

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

Wednesday Eucharist at St James

Wednesday 13th May 2020

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.

Collect

Saving God,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be reconciled to you;
through him who died for us and rose again
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 15.1-6

¹ Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.'² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders.³ So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers.⁴ When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders,

and they reported all that God had done with them.⁵ But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, 'It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.'⁶ The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.

Psalm 122 (APBA p.360)

¹ I was glad when they said to me:

'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

² And now our feet are standing:

within your gates, O Jerusalem;

³ Jerusalem which is built as a city:

where the pilgrims gather in unity.

⁴ There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:

as he commanded Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

⁵ There are set thrones of judgement:

the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

may those who love you prosper.

⁷ Peace be within your walls:

and prosperity in your palaces.

⁸ For the sake of my kindred and companions:

I will pray that peace be with you.

⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:

I will seek for your good.

John 15.1-8

¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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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