

# S<sup>T</sup>. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

## Evensong



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

**19 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

Jehan Alain (1911-1940) – *Le jardin suspendu*

## Procession

*Please stand as the ministers enter the church.*

## 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

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*The cantors sing the Psalm, to plainsong tone V.ii.*

Praise the Lord, ye servants:

O praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord:

from this time forth for evermore.

The Lord's Name is praised:

from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord is high above all heathen:

and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God that hath his dwelling so high:

and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?

He taketh up the simple out of the dust:

and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

That he may set him with the princes:

even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house:

and to be a joyful mother of children.

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 Song of Songs*

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Where has your beloved gone, O fairest among women? Which way has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you? My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to pasture his flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine; he pastures his flock among the lilies. You are beautiful as Tirzah, my love, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners. Turn away your eyes from me, for they overwhelm me! Your hair is like a flock of goats, moving down the slopes of Gilead. Your teeth are like a flock of ewes, that have come up from the washing; all of them bear twins, and not one among them is bereaved. Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil. There are sixty queens and eighty concubines, and maidens without number. My dove, my perfect one, is the only one, the darling of her mother, flawless to her that bore her. The maidens saw her and called her happy; the queens and concubines also, and they praised her. 'Who is this that looks forth like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army with banners?' I went down to the nut orchard, to look at the blossoms of the valley, to see whether the vines had budded, whether the pomegranates were in bloom. Before I was aware, my fancy set me in a chariot beside my prince.

Return, return, O Shulammitte! Return, return, that we may look upon you. Why should you look upon the Shulammitte, as upon a dance before two armies?

Here ends the first reading.

*Please stand.*

## Magnificat

*The cantors sing,*

✠ *Magnificat anima mea.*

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: Malcolm Hill (b.1944), from 'Hardy' Magnificat and Nunc dimittis

*Please be seated.*

## **Second Lesson**

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

**12: 1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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: Malcolm Hill, from 'Hardy' Magnificat and Nunc dimittis

## 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*

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of thy humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please thee;  
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](http://sjks.org.au/donate) or at the tap machines in the church.*

1. *Glory to thee, my God, this night  
for all the blessings of the light;  
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thy own almighty wings.*

3. *Teach me to live, that I may dread  
the grave as little as my bed;  
teach me to die, that so I may  
rise glorious at the awful day.*

2. *Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done,  
that with the world, myself and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.*

4. *O may my soul on thee repose,  
and with sweet sleep my eyelids close,  
sleep that may me more vigorous make  
to serve my God when I awake.*

5. *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. .*

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: TALLIS'S CANON Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585). Repeats in his setting of Ps 67, omitted by Ravenscroft (1621) [NEH 244]; 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**

Jehan Alain – *Variation sur un thème de Clément Janequin*

## **Those leading this service**

**Officiant** Christopher Waterhouse *Director, St James' Institute*

**Assistant** The Rev'd John Stewart *Associate Rector*

**Cantors** Alex Siegers & Luke Iredale *Choristers*

**Organist** Alistair Nelson