

**S.<sup>T</sup>JAMIES'**  
Bicentenary 2019-2024

**MEMORIAL EUCHARIST**  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE, LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP OF  
**JUNE GODFREY**



**11:00 AM**  
**TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2022**

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.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Introduction

Celebrant ✕ Rest eternal grant unto your servant June, O Lord;  
All and may light perpetual shine upon her.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all;  
and also with you.

Let us pray,  
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Kyrie Eleison

Celebrant Lord, have mercy  
All Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

## Confession and Absolution

Celebrant God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,  
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

All Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Collect

Celebrant Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
taught us to pray for the coming of your Kingdom:  
grant that when that Kingdom comes we,  
with your servant June  
and all who have died in the faith of your holy Name,  
may enjoy true perfection and happiness  
in your eternal and everlasting glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

*Please sit.*

## Psalm 23

*The Psalm is recited by alternate verses. The celebrant reads the odd verses and the congregation the even ones, with a brief pause at each colon.*

The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.

**He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.**

He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for you are with me; your rod and staff comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

**Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18, 28, 31-25, 37-39

*Read by Jenny.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called to his purpose.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*A short silence is observed.*

All For the Word of the Lord,  
Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Please stand for the Gospel acclamation and the reading of the Gospel.*

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:  
whoever believes in me will never die. Alleluia.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5: 1-12

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant A Reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to St Matthew

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.” “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you, when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Celebrant For the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Prayers

*Please sit or kneel.*

Let us pray with thanksgiving to God our Father,  
who raised Jesus from the dead for the salvation of us all.

Thanks be to you, O God, for the gift of life.  
You have made us in your own image  
and called us to reflect your truth and light.  
We thank you for June's life;  
for her goodness and her service to family, friends and the community.  
Above all, we thank you for your gracious promise  
to all your servants, living and departed,  
that we shall be made one again in our Lord Jesus Christ.

God of all mercy, giver of all comfort:  
look graciously, we pray,  
on all who mourn the passing of June.  
We especially pray for Tim and Chris and Jenny.  
Casting all their cares on you,  
May they know the consolation of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated during the period of silence which follows.  
The celebrant prepares the altar for the Communion.*

## Prayer over the Offerings of Bread and Wine

*Please stand for the offertory prayer.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth  
has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
And through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever!**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Please remain standing until Communion.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,  
giver of life, and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross,

your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead,

you have given us new birth into a living hope,

into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,

and so we join with angels and archangels,

with June and all your faithful people,

evermore praising you and singing:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and this wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,

we who eat and drink them may be partakers

of Christ's body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread;

and when he had given you thanks he broke it,

and gave it to his disciples, saying;

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks,  
he gave it to his disciples, saying;  
'Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

All Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore with thanksgiving for the gift of your Son  
we here proclaim his passion and death,  
and his victory over the grave.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and  
bring us with June and all your faithful people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
With whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we  
worship you, Father, in songs of never ending praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

All As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread and Agnus Dei**

*The celebrant breaks the bread and says;*

All We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

## **Communion**

*The celebrant invites the congregation to receive communion.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The celebrant and other communicants receive the Holy Communion.*

*The communion will be administered in one kind (with bread only) at the  
quire entrance.*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Please stand.*

Celebrant     Lord of life and death,  
we thank you that in your great love  
you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all your saints.  
Grant that this sacrament of Christ's death may be to us  
a comfort in affliction, a firm assurance of his resurrection,  
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom  
where death and sorrow are no more, but all things are made new.

All            **Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

## **Farewell Prayer**

*Please remain standing.*

Celebrant     Lord Jesus Christ,  
you gave new birth to our sister June Margaret by water and the Spirit.  
Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death,  
and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in the Father's love.

Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way,  
to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Let us entrust our sister June to the mercy and love of God.

*Silence is kept then remain standing for the blessing and dismissal.*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

Celebrant    The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you what is pleasing in his sight;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*After the service,  
refreshments will be served in the Covered Courtyard,  
to which you are invited.*

