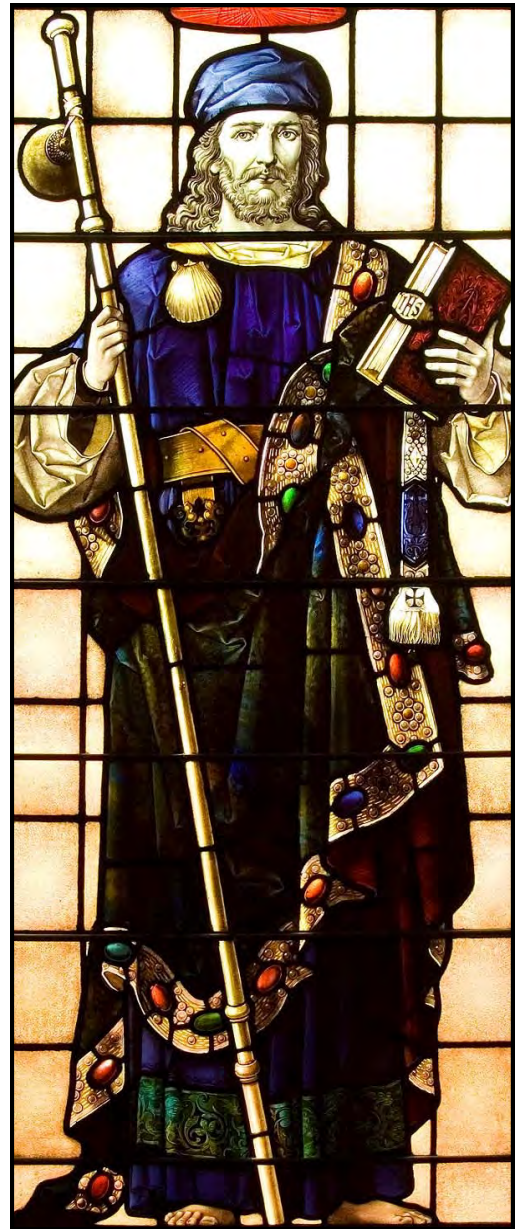


# S<sup>T</sup>. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

## Choral Evensong



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

**21 October 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

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933) – *Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan, Op. 65, no. 61*

## Procession

*Please stand as the ministers enter the church.*

## Preces

*Sung by The Choir to setting by Richard Ayleward (1626-1669).*

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

**119: 145-152**

*Please be seated. The Choir sings the Psalm, to a chant by M. Archer.*

I call with my whole heart:

hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes.

Yea, even unto thee do I call:

help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto thee:

for in thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night-watches:

that I might be occupied in thy words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness:

quicken me, according as thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me:

and are far from thy law.

Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord:

for all thy commandments are true.

As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since:

that thou hast grounded them 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 Daniel*

**4: 28-37**

All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, and the king said, 'Is this not magnificent Babylon, which I have built as a royal capital by my mighty power and for my glorious majesty?' While the words were still in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven: 'O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: The kingdom has departed from you! You shall be driven away from human society, and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field. You shall be made to eat grass like oxen, and seven times shall pass over you, until you have learned that the Most High has sovereignty over the kingdom of mortals and gives it to whom he will.' Immediately the sentence was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven away from human society, ate grass like oxen, and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven, until his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers and his nails became like birds' claws.

When that period was over, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me. I blessed the Most High, and praised and honoured the one who lives for ever. For his sovereignty is an everlasting sovereignty, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does what he wills with the host of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. There is no one who can stay his hand or say to him, 'What are you doing?' At that time my reason returned to me; and my majesty and splendour were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom. My counsellors and my lords sought me out, I was re-established over my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, for all his works are truth, and his ways are justice; and he is able to bring low those who walk in pride.

Here ends the first reading.

## Magnificat

*Please stand. 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: Sydney Watson (1903-1991); from Evening Service in E

*Please be seated.*

## **Second Lesson**

*A reading from the First Letter of St Peter*

**3: 17 – 4: 2**

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God.

Here ends the second reading.

## **Nunc Dimittis**

*Please stand. 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.

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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 Choir to a setting by Richard Ayleward.*

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**

### *The Collect of the Day*

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee;  
Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
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**

*Please be seated. The Choir sings the anthem.*

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës grace,  
no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.  
One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:  
'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.  
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire  
is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

## **Prayers**

*Please kneel or remain seated. 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. At even when the sun was set  
the sick, O Lord, around thee lay;  
O, in what divers pains they met!  
O, with what joy they went away!

2. Once more 'tis eventide, and we  
oppressed with various ills draw near;  
what if thy form we cannot see?  
We know and feel that thou art here.

3. *O Saviour Christ, our woes dispel;  
for some are sick, and some are sad,  
and some have never loved thee well,  
and some have lost the love they had;*

5. *And none, O Lord, have perfect rest,  
for none are wholly free from sin;  
and they who fain would serve thee best  
are conscious most of wrong within.*

4. *And some have found the world is vain,  
yet from the world they break not free;  
and some have friends who give them pain,  
yet have not sought a friend in thee;*

6. *O Saviour Christ, thou too art Man;  
thou hast been troubled, tempted, tried;  
thy kind but searching glance can scan  
the very wounds that shame would hide;*

7. Thy touch has still its ancient power,  
no word from thee can fruitless fall;  
hear in this solemn evening hour,  
and in thy mercy heal us all.

Words: Henry Twells (1823-1900)

Music: ANGELUS Adapted from a melody contributed by G. Joseph to *Heilige Seelenlust*,  
Breslau (1657) [NEH 243]; 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**

Sigfrid Karg-Elert – *Nach einer Prüfung kurzer Tage, Op. 65, no. 30*

## **Those leading this service**

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

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

**Reader** Alex Siegers *Chorister*

**Choir** The Choir of St James', **directed by** Warren Trevelyan-Jones *Head of Music*

**Organist** Alistair Nelson