

St James' Old Cathedral

28th April 2024 at 10:00am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Perfect love casts out fear: | John 4:7-21

*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:

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Monika Harris	Roslyn White
Alex Ritter	Jenny George	
Jack Jordan	Alex Gorbatov	
Andrew Anderson	Mike Mews	Julien Robinson

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 Professor Robin Batterham AO.

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)

The Old Cathedral Voices

Since you are God's dear children

D. Mason (b. 1929)

Composed for The Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 6th November 2011.

Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him:

your life must be controlled by love,

just as Christ loved us and gave his life for us,

as a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice that pleases God.

Try to be like him.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (GNT)

Opening Sentence and Greeting

Bridget Penington

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

1 John 4:18

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

Bridget Penington

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 26 v1,3,5 (Darwall)

R. Baxter (1615-91)

**Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
or else the theme
too high will seem
for mortal tongue.**

**You saints who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as you go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still
through good and ill
who ever lives.**

**My soul, bear thou thy part:
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing out the songs of love;
and all my days,
let no distress
nor fears suppress
his joyful praise.**

Commandments

Bridget Penington

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

Bridget Penington

**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

Bridget Penington

We learn what love is, O God,
in the perfect love shown by your Son,
who made himself the one true sacrifice for sin
and cast out our fear of punishment:
so make your love perfect in us
that as he is, so might we be in this world,
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for The Ministry of the Word ***Bridget Penington***

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

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 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

Do not be afraid

M. Nelson (b. 1988)

Commissioned for the Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 20th April 2014.

Do not be afraid: I am the first and the last, and the living one.

I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever;

and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Do not be afraid: I am alive for ever. Rev. 1:17b-18

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Chris White

But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
 and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.'

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

Psalm 121

Bridget Penington

I lift up my eyes to the hills:

but where shall I find help?

My help comes from the Lord:

who has made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble:

and he who watches over you will not sleep.

Be sure he who has charge of Israel:

will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is your keeper:

the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

The sun shall not strike you by day:

nor shall the moon by night.

The Lord will defend you from all evil:

it is he who will guard your life.

The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:

from this time forward for evermore.

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

Ruth Champion

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.

¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.

¹²No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God lives in us,
and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,
because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴And we have seen and do testify
that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.

¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God,
and they abide in God.

¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this:
that we may have boldness on the day of judgement,
because as he is, so are we in this world.

¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear;
for fear has to do with punishment,
and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

²⁰Those who say, 'I love God',
and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars;
for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen,
cannot love God whom they have not seen.

²¹The commandment we have from him is this:
those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Hymn 310 (Down Ampney)

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

**Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Gospel Reading: John 21:15-19

Bridget Penington

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,
‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’

He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’

¹⁶A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’
He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’

¹⁷He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time,
‘Do you love me?’

And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything;
you know that I love you.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.

¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger,
you used to fasten your own belt
and to go wherever you wished.

But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands,
and someone else will fasten a belt around you
and take you where you do not wish to go.’

¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death
by which he would glorify God.)

After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

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

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

Do not be afraid

P. Stopford (b. 1977)

Refrain: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by your name; you are mine.

*When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.*

*When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames. Refrain*

*When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.*

*When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes. Refrain*

*You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love. Refrain*

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

Elizabeth Blades-Hamilton

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

Bridget Penington

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

Bridget Penington

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

Bridget Penington

(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 497ii (Woodworth)

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

**Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind -
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive;
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am – thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down -
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season, then above
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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
Beloved, if God so loved us

The Old Cathedral Voices
J. Barnby (1838-1896)

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
And this commandment have we from him:
that he who loveth God love his brother also. 1 John 4:11,21

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 93 (Abbot's Leigh)

T. Rees (1874-1939)

God is love, let heaven adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is love, eternal Love.

God is love, and he, enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that self-same aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love, and though with blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal lovingkindness
holding, guiding, grace imparts.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

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 AO (Organ)****Trio Sonata No. 3, 3rd Mvt (BWV557) J. S. Bach (1685-1750)**

*The Trio Sonatas were written by Bach for his eldest son
"to prepare him to be a great organist".*

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

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Notices

- 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.
- The Reverend Canon Dr Rhys Bezzant is delivering a lecture on 20th May at Ridley College at 5:15pm. "The Deep things we share: Discipleship and the Lord's Supper." <https://www.trybooking.com/CQPGD>

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