

S^T. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

Evensong

for the

New Guinea Martyrs



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

2 September 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

Guillaume-Gabriel Nivers (c.1632-1714) – *L'hymne des martyrs: Deus tuorum militum*
Fugue grave sur le sujet de l'hymne précédente
Couplet de l'hymne précédente en Variation de Cornet

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

116: 1-8

The cantors sing the Psalm, to plainsong tone II.i.

I am well pleased:

that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

That he hath inclined his ear unto me:

therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about:

and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord:

O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous:

yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple:

I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul:
for the Lord hath rewarded thee.
And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death:
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
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 Jeremiah

15: 15-21

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.
Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.
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: Titus Grenyer (b.1988); from Magnificat and Nunc dimittis on a Hexatonic scale

Please be seated.

Second Lesson

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

6: 1-10

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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.

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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

Living God, you made your Church to grow
through the zeal, courage and unflinching witness
of your servants martyred in New Guinea:
Give to us and all your people Such steadfast faith in your good purposes
that we may serve you faithfully wherever you have stationed us:
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 or at the tap machines in the church.

1. *Martyrs of God, whose strength was steeled
to follow close God's only Son,
well didst thou brave thy battlefield,
and well thy heavenly bliss was won!*

3. *Long, long ago, were loosed the chains
that held thy bodies once in thrall;
for us how many a bond remains!
O Love of God release us all.*

2. *Now join thy prayers with ours, who pray
that God may pardon us and bless;
for prayer keeps evil's plague away,
and draws from life its weariness.*

4. *All praise to God the Father be,
all praise to thee, eternal Son;
all praise, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
while never-ending ages run. Amen.*

Words: *Martyr Dei qui unicum* (Latin, c. 10th Century), tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt. [NEH 217]

Music: SONG 34 Melody and bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) [NEH 235]; 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

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918) – *Elegy*

Those leading this service

Officiant The Rev'd Andrew Sempell *Rector*

Reader and Intercessor Christopher Waterhouse *Director, St James' Institute*

Cantors Claire Burrell-McDonald & Alex Siegers *Choristers*

Organist Alistair Nelson