

# S. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

## Evensong



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

**12 August 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

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901) - *Andante* from *Sonata no. 1, Op. 27*

## Procession

*Please stand as the ministers enter the church.*

## Welcome

*The Officiant welcomes the congregation.*

## Preces

*Sung by the cantors to plainsong.*

Officiant       ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.

Cantors         *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.*

*Please be seated.*

## Psalm

**103: 1-8**

*The cantors sings the Psalm, to plainsong tone VIII.ii.*

Praise the Lord, O my soul:

and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul:

and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy sin:

and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction:

and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things:

making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement:

for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

He shewed his ways unto Moses:

his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
long-suffering, and of great goodness.

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 Lamentations of Jeremiah*

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Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us; look, and see our disgrace! Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, our homes to aliens. We have become orphans, fatherless; our mothers are like widows. We must pay for the water we drink; the wood we get must be bought. With a yoke on our necks we are hard driven; we are weary, we are given no rest. We have made a pact with Egypt and Assyria, to get enough bread. Our ancestors sinned; they are no more, and we bear their iniquities. Slaves rule over us; there is no one to deliver us from their hand. We get our bread at the peril of our lives, because of the sword in the wilderness. Our skin is black as an oven from the scorching heat of famine. Women are raped in Zion, virgins in the towns of Judah. Princes are hung up by their hands; no respect is shown to the elders. Young men are compelled to grind, and boys stagger under loads of wood. The old men have left the city gate, the young men their music. The joy of our hearts has ceased; our dancing has been turned to mourning. The crown has fallen from our head; woe to us, for we have sinned! Because of this our hearts are sick, because of these things our eyes have grown dim: because of Mount Zion, which lies desolate; jackals prowl over it.

But you, O Lord, reign for ever; your throne endures to all generations. Why have you forgotten us completely? Why have you forsaken us these many days? Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored; renew our days as of old—unless you have utterly rejected us, and are angry with us beyond measure.

Here ends the first reading.

*Please stand.*

## **Magnificat**

*The cantors sing,*

✠ 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: George Dyson (1883-1964), Magnificat in C minor

*Please be seated.*

## **Second Lesson**

*A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans*

**9: 25 – 10: 4**

As indeed he says in Hosea, 'Those who were not my people I will call "my people", and her who was not beloved I will call "beloved".' 'And in the very place where it was said to them, "You are not my people", there they shall be called children of the living God.'

And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, 'Though the number of the children of Israel were like the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved; for the Lord will execute his sentence on the earth quickly and decisively.' And as Isaiah predicted, 'If the Lord of hosts had not left survivors to us, we would have fared like Sodom and been made like Gomorrah.'

What then are we to say? Gentiles, who did not strive for righteousness, have attained it, that is, righteousness through faith; but Israel, who did strive for the righteousness that is based on the law, did not succeed in fulfilling that law. Why not? Because they did not strive for it on the basis of faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling-stone, as it is written, 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will make them fall, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Here ends the second reading.

*Please stand.*

## Nunc Dimittis

*The cantors sing,*

✠ 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: George Dyson, Magnificat in C minor

## 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 cantors to plainsong.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.  
Cantors *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*

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee,  
the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful;  
that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee,  
may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will;  
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.*

## **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 cantors only, as part of the Covid-19 restrictions. Please consider making your offering at [sjks.org.au/donate](https://sjks.org.au) or at the tap machines in the church.*

1. *Jesus, these eyes have never seen  
That radiant form of thine;  
The veil of sense hangs dark between  
Thy blessed face and mine.*

3. *Yet, though I have not seen, and still  
Must rest in faith alone,  
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,  
Unseen, but not unknown.*

2. *I see thee not, I hear thee not,  
Yet art thou oft with me;  
And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot  
As where I meet with thee.*

4. *When death these mortal eyes shall seal,  
And still this throbbing heart,  
The rending veil shall thee reveal  
All glorious as thou art.*

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Music: NUN DANKET ALL J. Crüger's *Praxis Pietatis Melica* [NEH 389]; 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 Raffy (1868-1931) - *Toccata from Reflets de Vitraux, Op. 81*

## Those leading this service

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

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

**Cantors** Claire Burrell-McDonald & Chloe Lankshear *Choristers*

**Organist** Titus Grenyer *Assistant Organist, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney*