

# St James' Old Cathedral

1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 at 10:00am

Advent Sunday

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



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## 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.

## 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](mailto: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. Alex is on leave. The choir is directed by Jenny George. Today's singers are:

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Ellen Brown	Carolyn Baker	Roslyn White
Jenny George	Matthew Crossley	Jack Jordan	Alex Gorbatov
Mike Mews	Nick Christie	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. 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  
O Emmanuel**

***The Old Cathedral Voices  
J. Stainer (1840-1901)***

*O Emmanuel, our King and law-giver,  
hope of all nations, and their Saviour.  
Come and save us, O Lord our God.  
Come and save us. Come, come!*

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

***Canon Matt Williams***

*(The first candle is lit.)*

Heavenly Father,  
you have created a universe of light:  
forgive us when we return to darkness.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you are the light of the world:  
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
you give us light in our hearts:  
renew us in faith and love.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

Hymn 193 (Veni Emmanuel)

Anon. (Latin 13<sup>th</sup> Century)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high  
and close the path to misery.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## **Sentence and Greeting**

***Canon Matt Williams***

Now when these things begin to take place,  
stand up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.'

*Luke 21:28*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,  
**whose mercy endures for ever.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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.**

## **The Commandments**

***Canon Matt Williams***

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one;  
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.'

Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment.  
And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

## **Collect**

***Canon Matt Williams***

Eternal God,  
through long generations you prepared a way  
for the coming of your Son,  
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:  
renew us in faith and hope  
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts  
and claim our love;  
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

***Canon Matt Williams***

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**

***Bridget Penington***

*We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Bridget Penington. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the choir sings. They will return for 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***

### **Lift up your heads**

***J. Amner (1579-1641)***

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates:*

*and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:*

*and the King of Glory shall come in.*

*Who is the King of Glory?*

*It is the Lord, strong and mighty,*

*Ev'n the Lord of Hosts:*

*He is the King of Glory.*

*Psalm 24:7,8a,10b*

**First Reading: Daniel 7:13-18**

***Nick Fairlie***

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

<sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me,  
and the visions of my head terrified me.

<sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants  
to ask him the truth concerning all this.

So he said that he would disclose to me  
the interpretation of the matter:

<sup>17</sup>'As for these four great beasts,  
four kings shall arise out of the earth.

<sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom  
and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

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



**Psalm 96**

*Canon Matt Williams*

O sing to the Lord a new song:

**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:

**proclaim the good news of his salvation  
from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations:

**and his wonders among all peoples.**

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:

**he is more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:

**it is the Lord who made the heavens.**

Majesty and glory are before him:

**beauty and power are in his sanctuary.**

Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:

**render to the Lord glory and might.**

Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:

**bring offerings and come into his courts.**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:

**let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

Say among the nations that the Lord is king:

**he has made the world so firm  
that it can never be moved;  
and he shall judge the peoples with equity.**

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:

**let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:

**then shall all the trees of the wood**

**shout with joy before the Lord;**

For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:

**he shall judge the world with righteousness,**

**and the peoples with his truth.**

**Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

***Rachelle Gilmour***

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy  
that we feel before our God because of you?

<sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly  
that we may see you face to face  
and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus  
direct our way to you.

<sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love  
for one another and for all,  
just as we abound in love for you.

<sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness  
that you may be blameless before our God and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

**Hymn 192 (Austria 374i)**

***Anon. Latin 10<sup>th</sup> C.***

**Hark! A herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is near,' it seems to say,  
'cast away the dreams of darkness,  
waken, children of the day!  
Wakened by the solemn warning  
let the earth-bound soul arise,  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling  
shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo, the Lamb so long expected  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us meet him with repentance,  
pray that we may be forgiven.  
So when love comes forth in judgement,  
debts and doubts and wrongs to clear,  
faithful may he find his servants  
watching till the dawn appear.**

The Gospel is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>25</sup>'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,  
and on the earth distress among nations  
confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

<sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding  
of what is coming upon the world,  
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>27</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud"  
with power and great glory.

<sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place,  
stand up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable:

'Look at the fig tree and all the trees;

<sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves  
and know that summer is already near.

<sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place,  
you know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away  
until all things have taken place.

<sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down  
with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life,  
and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap.

For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

<sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

<sup>37</sup>Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called.

<sup>38</sup>And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

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

**Sermon**

***Dr Callum Dawson***

**Anthem**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**O Thou, the Central Orb**

***C. Wood (1866-1926)***

*O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.  
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight  
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.*

*Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day  
In fellowship with thee, transforming clay  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

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.**

**The Prayers** (*All Sit or Kneel*)

**Intercessions**

*Jeanette Lawrence*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who taught us 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.**

**Preparation**

*Canon Matt Williams*

**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 & Greeting of Peace**

*Canon Matt Williams*

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness,  
and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

## **The Peace**

*Canon Matt Williams*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**



*The children's chapel re-enters the church as this hymn is sung.*

**Hymn 418 (Picardy)**

***Liturgy of St James (5thC)***

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth  
our full homage to demand.**

**King of Kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraphs,  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high!**

**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.

We thank you that when he shall come again  
in power and great triumph to judge the world,  
we may with joy behold his appearing,  
and in confidence stand before him  
who redeems us from sin and death  
and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

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.**

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 children at their parents' discretion  
are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.*

*Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

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

**During Communion**  
**When Christ, who is our life**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***  
***J. V. Roberts (1841-1920)***

*When Christ, who is our life, shall appear,  
then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Colossians 3:4*

**After Communion**

***Canon Matt Williams***

God for whom we wait,  
we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life  
and the cup of salvation.

As we joyfully await your Son,  
keep us ever watchful  
that we may be ready to stand before him  
on the day of his coming.

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 201 (Helmsley)**

*C. Wesley (1707-88)*

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending,  
swell the triumph of his train!**

**Hallelujah! (x3)**

**God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in awesome majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, (x3)**

**shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears;  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, (x3)  
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen! Let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory  
claim the kingdom for thine own;  
O come quickly; (x3)  
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come.**

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

***Canon Matt Williams***

The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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)***

**Wachet Auf (BWV 645)**

***J. S Bach (1685-1750)***

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**We pray for:** Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Joy Surgical; Mike Raiter and The Centre for Biblical Preaching; Emma Payne (CMS); Chris & Sarah Griffioen and family (OM); Australian Indigenous Churches; Ridley College; Trinity College; the Overseas Chinese Christian Church; Andrew; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; Merle Taylor; Jamie Chisholm; Zoe Creelman; Stuart; Janette Wells; The Altin family; Lisa Thompson; Jenny Swain; Jean Miller; Tony Billington.

## Notices

- Nine Lessons and Carols will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.
- At our Parish AGM last week the following people were appointed:  
**Nominators:** Bei-En Zou and Owen Billington  
**Wardens:** Elizabeth Blades-Hamilton and David Spriggs  
**Parish Councillors:** Catherine McGovern; Micaiah Zwartz; Jamie Keck.  
Please note there is more capacity for people to serve.
- Canon Matt will be on Long Service Leave from December 16<sup>th</sup> to February 24<sup>th</sup>. The Reverend Professor Graham Cole will be Locum Vicar.

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