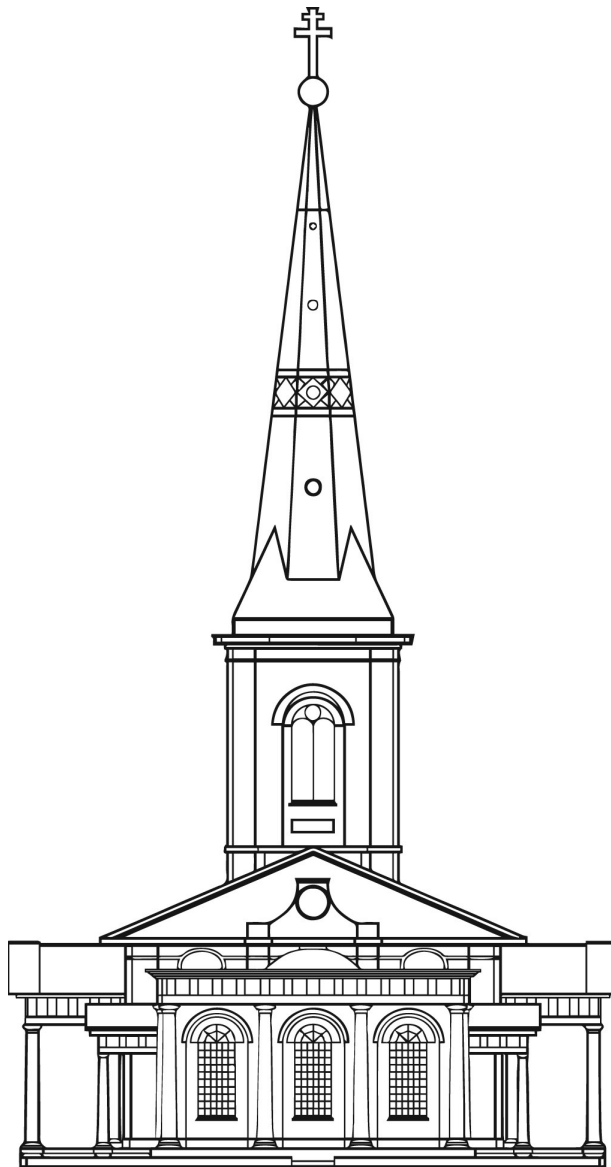


S. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

Holy Week 2024 (Year B)



Collect and Readings for
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
in Holy Week

Monday 25th March

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

42:1–9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

A short silence is observed.

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

Psalm

36: 5–11

The Psalm is read antiphonally, a long pause being observed at the colon.

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens:
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains:
and your justice as the great deep;
you, O Lord, save both man and beast.**

How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness:
the children of men shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.

**They shall be satisfied
with the good things of your house:
and you will give them drink
from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life:
and in your light shall we see light.

**O continue your merciful kindness toward those who
know you:**

**and your righteous dealing
to those that are true of heart.**

Let not the foot of the proud come against me:
nor the hand of the ungodly drive me away.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

9: 11–15

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

A short silence is observed.

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

Gospel Reading

John 12: 1–11

Celebrant A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Celebrant For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Tuesday 26th March

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

49: 1–7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

A short silence is observed.

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

The Psalm is read antiphonally, a long pause being observed at the colon.

To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked:
from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.**

For you, Lord, are my hope:
you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.

**On you have I leaned since my birth:
you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb,
and my praise is of you continually.**

I have become as a fearful warning to many:
but you are my strength and my refuge.

**My mouth shall be filled with your praises:
I shall sing of your glory all the day long.**

Cast me not away in the time of old age:
nor forsake me when my strength fails.

**For my enemies speak against me:
and those that watch for my life
conspire together, saying,**

‘God has forsaken him:
pursue him, take him, for there is none to save him.’

**Be not far from me, O God:
my God, make haste to help me.**

Let my adversaries be confounded and put to shame:
let those who seek my hurt be covered with scorn and disgrace.

**As for me, I will wait in hope continually:
and I will praise you more and more.**

Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1: 18–31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

A short silence is observed.

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

Gospel Reading

John 12: 20–36

Celebrant A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, ‘We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?’ Jesus said to them, ‘The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.’

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

Celebrant For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday 27th March

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

50: 4–9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

A short silence is observed.

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

The Psalm is read antiphonally, a long pause being observed at the colon.

O God, be pleased to deliver me:

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be put to shame and confounded

who seek my life:

let them be turned back and disgraced

who wish me evil.

Let them turn away for shame:

who say to me 'Aha, aha!'

Let all who seek you be joyful and glad because of you:

let those who love your salvation

say always 'God is great.'

As for me, I am poor and needy:

O God, be swift to save me.

You are my helper and my deliverer:

O Lord, make no delay.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

12: 1–3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

A short silence is observed.

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

Gospel Reading

John 13: 21–32

Celebrant A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, ‘Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, ‘Lord, who is it?’ Jesus answered, ‘It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.’ So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, ‘Do quickly what you are going to do.’ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, ‘Buy what we need for the festival’; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.’

Celebrant For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

This Week at St James' King Street

Holy Week and Easter 2024

Monday 25th March

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)
10:00am Lent Group (Chatswood)
12:30pm Holy Eucharist
5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)
6:30pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon

Tuesday 26th March

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

(Collop Tuesday)

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)
11:00am Lent Group (Bowden Brae)
12:30pm Holy Eucharist
1:00pm Lent Group (St James' Hall)
5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)
6:30pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon

Wednesday 27th March

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

(Spy Wednesday)

7:45am Meditation (via Zoom)
8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)
9:30am Lent Group (via Zoom)
11:00am CHRISM EUCHARIST
(with Bishop Michael Stead)
12:30pm Holy Eucharist
5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)
6:30pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon
7:15pm Lent Group (St James' Hall)

Thursday 28th March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8:30am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)
12:30pm Holy Eucharist
5:00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)
6:30pm Choral Eucharist of
The Lord's Supper
from 8pm Maundy Thursday Watch

Friday 29th March

GOOD FRIDAY

9:00am Stations of the Cross
12:30am Good Friday Liturgy
7:30pm Choral Tenebrae

Saturday 30th March

HOLY SATURDAY

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 31st March

EASTER DAY

6:00am Easter Vigil
10:00am Choral Eucharist

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