

S. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

Choral Evensong *commemorating John of the Cross*



St James' Anglican Church
173 King Street, Sydney
(Opposite Hyde Park Barracks)
For more information visit
www.sjks.org.au
or call 8227 1300

Wednesday

14 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.

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 18 December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent (*Violet*)

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist*

*Preacher: Assoc Prof Michael Horsburgh AM
Parish Lay Reader*

Christian Meditation

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

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

Short Lessons & Carols

Wednesday 21 December, 1:15pm; 6:30pm

Thursday 22 December, 6:30pm

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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;
- You may consider wearing masks while in the church building and when singing;
- 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) – *Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn, BuxWV 192*

Procession

Please stand as the ministers enter the church.

Preces

The Preces and Responses are sung to a setting by Thomas Morley (1557-1602).

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.

Please be seated.

Psalm

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The choir sings the Psalm to a chant to plainsong tone IV.v

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.
Who will rise up with me against the wicked :
or who will take my part against the evil-doers?
If the Lord had not helped me :
it had not failed but my soul had been put to silence.
But when I said, My foot hath slipt :
thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.
In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart :
thy comforts have refreshed my soul.
Wilt thou have any thing to do with the stool of wickedness :
which imagineth mischief as a law?
They gather them together against the soul of the righteous :
and condemn the innocent blood.
But the Lord is my refuge :
and my God is the strength of my confidence.
He shall recompense them their wickedness, and destroy them in their own malice :
yea, the Lord our God shall destroy them.*

*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

14:24-32

The Lord of hosts has sworn: As I have designed, so shall it be; and as I have planned, so shall it come to pass: I will break the Assyrian in my land, and on my mountains trample him under foot; his yoke shall be removed from them, and his burden from their shoulders. This is the plan that is planned concerning the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. For the Lord of hosts has planned, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back? In the year that King Ahaz died this oracle came: Do not rejoice, all you Philistines, that the rod that struck you is broken, for from the root of the snake will come forth an adder, and its fruit will be a flying fiery serpent. The firstborn of the poor will graze, and the needy lie down in safety; but I will make your root die of famine, and your remnant I will kill. Wail, O gate; cry, O city; melt in fear, O Philistia, all of you! For smoke comes out of the north, and there is no straggler in its ranks. What will one answer the messengers of the nation? 'The Lord has founded Zion, and the needy among his people will find refuge in her.'

A short silence is observed.

Here ends the first lesson.

Magnificat

Please stand. The Magnificat and Nunc dimittis are from Orlando Gibbons' Short Service (1583-1625). 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 Revelation to John

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Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the judgement of the great whore who is seated on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and with the wine of whose fornication the inhabitants of the earth have become drunk.' So he carried me away in the spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her fornication; and on her forehead was written a name, a mystery: 'Babylon the great, mother of whores and of earth's abominations.' And I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and the blood of the witnesses to Jesus.

When I saw her, I was greatly amazed. But the angel said to me, 'Why are you so amazed? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to ascend from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the inhabitants of the earth, whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will be amazed when they see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.

'This calls for a mind that has wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; also, they are seven kings, of whom five have fallen, one is living, and the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain for only a little while. As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction. And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. These are united in yielding their power and authority to the beast; they will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.'

And he said to me, 'The waters that you saw, where the whore is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the whore; they will make her desolate and naked; they will devour her flesh and burn her up with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by agreeing to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.

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 of a Monastic

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake,
that we might be made rich through your poverty:
Guide and sanctify, we pray, following the example of John of the Cross,
those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and
obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church,
and by their life and worship may glorify your Name;
who livest and reignest with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesu Christ,
who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee:
Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way,
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at thy second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight,
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
ever 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

Please be seated. The choir sings,

*This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,
I am not the Christ.*

*And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not.
Art thou the prophet?
And he answered, No.*

*Then said they unto him,
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.*

Words: John 1:19-23

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

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.

Lo, in the wilderness a voice
'make straight the way' is crying:
when men are turning from the light,
and hope and love seem dying,
the prophet comes to make us clean:
'there standeth one you have not seen,
whose voice you are denying.'

God give us grace to hearken now
to those who come to warn us,
give sight and strength, that we may kill
the vices that have torn us,
lest love professed should disappear
in creeds of hate, contempt, and fear,
that crush and overturn us.

When from the vineyard cruel men
cast out the heavenly powers
and Christendom denies its Lord,
the world in ruin cowers.
now come, O God, in thy great might!
unchanged, unchanging is thy right,
unswayed thy justice towers.

Words: Percy Deamer (1867-1936)

Music: LUTHER'S HYMN (NUN FREUT EUCH),

Joseph Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg (1535) [NEH 170i];

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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

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) – *Fantasia for double organ*

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Those leading this service

Officiant	The Rev'd John Stewart <i>Acting Rector</i>
Reader	Ines Paxton <i>Chorister</i>
Intercessor	Dr Aaron Ghiloni <i>Director, St James' Institute</i>
Choir	The Choir of St James'
directed by	Warren Trevelyan-Jones <i>Head of Music</i>
Organists	Marko Sever <i>Acting Assistant Head of Music</i> Callum Knox <i>Organ Scholar</i>



S. JAMES'
Music

Messiah

17 December 2022 | 5:00pm
The Choir of St James'
with Bach Band at St James'

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