



St James' Old Cathedral

20th April 2025 at 10:00am

Easter Sunday

Baptism of William Thomas Batten

Life in Abundance

*Service of Holy Communion from
A Prayer Book for Australia (1995)*

Acknowledgement of Country

We worship our creator God on the ancestral lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge them as the traditional and continuing custodians of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Child Safety Officer

We are committed to continuous improvement in a safe culture for all, and especially vulnerable persons. Our parish's Child Safety Officer is Una Ebsworth. Una is an accredited specialist in criminal law. All correspondence and questions relating to safety checks should be forwarded to her at safety@sjoc.org.au

The Old Cathedral Voices

Formed in March 2009 from some of Melbourne's finest choral soloists, The Old Cathedral Voices are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter.

Today's singers:	Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Yujia Chen
Alex Ritter	Jenny George	Clyde Saniga
Andrew Anderson	Mike Mews	Matthew Crossley

The Organ

The present organ was built in 1991 by Australian Pipe Organs, restoring and expanding the 1866 Fincham organ. 2 manuals, 18 speaking stops, 8 couplers. Gt: 8.8.4.4.2.III. Sw: 8.8.8.4.2.III.8. Ped: 16.16.10-2/3.8.4.

The Old Cathedral's organist is David Brown. David undertook studies as an organ scholar at the Universities of Cambridge and St Andrews. He also serves as College Organist for Scotch College.

The Bells

Melbourne's first peal of bells were the six bells hung in St James' Cathedral in 1853, replacing an old ship's bell. Two more were added in 1885. All were cast by Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel Road, London, and are reputed to be the finest ever cast there. They are still rung regularly by a team of volunteers.

Processional
This Joyful Eastertide

The Old Cathedral Voices
C. Wood (1866-1926)

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen!*

*My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber
'til trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen!*

*Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross'd the river.
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen!*

Opening Sentence and Greeting

Canon Matt Williams

Jesus said: I came that they may have life,
and have it in abundance! *John 10:10*

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

There is one Body and one Spirit:

there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

one God and Father of all.

Opening Prayer

Canon Matt Williams

Lord Jesus Christ, brightness of the Father's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
grant us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and Last, the Living One,
our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 276 (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Anon. Latin 7th C.

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victory; *alleluia!*
The glad earth shouts her triumph high
and groaning hell makes wild reply: *alleluia!*
while he the king, the mighty king,
despoiling death of all its sting; *alleluia!*
and trampling down the powers of night
brings forth his ransomed souls to light; *alleluia!*
The pains of hell are loosed at last;
the days of mourning now are past; *alleluia!*
an angel robed in light has said,
'The Lord is risen from the dead!' *alleluia!*
From every weapon death can wield
your own redeemed for ever shield: *alleluia!*
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide: *alleluia!*

Commandments

Canon Matt Williams

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

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

This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

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

Confession and Absolution

Canon Matt Williams

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,
and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.

Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you
and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Gathering for Children's Chapel

Ms Lisa Wardell

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Ms Lisa Wardell. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the following anthem is sung. They will return in time to join us at Holy Communion.

Childsafe Policy: Children's Chapel is supervised at all times by at least two unrelated adults with current Working with Children Check approvals.

Meditation

The Old Cathedral Voices

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.*

*For Judah's Lion bursts His chains, crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains to wake th'imprison'd dead.*

*Devouring depths of hell their prey at His command restore;
His ransom'd hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.*

*Triumphant in His glory now to Him all power is given;
To Him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.*

*While we, His soldiers, praise our King, His mercy we implore,
Within His palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.*

*All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, While endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.*

- St Fulbert of Chartres (1048)

The Apostle Peter continued:

³⁹We are witnesses to all that Jesus did
both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day
and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people
but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,
and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people
and to testify that he is the one ordained by God
as judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³All the prophets testify about him
that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16:5-11

Canon Matt Williams

The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:

you hold my lot in your hands.

The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:

and a fair land is my possession.

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:

at night also he has instructed my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me:

he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:

my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not give me over to the power of death:

nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life:

**in your presence is the fullness of joy,
and from your right hand flow delights for ever more.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-22

Catherine McGovern

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ,
we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.

²¹For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead
has also come through a human being;

²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

Hymn 290ii (Easter Hymn)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

**'Christ the Lord is risen today,' Hallelujah!
Sons of men and angels say; Hallelujah!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Hallelujah!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Hallelujah!
Love's redeeming work is done; Hallelujah!
fought the fight, the battle won; Hallelujah!
vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Hallelujah!
Christ has burst the gates of hell. Hallelujah!
Lives again our glorious king; Hallelujah!
where, O death, is now your sting? Hallelujah!
Once he died our souls to save; Hallelujah!
where's your victory, O grave? Hallelujah!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Hallelujah!
following our exalted Head; Hallelujah!
made like him, like him we rise: Hallelujah!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Hallelujah!**

Gospel Reading: John 10:7-18

Alex De-Leon

The Gospel is written in the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to John, beginning at the seventh verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you,
I am the gate for the sheep.

⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits;
but the sheep did not listen to them.

⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved,
and will come in and go out and find pasture.

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd
and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming
and leaves the sheep and runs away—
and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

¹³The hired hand runs away
because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

¹⁴I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me,

¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

And I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

¹⁸No one takes it from me,
but I lay it down of my own accord.

I have power to lay it down,
and I have power to take it up again.

I have received this command from my Father.'

For the gospel of the Lord: **praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Testimony

Mr Will Batten

Baptismal Candidate

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

Spirit of God

C. Gounod (1818-1893)

*Spirit of God, O set us free;
let no dark fears our souls confine.
Lead us by new, uncharted ways;
unfold the Mystery divine.
We long to see, to touch, to know,
and fear the risk that faith demands;
O help us tread the desert road
that leads us to the promised land.*

*Spirit of God, the breath of life,
give strength to hearts and limbs that tire;
lead us through mysteries untold,
make truth and freedom our desire.
You call us onto life and hope
from all that would our souls enslave;
O may our faithless hearts not choose
the spurious safety of the grave.*

*Spirit of God, come like a fire
to lift our spirits in the night;
burn in the coldness of our hearts,
and lead us on toward the light.
And when, with mem'ry's distant view,
we long for some enchanted past,
then give us grace to follow him
who is the only first and last.*

M. Forster (b. 1946)

About Baptism

Canon Matt Williams

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.
When he had risen from the dead,
he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin
that Jesus' death makes possible,
and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us.
We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church
universal.

So we welcome you, William Thomas Batten,
with your sponsors.

We give thanks for you, and pray
that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

The priest invites the candidate and sponsors to stand before the congregation.

The priest invites the sponsors to present the candidate.

Sponsors: We present Will to be baptized.

The Decision

Canon Matt Williams

The priest says to the candidate:

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

The priest says to the candidate and sponsors:

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation:

You have heard our brother Will respond to Christ.

Will you support him in this calling?

We will.

Further prayers

Canon Matt Williams

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God,

that Will may be so buried with Christ in baptism

that the new nature may be raised up in him.

May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him. **Amen.**

Give to his sponsors the desire to share with him

what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May he know Christ's forgiving love

and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church.

May he proclaim, by word and example,

the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world

and to each other in the household of faith.

Hasten that day when the whole creation

shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

*During the Hymn which follows, the Children's Chapel re-join us
to witness the baptism and share in Holy Communion.*

*The candidate and sponsors follow the priest to the entrance of the church
where the font is located (this symbolically expresses that baptism is the 'way
in' to the church). The rest of the congregation may leave their pews if desired
to gather around the same area, or simply turn towards the font.*

Hymn 405 (Mit Freuden Zart)

T. H. Kingo (1634-1703)

**He that believes and is baptized
shall see the Lord's salvation;
baptized into the death of Christ,
he is a new creation;
through Christ's redemption he shall stand
among the glorious heavenly band
of every tribe and nation.**

**With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us your Holy Spirit,
and look on our infirmity
through Jesus' blood and merit.
O keep us in baptismal grace,
until at last we take our place
with all who life inherit.**

The Baptism

Canon Matt Williams

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation
your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters
to bring forth light and life.

With water you cleanse and replenish the earth;
you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery into freedom,
and brought them through the river Jordan
to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ:
for his baptism by John,
for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death
Jesus delivered us from our sins
and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit
who forms us in the likeness of Christ
and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called this your servant to
new birth in your church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water
so that Will, as he is baptised in it,
may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

May he die to sin, rise to newness of life,
and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom we give you praise and honour
in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Affirmation of the Creed

Canon Matt Williams

All are invited to affirm the creed together with the candidate.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Canon Matt Williams

The minister baptises the candidate by pouring water over him, saying,

William Thomas Batten

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The minister then makes a cross on his forehead, saying:

I sign you with the sign of the cross
to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

Presenting a lit candle, the minister says:

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The congregation responds:

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the minister in saying:

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

The Greeting of Peace

Canon Matt Williams

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All return to their seats during the hymn.

Hymn 283 v1,3,4 (Christ Lag in T.) M. Luther (1483-1546)

**Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
for our offences given;
but now at God's right hand he stands
and brings us life from heaven:
wherefore let us joyful be,
and sing to God right thankfully
our songs of hallelujah. Hallelujah!**

**It was a strange and awesome strife
when life and death contended;
the victory was gained by life,
the rule of death was ended:
stripped of power, no more he reigns,
an empty form alone remains;
his sting is gone for ever. Hallelujah!**

**Then let us feast this holy day
on the true bread of heaven.
The word of grace has purged away
the old and wicked leaven.
Christ alone our souls can feed,
he is our meat and drink indeed,
faith lives upon no other. Hallelujah!**

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion *Canon Matt Williams*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

In baptism you have united us to him
and brought us out of darkness into light.

You pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts,
and calling us to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are confident to pray:

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All baptised believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, including baptised children at their parents' discretion, are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.

If you need gluten-free bread, advise the minister at the rail.

If you prefer an individual cup of grape juice, simply decline the common cup of wine when it is offered to you.

During Communion

Verily, Verily, I say unto you

Verily, Verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood

dwelleth in me, and I in him. John 6:53-56

The Old Cathedral Voices

T. Tallis (1505-1585)

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

Gracious God,

in baptism you make us one family in Christ our Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.

Help us to grow in love for one another

and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

Father, **we offer ourselves to you**

as a living sacrifice

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory.

Hymn 303 (Maccabaeus)

E. Budry (1854-1932)

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting...

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above...

Blessing & Dismissal

Canon Matt Williams

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; give honour to all;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional

David Brown (Organ)

Improv. on Nun Danket Alle Gott

S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Please join us for Celebratory Morning Tea
in the Conference Centre next door
following the service.

More Testimonies of Faith from Parishioners
can be read on the display there.

An Easter Egg Hunt for Children
will be set up inside the church
and the children invited back from the Conference Centre
when it is ready.

Instead of collecting offertories during the service, we gratefully receive free offerings made at the exit, or by electronic transfers to:

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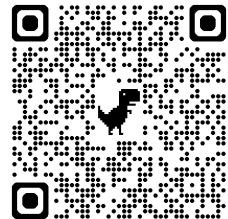
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