

ST JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

TO MARK THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ACCESSION OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH
THE SECOND



St James' Anglican Church
173 King St, Sydney
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SUNDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2022

4:00 PM

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 on which we worship—the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

THOSE TAKING PART IN THIS SERVICE

PRESIDENT

The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel
Archbishop of Sydney

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The Reverend Andrew Sempell

ASSOCIATE RECTOR & CANTOR

The Reverend John Stewart

PREACHER

The Right Reverend Richard Hurford, OAM, KStJ
Sub-prelate of the Venerable Order of St John, Priory of Australia

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Director of the St James' Institute

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The Reverend Christopher Waterhouse
City Minister, St David's Cathedral Hobart

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Parish Reader & Archbishop's Chaplain

READERS

Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley, AC, QC
Governor of New South Wales

The Honourable Jonathan O'Dea MP,
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly New South Wales

MUSICIANS

The Choir of St James'
Directed by Mr Warren Trevelyan-Jones

Organist - Mr Alistair Nelson

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION TO THE THRONE



King George VI died on 6 February 1952 at Sandringham and was buried at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, on 15 February 1952, following a State Funeral. As tradition requires, the monarch accedes to the throne instantly, for at no time is the country left without a monarch.

Princess Elizabeth heard the news of her father's death the same day, while staying in Kenya. Princess Elizabeth, now Queen Elizabeth II, and The Duke of Edinburgh returned home to England on 7 February 1952, and the next day the Accession Council took place at St. James' Palace, attended by 175 Privy Councillors. The Queen read her Accession Declaration and signed two copies of the Accession document.

Proclamations of the Queen's Accession took place in many parts of the UK, but none was more poignant than at Windsor Castle where the late King had spent so much of his time with his young children, and where local people gathered to witness the ceremony under the Castle walls.

This is a most special celebration in the history of the British monarchy and the wider Commonwealth, Queen Elizabeth being the first monarch to have achieved this distinction.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

for attendance at services

Because of the current COVID-19 Omicron variant outbreak, we require those attending services to:

- Be fully vaccinated;
- Stay at home if feeling unwell;
- Use either the pre-registration or QR code upon entering the building;
- Wear masks while in the church building and not remove them to sing;
- Keep appropriate social distancing where possible under the 2 sqm rule (i.e. sit at the green dots – 4 people per pew or closer if from the same household); and,
- Use hand-sanitiser regularly.

If you have not already done so, please register your attendance at this service by scanning the following Service NSW QR code:



Before the service, the Rector welcomes the official guests including:

*The Honourable Professor Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO,
The Honourable Jonathan O’Dea, MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and
Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC, QC & Mr Dennis Wilson*

Please stand as the Governor enters the church.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934) - 'Nimrod' from Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 36.

VICE REGAL PROCESSION

Please stand as the Vice Regal Procession enters the church.

INTROIT AND PROCESSION

The Choir sings 'We wait for thy loving kindness' by Sir William McKie (1901-84).

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God,
In the midst of thy temple. Alleluya.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluya.
O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

(Written for the wedding of HRH Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten in 1947)

Please stand as the procession enters the church.

ROYAL HYMN

Please remain standing to sing. Masks must remain on.

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save The Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save The Queen.

WELCOME

The Rector acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land.

I acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora nation who, under God's providence, are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet. They inhabited the land long before the coming of the white settlers, and through their dreaming developed an understanding of its mysteries and lived as one with it. I pay respect to their elders both past and present.

Please be seated.

The Rector welcomes the congregation then continues with the introduction.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second is the longest-serving British monarch and Queen of Australia. Princess Elizabeth became Queen in 1952 at the age of 25. Fifty-five years later in 2007 she became the longest living British monarch at the age of 81. She has lived through most of the twentieth century and is now well into the twenty-first.

Her subjects have given thanks for her dedication and service over many years, and last April we mourned with her the death of her consort, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We have celebrated her visits to Australia, her Silver, Golden, and Diamond Jubilees, and now we come to this history-making moment, her Platinum Jubilee.

God save The Queen!

MEMORIAL TO KING GEORGE THE SIXTH

Please stand.

The Archbishop says,

Her Majesty became Queen on the sad occasion of the death of her father. On this day, seventy years ago, George the Sixth, King of the United Kingdom and the Dominions of the British Commonwealth, died after a long illness. Known as the 'reluctant king', because he was not heir apparent to his father, King George the Fifth, he was forced to take the throne because of the abdication of his elder brother, King Edward the Eighth. He and his queen, Elizabeth, are still fondly remembered because of their exemplary leadership through the dark days of the Second World War. We take this opportunity to remember him and give thanks to God for his life.

Let us pray,

God our creator, giver of life and all that is good and true,
we thank you for the life of your servant and our late King,
Albert Frederick Arthur George.

Preserve among us the good of his example,
and keep us in the way of truth,
until we come to your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Choir sings the 'Contakion of the Departed'.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more;
neither sighing but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, and the creator and maker of man:
and we are mortal formed from the dust of earth,
and unto earth shall we return: for so thou didst ordain,
when thou created me saying:

"Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."

All we go down to the dust;
and weeping o'er the grave we make our song:
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.

Give rest, O Christ...

Words: Russian Kontakion of the Dead, Tr W J Birkbek (1869 – 1916)

Music: Kiev Melody

PREPARATION

The Rector says,

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him. (Psalm 96.9)

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us pause in silence and remember God's presence with us.

Please either kneel or sit for the general confession.

All Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises
declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Archbishop pronounces the absolution.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you
pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Rector says,

Let us pray;

Our Father,

All 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.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Associate Rector and Choir:

ORLANDO GIBBONS

✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

✠ O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand.

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 121

The Choir sings the psalm to a chant by Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.
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

*Read by the Honourable Jonathan O'Dea, MP
Speaker of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly.*

1 Kings 3: 3-14.

A reading from the First Book of Kings:

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon

in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Here ends the reading.

OFFICE HYMN

Please stand to sing. Masks must remain on.

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

Words: Sir Cecil Spring Rice (1859-1918)

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

MAGNIFICAT

HOWELLS - COLLEGIUM REGALE

Please remain standing. 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 shewed 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...

Please be seated.

SECOND LESSON

*Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley, AC, QC
Governor of New South Wales*

Romans 13:1-7.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword

in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

Here ends the reading.

NUNC DIMITTIS

HOWELLS - COLLEGIUM REGALE

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 people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father...

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Right Reverend Richard Hurford, OAM, KStJ
Sub-prelate of the Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem, Priory of Australia

RESPONSES

BARNARD AND MCKIE

Associate Rector and Choir:

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please either kneel or remain seated.

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;
Who putteth her trust in thee.*

*Send her help from thy holy place.
And evermore mightily defend her.*

*Be unto her, O Lord, a strong tower;
From the face of her enemies.*

*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 Lord, hear our prayer;
And let our cry come unto thee.*

The first Collect, Thanksgiving for The Queen's Reign

*Almighty God,
who hast set our gracious sovereign Queen Elizabeth
upon the throne of this realm,
and given her to surpass all others in the years of her reign:
Receive our heartfelt thanks for her service to her people,
confirm and encourage her in the continuance of the same,
and keep her in thy heavenly wisdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who took the form of a servant for our sake,
and reigneth now in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. 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

The Choir sings 'O Lord, make thy servant Elizabeth' by William Byrd (1543-1623).

O Lord, make thy servant, Elizabeth our Queen,
to rejoice in thy strength;
give her her heart's desire, and deny not the request of her lips;
but prevent her with thine everlasting blessing,
and give her a long life, ev'n for ever and ever. *Amen.*

INTERCESSIONS

Please remain seated for the intercessions.

A Prayer for The Queen's Majesty:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty, King of kings,
Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes,
who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth;
Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour
to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth;
and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit,
that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way.
Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts;
grant her in health and wealth long to live;
strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies;
and finally, after this life, attain everlasting joy and felicity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Royal Family:

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
we humbly beseech thee to bless Charles, Prince of Wales,
Anne, the Princess Royal, and all the Royal Family:
Endue them with thy Holy Spirit;
enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness;
and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Gracious God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and all mankind.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and the hope of glory.
Give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies
that our hearts may be sincerely thankful,
so that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips,
but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Unity:

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace:
Give us grace seriously to lay to heart
the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions.
Take away all hatred and prejudice,
and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord:
that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all;
so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul,
united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity,
and with one mind and one mouth glorify thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

HYMN

All stand to sing. Masks must remain on.

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care - what tongue can recite?
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies, how tender! How firm to the end!
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) after William Kethe ca. (1559-1594)
Music: HANOVER melody by William Croft (1678-1727) [NEH433]

FINAL PRAYER

Please remain standing.

The Rector prays,

God of time and eternity,
whose Son reigns as a servant, not a master;
we give you thanks and praise that you have blessed our nation,
with Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, our beloved and glorious Queen.
As we give thanks for her reign, grant her your gifts of love, joy and peace
as she continues in faithful obedience to you her Lord and God,
and in devoted service to all her lands, peoples,
and the Commonwealth of nations,
both now and all the days of her life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Masks must remain on.

Australians all let us rejoice
for we are one and free;
we've golden soil and wealth for toil,
our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
of beauty rich and rare.
In history's page, let every stage
advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
advance Australia fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands,
to make this Commonwealth of ours
renowned of all the lands.
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
with courage let us all combine
to advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
advance Australia fair.

BENEDICTION

Please remain standing.

The Archbishop proclaims,

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all mankind peace and concord, and to us sinners, eternal life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

The Choir sings the 'Amen' to a setting by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

RECESSION AND POSTLUDE

Please remain standing as the ministers and Vice-regal party depart.

Sir William Walton (1902-1983) – Crown Imperial.

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The then Governor-General of Australia, Sir William McKell issued the proclamation of the Queen's Accession on 8 February 1952. It was read from the steps of Parliament House as follows:



PROCLAMATION OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION

WHEREAS it hath pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy Our Late Sovereign Lord, King George the Sixth, of blessed and glorious memory, by whose decease the Crown is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary: We, therefore, Sir William John McKell, The Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia and members of the Federal Executive Council do now hereby, with one voice and consent of tongue and heart, publish and proclaim that the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary is now, by the death of our late Sovereign of happy memory, become Queen Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, Queen of this Realm and of all her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, Supreme Liege Lady in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, to whom her lieges do acknowledge all faith and constant obedience, with hearty and humble affection: Beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Princess Elizabeth the Second with long and happy years to reign over us.

Given at Canberra this seventh day of February in the Year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty two, and in the first year of Her Majesty's reign.

God Save The Queen!