

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

Wednesday Eucharist at St James

Wednesday 27th May, 2020

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (20.28-38)

²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.²⁹ I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing.³⁴ You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. ³⁵ In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." ' ³⁶ When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. ³⁷ There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him,³⁸ grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

Psalm 68.28-35 (APBA p. 289)

²⁸ Give the command, my God,
in accordance with your power:
that godlike power whereby you act for us.

**²⁹ Give the command from your temple at Jerusalem:
and kings shall bring you tribute.**

³⁰ Rebuke the beast of the reeds,
the herd of bulls amidst the brutish peoples:
tread down those that are greedy for silver,
scatter the peoples that relish war.

**³¹ Let them bring bronze from Egypt:
let the hands of the Nubians carry it swiftly to God.**

³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth:
O sing praises to the Lord,

**³³ To him that rides upon the highest heavens,
that were from the beginning:
who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.**

³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:
and his might is in the clouds.

**³⁵ Terrible is God who comes from his holy place:
the God of Israel who gives power
and strength to his people. Blessed be God.**

John 17.11-19

¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Reading sheets for both Sunday and Wednesday Eucharists are always 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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