

Saint George and Saint James
Anglican Parish in the Borough of Queenscliffe

Wednesday Eucharist at St James

Wednesday 29th April 2020

Catherine of Siena, Spiritual teacher (d.1380)

Today's Eucharist begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer Book, of which copies can be collected from the covered breezeway between St James Church and Gill Hall or the open porch on Mercer St side at St Georges Church.

Sentence

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8.31–32

Collect

Almighty God,

who gave to your servant Catherine special gifts of grace to understand and teach the truth in Christ Jesus:

grant that, enlightened by this teaching,

we may know you, the one true God,

and Jesus Christ whom you have sent;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 8.1-8

¹ And Saul approved of their killing him. That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison. ⁴ Now those who were scattered went from place to

place, proclaiming the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. ⁶ The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, ⁷ for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured.⁸ So there was great joy in that city.

Psalms 66.1-8 (APBA p. 286)

- ¹ O shout with joy to God, all the earth:
sing to the honour of his name,
and give him glory as his praise.
- ² Say to God 'How fearful are your works:
because of your great might
your enemies shall cower before you.'
- ³ All the earth shall worship you:
and sing to you, and sing praises to your name.
- ⁴ Come then and see what God has done:
how terrible are his dealings with the children of Adam.
- ⁵ He turned the sea into dry land,
they crossed the river on foot:
then were we joyful because of him.
- ⁶ By his power he rules for ever,
his eyes keep watch on the nations:
and rebels shall never rise against him.
- ⁷ O bless our God, you peoples:
and cause his praises to resound,
- ⁸ Who has held our souls in life:
who has not suffered our feet to slip.

John 6.35-40

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

The weekly pew sheet, reading sheets, Live Streamed Eucharists and replays are available on our website www.queenscliffionsdaleanglican.org

Reading Sheets are usually available a week ahead of time. Prayerful reflection on the readings can be part of preparing ourselves for worship and Holy Communion.

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