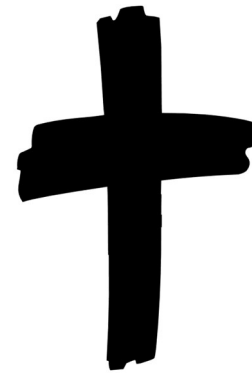


St. James' Church, West End

Sung Eucharist



Lent

Welcome to our worship, especially to any visitors. Our worship is at the heart of our church life. Everything we are, and everything we do together as the people of God flows from our worship. Come as you are. You are welcome here.

The season of Lent is the most intense period in the church's year, a time for repentance, discipline and study. It's the time we set aside to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the celebration of Christ rising from the dead on Easter Day. The church is kept bare of flowers or decorations, the Gloria is not sung in services and the colour purple is used.

We journey through these 40 days deepening our commitment to Christ, encouraged and strengthened by the scriptures, nourished by the sacrament of bread and wine and supported by each other, until we arrive at the joy and glory of Easter.

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. Isaiah 30:15

'The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.' Psalm 103:8

Our services are still a little different because of covid to keep people as safe as possible. Please be sensitive to the needs of others with a special care for the vulnerable.

There is children's worship (for 0-11) during the Sunday service. They leave for the hall/outdoors near the beginning of the service and we welcome them back for communion.

The Sunday service is livestreamed from the front pew of the church. When communion is distributed the camera is turned away. If you prefer not to be seen please return to your seat via the south aisle.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the service. You are warmly invited to stay for this time of fellowship.

A loop system operates in church for those who benefit from this.

The service contains requests for the congregation to stand or sit/kneel. This helps us worship God with our bodies as well as our minds and souls. But please do whatever helps you feel close to God. No one will mind if you sit when others are standing.

If you would like to make a donation through our online collection plate, please use the QR code below. There is a collection plate by the door on your way out for cash donations. Thank you for your generosity.



If you would like to join our parish giving scheme to make a regular donation to the church by direct debit, please pick up an information pack at the back of church or contact our treasurer, David Forster, at stjamespctreasurer@gmail.com.

*'All things come from you, O Lord,
and of your own do we give you.'
1 Chronicles 29:14*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *is prayed by the priest.*

After, we pray together

All **Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us.
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

HYMN *(We stand) The hymn number is on the hymn board.*

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

A voluntary is played and the ministers leave.

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments.

A welcome and notices are given before the service begins.

HYMN *(We stand) The hymn numbers are on the hymn board.
The ministers process in.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

*A prayer is said with the children and they leave for their worship
and activities.*

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

This is the first commandment.

And the second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the
prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

We are invited to reflect on our sins. (We sit or kneel)

Silence is kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

We sing with the choir

Lord, have mercy
All **Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy
All **Christ have mercy**

Lord, have mercy
All **Lord have mercy**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.

THE AGNUS DEI *(sung)*

All **Lamb of God,**
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord I am not worthy to receive you,**
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

*All are invited to come forward, if they wish, to receive communion
or a blessing. If you wish to sanitise your hands there is a sanitising
station available. The blessed bread, dipped in the blessed wine,
will be carefully dropped into your hands. Please return to your seat
down the side aisles. An anthem or hymns are sung.*

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and we respond singing

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The priest recalls the Last Supper.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

The Prayer continues. At the end we respond: Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER *We sit or kneel and keep a moment's silence.*

All 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.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

We receive God's forgiveness in the words of the absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE COLLECT is prayed.

We respond Amen.

The **PSALM** is sung by the choir.

The words are available on a separate sheet.

A **BIBLE READING** is read. *(We sit)*

At the end This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING *(We stand)*

The Gospel Acclamation is sung .

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God,
O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All Praise to you O Christ. King of eternal glory.

At the beginning

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew/Mark/Luke/John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON (*We sit*)

APOSTLES CREED (*We stand*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*We sit or kneel*)

Response Lord in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

At the end Merciful Father,

All **Accept these prayers,**

**for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

THE PEACE (*We stand*)

The priest introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We greet those around us from our places, verbally or with a wave.

HYMN *The hymn number is on the hymn board. The altar is prepared for communion.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (*We stand*)

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

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 thanks and praise.**