

# S. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

## Choral Evensong for St Mary Magdalene



St James' Anglican Church  
173 King Street, Sydney  
(Opposite Hyde Park Barracks)  
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**Wednesday 22 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

Louis Vierne (1870-1937) - *Arabesque, Op. 31, no. 15*

## Procession

*Please stand as the ministers enter the church.*

## Welcome

*The Officiant welcomes the congregation.*

## Preces

*Sung by The Choir to a setting by Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656).*

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.*

*Please be seated.*

## Psalm

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*The Choir sings the Psalm, to a chant by S. Wesley.*

I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up:

and not made my foes to triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee:

and thou hast healed me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell:

thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his:

and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life:

heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed:

thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.

Thou didst turn thy face from me:

and I was troubled.

Then cried I unto thee, O Lord:

and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

What profit is there in my blood:  
when I go down to the pit?  
Shall the dust give thanks unto thee:  
or shall it declare thy truth?  
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me:  
Lord, be thou my helper.  
Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy:  
thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.  
Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing:  
O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.  
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 Hosea*

**14**

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

Take words with you and return to the Lord; say to him, 'Take away all guilt; accept that which is good, and we will offer the fruit of our lips. Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses; we will say no more, "Our God", to the work of our hands. In you the orphan finds mercy.'

I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily, he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon. His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like that of Lebanon. They shall again live beneath my shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like an evergreen cypress; your faithfulness comes from me. Those who are wise understand these things; those who are discerning know them. For the ways of the Lord are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

Here ends the first reading.

*Please stand.*

## **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: Herbert Howells (1892-1983) 'Collegium Regale'

*Please be seated.*

## **Second Lesson**

*A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark*

**15: 40 - 16: 8**

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Here ends the second reading.

*Please stand.*

## 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: Herbert Howells 'Collegium Regale'

## 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 Thomas Tomkins.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.  
Choir *And with thy spirit.*  
Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel.*

*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**

*Please sit or kneel.*

### *The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and mind,  
and called her to be a witness of his resurrection:  
Mercifully grant that by thy grace we may be healed of all our infirmities  
and know thee in the power of his endless life;  
who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth,  
one God, now and for 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.*

*Please be seated.*

### **Anthem**

*The Choir sings the anthem.*

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.  
They shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls,  
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: Psalm 122: 6-7

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*At the end of the anthem please kneel or remain seated for the prayers.*

### **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.**

*Please stand.*

### **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](http://sjks.org.au) / donate or at the tap machines in the church.*

1 Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

4 Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)

Music: SAVANNAH Melody from Herrnhut collection (c.1740) in John Wesley's *Foundary Collection* (1742)

[Music: NEH 113]; 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**

Louis Vierne (1870-1937) - *Légende, Op. 31, no. 13*

## **Those leading this service**

**Officiant** The Rev'd Andrew Sempell *Rector*

**Reader** Alistair Clark *Chorister*

### **The Choir of St James'**

Warren Trevelyan-Jones *Head of Music*

Alistair Nelson *Organist*

Callum Knox *Organ Scholar*