

St James' Old Cathedral

21st April 2024 at 10:00am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Love one another: 1 John 3:16-24

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



St James' Old Cathedral

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 custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

The Old Cathedral Voices

Formed in March 2009 from some of Melbourne's finest choral soloists, *The Old Cathedral Voices* specialise in one-voice-per-part performance of English Church music from the renaissance to the present day.

Members of *The Old Cathedral Voices* sing on a flexible roster at each 10am service, directed by Alex Ritter.

Today's singers are:

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| Eliza Bennetts O'Connor | Monika Harris | Carolyn Baker |
| Alex Ritter | Jenny George | Hamish Gould |
| Alex Gorbatov | Jack Jordan | Mike Mews |
| Alex Owens | Matthew Crossley | Andrew Anderson |

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, electro-pneumatic action. 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 and is currently also organist for Scotch College.

David is on leave. The organ is played by Robin Batterham.

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
A New Commandment**

***The Old Cathedral Voices
T. Tallis (1505-1585)***

*A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord:
that ye love together, as I have loved you,
that e'en so ye love one another.
By this shall ev'ry man know that ye are my disciples:
if ye have love one to another. John 13:34-35*

Opening Sentence and Greeting *Bei-En Zou*

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech,
but in truth and action. *1 John 3:18*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you:
And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Preparation *Bei-En Zou*

Let us pray.
**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 486 (Wilton)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

**O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me,
ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

Commandments

Bei-En Zou

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

Bei-En Zou

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One;

you alone are the Lord;

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Bei-En Zou

**We behold your glory, O God,
in the love shown by your Son,**

lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:

**be glorified anew in the love we have for one another
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,**

who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for The Ministry of the Word *Bei-En Zou*

Heavenly Father,
 give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word,
 may we know you better,
 love you more,
 and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering for Children's Chapel *Canon Matt Williams*

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Canon Matt. 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

Psalm 139

Alex Owens (b. 1999)

Composed for St James' Old Cathedral. Premiered 31st January 2021.

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up,

You discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down

and are acquainted with all my ways.

E'en 'fore a word is on my tongue,

behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

You hem me in behind and before,

and lay your hands upon me.

Cont. Over =>

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high; I cannot attain it.*

*Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me, and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!*

Psalm 139:1-6, 23-24

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Catherine McGovern

Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts.

²And this is the manner of the remission:

every creditor shall remit the claim
that is held against a neighbour,

not exacting it from a neighbour who is a member of the community,
because the Lord's remission has been proclaimed.

³From a foreigner you may exact it, but you must remit your claim
on whatever any member of your community owes you.

⁴There will, however, be no one in need among you,
because the Lord is sure to bless you in the land
that the Lord your God is giving you as a possession to occupy,

⁵if only you will obey the Lord your God
by diligently observing this entire commandment
that I command you today.

⁶When the Lord your God has blessed you, as he promised you,
you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow;
you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

⁷If there is among you anyone in need,
a member of your community in any of your towns
within the land that the Lord your God is giving you,
do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted
towards your needy neighbour.

⁸You should rather open your hand,
willingly lending enough to meet the need,
whatever it may be.

⁹Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking,
'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near',
and therefore view your needy neighbour with hostility
and give nothing;
your neighbour might cry to the Lord against you,
and you would incur guilt.

¹⁰Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so,
for on this account the Lord your God will bless you
in all your work and in all that you undertake.

¹¹Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth,
I therefore command you,
'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

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

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:

**you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.**

You discern my path and the places where I rest:

you are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue:

but you, Lord, know it altogether.

You have encompassed me behind and before:

and have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:

so high that I cannot endure it.

Where shall I go from your spirit:

or where shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend into heaven you are there:

if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

If I spread out my wings towards the morning:

or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand shall lead me:

and your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me:

and the night will enclose me',

The darkness is no darkness with you,

but the night is as clear as the day:

the darkness and the light are both alike.

Epistle: 1 John 3:11, 16-24

Andrew Watkins

¹¹For this is the message you have heard from the beginning,
that we should love one another. (...)

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—
and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.

¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth
and will reassure our hearts before him

²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us;

for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have boldness before God;

²²and we receive from him whatever we ask,

because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment,

that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him,
and he abides in them.

And by this we know that he abides in us,
by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Hymn 537 (St Leonard's)

K. B. Wilkinson (1859-1928)

**May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.**

**May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing,
this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.**

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Bei-En Zou

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.**

Sermon

Bridget Penington

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

Greater love hath no man

J. Ireland (1879-1962)

*Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.*

Love is strong as death.

Song of Songs 8:6-7

*Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13*

*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.*

1 Peter 2:24

*Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified
in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

1 Corinthians 6:11

*Ye are a chosen generation,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
That ye should show forth the praises of him who hath call'd you
out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9*

*I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto to God, which is your reasonable service.*

Romans 12:1

Let us together affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Jeanette Lawrence

Response:

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus taught us.

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.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper *Bei-En Zou*

Let us pray.

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much

as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,

and to drink his blood,

that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Confession

Bei-En Zou

If we confess our sins,

he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
with a sincere and true heart.

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge,

**we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:**

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Canon Matt Williams

Almighty God,

who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

pardon you and set you free from all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Bei-En Zou

(All Stand.)

We are the body of Christ: **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

During the Hymn which follows,

the Children's Chapel re-join us for Holy Communion.

Hymn 529 v1,2,4 (Blaenwern 165ii) *S. Lowry (1855-1932)*

**Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
Christ our head, who throned in glory
for your own will ever plead,
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others
so may we for others live;
freely have your gifts been granted,
freely may your servants give:
yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of sea and land,
we but stewards of your bounty
held in trust as from your hand.**

**Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
in your love you prayed the Father
that your people should be one:
grant, O Christ, our hope's fruition,
here on earth your will be done.**

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.

And now we give you thanks
that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,
the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned,
a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

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.**

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory.

Fill us with your Spirit

that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

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

The Old Cathedral Voices

I am the bread of life (Jn 6:35,51)

Keren Terpstra (b. 1978)

Commissioned for The Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 18th April 2014.

Ostinato: Ego eimi (Greek: I AM)

I am the bread of life.

*Whoever comes to me shall not hunger,
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.*

I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

Eternal God, giver of life,

in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.

May we who celebrate this holy feast

walk in his risen light

and bring new life to all creation.

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 567 (Abbot's Leigh 93)

S. Cross (1928-89)

Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of Being, Life and Love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
give us grace to love as brothers
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love may all men see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning,
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

Blessing & Dismissal**Canon Matt Williams**

May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the first and the last and the living one,
draw you up to live forever through him,
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**Robin Batterham (Organ)****Pasticcio****J. Langlais (1907-1991)**

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

*Instead of collecting offertories during the service, we gratefully
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Intercessions

We pray for: Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Mike Raiter and The Centre for Biblical Preaching; Emma Payne (CMS); Chris & Sarah Griffioen and family (OM); City to City Australia; Australian Indigenous Churches; Ridley College; Trinity College; the Overseas Chinese Christian Church; Joan Heard; Lola Russell-Dixon; Joy Palmby; Andrew; Rod Robertson; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Mel; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; Merle Taylor; Jamie Clingin; Jamie Chisholm; Zoe Creelman; Stuart Ratcliffe; Janette Wells; The Altin family; Lisa Thompson; Jenny Swain.

Notices

- Youth Group has resumed on Friday nights at 7pm.
- Church camp is back! In a different form. We will run it this year as a City Escape, staying at CYC just a few blocks down the road at 538 Collins Street, Melbourne (corner of King Street). Please save Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September (this is the AFL Grand Final Weekend). Both part-time and full-time bookings will be possible.
- Parish Council will meet today at 12pm.

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