lord have kindled it; it shall not be quenched. Then I said, 'Ah Lord God! they are saying of me, "Is he not a maker of allegories?" '

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, set your face towards Jerusalem and preach against the sanctuaries; prophesy against the land of Israel and say to the land of Israel, Thus says the Lord: I am coming against you, and will draw my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from you both righteous and wicked. Because I will cut off from you both righteous and wicked, therefore my sword shall go out of its sheath against all flesh from south to north; and all flesh shall know that I the Lord have drawn my sword out of its sheath; it shall not be sheathed again. Moan therefore, mortal; moan with breaking heart and bitter grief before their eyes. And when they say to you, 'Why

do you moan?’ you shall say, ‘Because of the news that has come. Every heart will fail and all hands will be feeble, every spirit will faint and all knees will turn to water. See, it comes and it will be fulfilled,’ says the Lord God.

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) in E-flat

Second Lesson

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians

6: 1-10

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

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: Charles Wood

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 Philip Radcliffe.

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

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance,
that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.

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: Book of Hours (1514) in English in the Sarum Primer of 1558

Music: Philip Radcliffe

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 Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let each his friendly aid afford,
and feel another's care.

3 Touched by the lodestone of thy love
let all our hearts agree;
and ever towards each other move,
and ever move towards thee.

2 Up into thee, our living head,
let us in all things grow,
and by thy sacrifice be led
the fruits of love to show.

4 This is the bond of perfectness,
thy spotless charity.
O let us still, we pray, possess
the mind that was in thee.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: DUNFERMLINE *Scottish Psalter* (1615) [NEH 71]; 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

Percy Whitlock - 'Pastorale' from *Seven sketches*

Those leading this service

Officiant The Rev'd Andrew Sempell *Rector*

Assistant Christopher Waterhouse *Director, The St James' Institute*

Reader Steph Dillon *Chorister*

The Choir of St James'

Warren Trevelyan-Jones *Head of Music*

Alistair Nelson *Organist*

Callum Knox *Organ Scholar*