

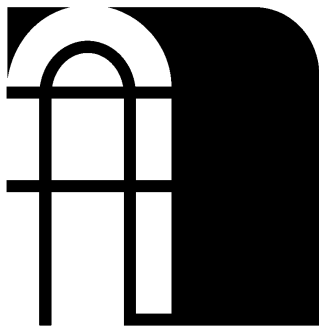
St James' Old Cathedral

4th June 2023 at 10:00am

Trinity Sunday

The Wisdom of God

*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.

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 Jenny George.

Today's singers are:

Jenny George

Spencer Chapman

Julien Robinson

Mike Mews

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.

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 (All Stand)
O Lord God of Hosts

The Old Cathedral Voices
T. Tomkins (1572-1656)

*O Lord God of Hosts, who is like unto thee?
Thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side. Psalm 89:9*

Opening Invocation
Litany IV: The Trinity

Canon Matt Williams
J. Donne (1572-1631)

O Blessed glorious Trinity,
Bones to philosophy, but milk to faith,
Which, as wise serpents, diversely
Most slipperiness, yet most entanglings hath,
As you distinguished undistinct
By power, love, knowledge be,
Give me such a self different instinct,
Of these let all me elemented be,
Of power, to love, to know, you unnumbered three.

Sentence and Greeting

Canon Matt Williams

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth;
for he will not speak on his own,
but will speak whatever he hears,
and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

John 16:13

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.

Prayer of Preparation

Canon Matt Williams

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 65 (Nicea)

R. Heber (1783-1826)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God everlasting through eternity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

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 first and greatest commandment.

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

Collect

Canon Matt Williams

O blessed Trinity,
in whom we know the Maker of all things, seen and unseen,
the Saviour of all, both near and far:
by your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty,
that with all the company of heaven
we may magnify your glorious name, saying,
Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

Gathering for Children's Chapel

Dr Matthew Champion

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Dr Matthew Champion. 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

A Hymn to God my Father

D. Mason (b. 1929)

*Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.*

*Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.*

*I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done;
I fear no more. John Donne (1572-1631)*

¹Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice? (...)

²²“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world’s first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

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

Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:

**my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.**

I have said of your loving-kindness that it is built for ever:

you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.

The Lord said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:

I have sworn an oath to my servant David.

'I will establish your line for ever:

and build up your throne for all generations.'

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord:

**and let your faithfulness be sung
in the assembly of the holy ones.**

For who amidst the clouds can be compared to the Lord:

or who is like the Lord amongst the gods?

A God to be feared in the council of the holy ones:

great and terrible above all that are around him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is like you?

your power and your faithfulness are all about you.

You rule the raging of the sea:

when its waves surge, you still them.

You crushed Rahab like a carcass:

you scattered your enemies by your mighty arm.

The heavens are yours, so also is the earth:

you founded the world and all that is in it.

You created the north and the south:

Tabor and Mount Hermon shall sing of your name.

Mighty is your arm:

strong is your hand, and your right hand is lifted high.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne:

loving-kindness and faithfulness attend your presence.

Happy the people who know the triumphal shout:

who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

They rejoice all the day long because of your name:

because of your righteousness they are exalted.

For you are their glory and their strength:

and our heads are uplifted by your favour.

Our king belongs to the Lord:

he that rules over us to the Holy One of Israel.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Elizabeth Blades-Hamilton

¹⁸For the message about the cross

is foolishness to those who are perishing,

but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

²⁰Where is the one who is wise?

Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God,
the world did not know God through wisdom,
God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation,
to save those who believe.

²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,
²³but we proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,
and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters:
not many of you were wise by human standards,
not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world,
things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
who became for us wisdom from God,
and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

³¹in order that, as it is written,

'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

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

Hymn 4 (Iste Confessor)

Anon. Latin C10th.

**Father most holy, merciful and tender,
Jesus our Saviour, with the Father reigning,
Spirit all-kindly, advocate, defender,
light never waning;**

**Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken,
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,
light of the angels, life of the forsaken,
hope of all living,**

**maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;
lo, all things serve thee through thy whole creation:
hear us, Almighty, hear us as we raise thee
heart's adoration.**

**To the all-ruling triune God be glory:
highest and greatest, help thou our endeavour;
we too would praise thee, giving honour worthy
now and for ever.**

Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

Canon Matt Williams

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹²I still have many things to say to you,
but you cannot bear them now.

¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth;
for he will not speak on his own,
but will speak whatever he hears,
and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

¹⁴He will glorify me,
because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵All that the Father has is mine.

For this reason I said

that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

For the gospel of the Lord:

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for God-des grace;
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.*

*One splendour thence is shed
from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love!*

*And every gentle heart
that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
of that celestial fire.*

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

**The Athanasian Creed
(Pt 1: The Trinity - Abridged)**

The Catholic Faith is this:

**That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;
Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance.**

**For there is one Person of the Father,
another of the Son,
and another of the Holy Ghost.**

**But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,
is all one: the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.**

**Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.
Each Person is Uncreate, Incomprehensible,
Eternal, Almighty, God and Lord.**

**And yet there is only One Uncreate, One Incomprehensible,
One Eternal, One Almighty, One God and One Lord.**

**The Father is made of none:
neither created, nor begotten.**

**The Son is of the Father alone:
not made, nor created, but begotten.**

**The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son:
neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.**

**And in this Trinity none is afore, or after another:
none is greater, or less than another;**

**But the whole three persons are co-eternal together:
and co-equal.**

**So that in all things, as is aforesaid:
the Unity in Trinity,
and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.**

He therefore that will be saved: must thus think of the Trinity.

Intercessory Prayers

Tony Greenwood

Accept our prayers thorough 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

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

Canon Matt Williams

Christ Jesus came and preached peace to us all;
through him we have access in the one Spirit to the Father.

Eph 2:17-18

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God,
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.**

Greeting of 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.**

*We exchange a greeting of peace with those immediately around us.
The children's chapel rejoin us as the following hymn is sung.*

Hymn 543 (Regent Square 84)

H. E. Fosdick (1878-1969)

**God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy Church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.**

**Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.**

**Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces
in the fight to set men free.**

**Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
that we fail not man nor thee.**

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.

Through him, you have revealed to us your glory
in the community of your love,
three persons, one God,
ever to be worshipped and adored.

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, gracious God, we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine,
and pray that we who receive them,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
according to our Saviour's word,
in remembrance of his suffering and death,
may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take and eat. This is my body which is 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
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup
to proclaim the death of the Lord.

We do this until he returns.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Father, as we recall his saving death and glorious resurrection,
may we who share these gifts
be renewed by your Holy Spirit
and united in the body of your Son.

Bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom,
there to feast at your table and
join in your eternal praise:

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive praise and honour
and glory and power
for ever and 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.

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

Gluten free wafers are available on request.

During Communion
View Me, Lord

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

*View me, Lord, a work of Thine:
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might Thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.*

*Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At thy table pure and white:
They that once Thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.*

*Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
When the heav'nly light appears,
But the cov'nants Thou hast made,
Endless, know nor days nor years.*

*In Thy Word, Lord, is my trust,
To Thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet Thy grace can lift me high. Amen. T. Campion (1567-1620)*

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received
this sacrament of your Son's body and blood
worship you in all we do,
proclaim your word to all the world,
and live in the power of your Spirit.

**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 92 (Hymn to Joy)

G. W. Briggs (1875-1959)

**God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word,
each, from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.**

**'Mid the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, his throne eternal,
God the first, and God the last.**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time began,
Light from Light, to earth descending,
Man, revealing God to man.**

**God is speaking by his Spirit,
speaking to the hearts of men,
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then,
through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast;
God still speaks, his word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Canon Matt Williams

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in all truth and peace;
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)

Please stay for Morning Tea
in the Conference Centre after the Service.

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

- Save the Date: Our church weekend away will be Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th September at Chestnut Hill Conference Centre, Kallista.
- Marinus van Meerten is on annual leave throughout June.

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