

# S. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

## Choral Evensong *for the Feast Day of St Ambrose*



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

**7 December 2022**

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

# Our Health and Wellbeing at St James'

## Attendance at Services

Services of worship are open to all people.

Due to COVID-19 still being present in the community, we recommend that those attending worship or other church activities:

- Stay at home if feeling unwell;
- Wear masks while in the church building and not remove them to sing;
- Use hand-sanitiser regularly.

## Services and Events

Please refer to the back page for the schedule of services and events.



## TURN IT OFF, PLEASE

*It would be appreciated if you could please turn off your mobile phone as soon as you are seated.*

*As this service is livestreamed, we request that you refrain from recording any part of the service and that noise is kept to a minimum.*

*Thank you.*

# Order of Service

## Organ Prelude

Dietreich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707) – *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211*

## Procession

*Please stand as the ministers enter the church.*

## Preces

*The Preces and Responses are sung to a setting by Thomas Ebdon (1738-1811).*

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.*

*Please be seated.*

## Psalm

94:1-15

*The choir sings the Psalm to a chant by F. Deffel.*

*O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth :*

*thou God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.*

*Arise, thou Judge of the world :*

*and reward the proud after their deserving.*

*Lord, how long shall the ungodly :*

*how long shall the ungodly triumph?*

*How long shall all wicked doers speak so disdainfully :*

*and make such proud boasting?*

*They smite down thy people, O Lord :*

*and trouble thine heritage.*

*They murder the widow, and the stranger :*

*and put the fatherless to death.*

*And yet they say, Tush, the Lord shall not see :  
 neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.  
 Take heed, ye unwise among the people :  
 O ye fools, when will ye understand?  
 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear :  
 or he that made the eye, shall he not see?  
 Or he that nurtureth the heathen :  
 it is he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he punish?  
 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man :  
 that they are but vain.  
 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord :  
 and teachest him in thy law;  
 That thou mayest give him patience in time of adversity :  
 until the pit be digged up for the ungodly.  
 For the Lord will not fail his people :  
 neither will he forsake his inheritance;  
 Until righteousness turn again unto judgement :  
 all such as are true in heart shall follow it.*

*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 Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

**44: 24–45: 8**

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who by myself spread out the earth; who frustrates the omens of liars, and makes fools of diviners; who turns back the wise, and makes their knowledge foolish; who confirms the word of his servant, and fulfils the prediction of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be inhabited', and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up their ruins'; who says to the deep, 'Be dry—I will dry up your rivers'; who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall carry out all my purpose'; and who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be rebuilt', and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I the Lord have created it.

*A short silence is observed.*

Here ends the first lesson.

## **Magnificat**

*Please stand. The Magnificat and Nunc dimittis are from Philip Moore's Third Service (b. 1943). 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.*

*Please be seated.*

## **Second Lesson**

*A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians*

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As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? And you know what is now restraining him, so that he may be revealed when his time comes. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of his mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false, so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*A short silence is observed.*

Here ends the second lesson.

## 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, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.*

## 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

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 King.

*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 for Saint Ambrose of Milan*

God of hosts,  
who called Ambrose from the governor's throne  
to be a bishop in thy church  
and an intrepid champion of thy faithful people:  
Mercifully grant that, as he did not fear to rebuke rulers,  
so we, with like courage  
may contend for the faith we have received;  
through Christ Jesus thy Son our Lord,  
who livest and reignest with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### *The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent*

O Lord, raise up, we pray,  
your power and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas,  
through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son 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,*

*Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.  
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,  
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:  
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.*

*Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.  
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:  
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:  
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!*

Words: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

## Prayers

*Please kneel or remain seated. Prayers are said for The King 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.*

*A Prayer of St John Chrysostom*

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.**

*The Grace*

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

*Please stand.*

*It is recommended that members of the congregation wear masks when singing.*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953)

Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish melody, harm. Erik Routley (1917-1982) [NEH 239]

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## 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

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) – *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661*

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## Those leading this service

Officiant	The Rev'd Ron Henderson OGS <i>Honorary Associate Priest</i>
Reader	From The St James' Singers
Intercessor	Dr Aaron Ghiloni <i>Director, St James' Institute</i>
Choir	The St James' Singers
directed by	Marko Sever <i>Acting Assistant Head of Music</i>
Organist	Callum Knox <i>Organ Scholar</i>



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Music

# Messiah

17 December 2022 | 5:00pm

The Choir of St James'  
with Bach Band at St James'

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### What's on in the next seven days

#### Worship

Monday to Friday

8:30am, Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm, Holy Eucharist (Chapel of the Holy Spirit)

5:00pm, Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

#### Sunday 4 December 2022

#### Second Sunday of Advent (*Violet*)

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist\*

*Preacher:* The Rev'd Ron Henderson OGS  
*Honorary Associate Priest*

#### Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 1:10-1:50pm (via Zoom)

Wednesday, 7:45am-8:30am (via Zoom)

#### Lunchtime Concerts

Wednesday 14 December, 1:15pm

*Brianna Louwen and Michael Burden*

\*Livestreamed

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