

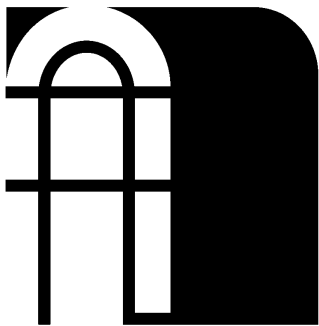
St James' Old Cathedral

7th June 2026 at 10:00am

First Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 1:1-11: Gospel Partners

*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 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 are:

Monika Harris	Lily Flynn	Maggie Dunleavy	
Alex Ritter	Jenny George	Tanum Shipp	Spencer Chapman
Alex Owens	Mike Mews	Matthew Crossley	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.

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)
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

Greeting & Preparation

Lwe Moo San Tay

We worship in the Spirit of God
and boast in Christ Jesus:

Phil 3:3

To our God and Father

be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Phil 4:20

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

And also with you.

Phil 4:23

A Collect for Purity

Lwe Moo San Tay

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

**whose peace guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus:
make our love to overflow more and more
with knowledge and full insight
to help us determine what really matters,
so that in the day of Christ we may be pure and blameless,
having produced the harvest of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ
for your glory and praise. Amen.**

Phil 4:7; 1:9-11

Hymn 27 v1-3,5 (Mit Freuden Zart)

J. Schutz (1640-90)

**Sing praise to God who reigns above
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation:
my soul with comfort rich he fills,
and every grief he gently stills:**

to God give praise and glory!

**What God's almighty power has made
that will he ever cherish,
and will, un failing, soon and late,
with lovingkindness nourish;
and where he rules in kingly might
there all is just and all is right:**

to God give praise and glory!

**The Lord will never leave his own,
his chosen generation;
their confidence he will remain,
their peace and their salvation;
as with a mother's hand each one,
he'll ever lead his people on:**

to God give praise and glory!

**So come before his countenance
and leap in exultation;
now gladly pay your due of praise
in joyful celebration.**

**Take courage in the Lord, my heart,
refreshed in him, play your full part:**

to God give praise and glory!

The Commandments (*All Sit or Kneel*) *Lwe Moo San Tay*

‘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.’

A Hymn of Christ

Lwe Moo San Tay

**Christ, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.**

**And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name that is above every other name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. *Phil 2:6-11***

Collect of the Day

Lwe Moo San Tay

God our Father,

 who began a good work within us:
continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ
so that, as partners in your grace,
 we may stand firm in one Spirit
 and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel,
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Phil 1:6-7, 27*

Prayer for the Ministry of the Word ***Lwe Moo San Tay***

God our Father,

 give us knowledge and insight. *Phil 1:9*
As we listen to your word,
may we know Christ
 and the power of his resurrection, *Phil 3:10*
that we might share the same love,
 being in full accord
 and of one mind; *Phil 2:2*
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering for Children's Chapel

Bridget Chapman

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

Sing, my soul, His wondrous love

N. Rorem (1923-2022)

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
Who, from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er our race,
Still to man extends His grace.*

*Heav'n and earth by Him were made,
All is by His sceptre sway'd;
What are we that He should show
So much love to us below?*

*God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Saviour's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by His Spirit pure.*

*Sing, my soul, adore His name;
Let his glory be thy theme:
Praise Him till He calls thee home,
Trust his love for all to come.*

First Lesson: Acts 16:6-15

Chris White

⁶ Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

⁷ When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them;

⁸ so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

We remained in this city for some days.

¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.

The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly
to what was said by Paul.

¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying,
“If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord,
come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalm 145:1-9

Lwe Moo San Tay

I will exalt you, O God my king:

I will bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will bless you:

and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and wonderfully worthy to be praised:

his greatness is past searching out.

One generation shall praise your works to another:

and declare your mighty acts.

As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendour of your majesty:

I will tell the story of your marvellous works.

All people shall speak of the power of your terrible deeds:

and I will proclaim your greatness.

Their lips shall flow

with the remembrance of your abundant goodness:

they shall shout for joy at your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate:

slow to anger and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving to every one of us:

and his mercy is over all his works.

Epistle: Philippians 1:1-11

Bei-En Zou

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,
with the bishops and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God for every remembrance of you,
⁴ always in every one of my prayers for all of you,
praying with joy ⁵ for your partnership in the gospel
from the first day until now.

⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you
will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you,
because I hold you in my heart,
for all of you are my partners in God's grace,
both in my imprisonment
and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.

⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you
with the tender affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more
with knowledge and full insight
¹⁰ to help you to determine what really matters,
so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,
¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Hymn 504 (Penlan)

Anna Waring (1823-1910)

**In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?**

**Wherever he may guide me
no want shall turn me back,
my shepherd is beside me
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh
and I will walk with him.**

**Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me
where the dark clouds have been:
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.**

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;
abide in my love.

¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and abide in his love.

¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you
and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³ No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer,
because the servant does not know what the master is doing,
but I have called you friends,
because I have made known to you everything
that I have heard from my Father.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,
so that the Father will give you
whatever you ask him in my name.

¹⁷ I am giving you these commands
so that you may love one another.

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

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

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 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.**

Intercessions (*All Sit or Kneel*)

Roslyn White

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice!

Do not be anxious about anything,

but in everything by prayer and supplication

let your requests be made known to God. *Phil 4:4,6*

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge,

we confess that we have not lived our lives

in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Phil 1:27

We have set our minds too much on earthly things.

Phil 3:18

We have acted from selfish ambition and vain conceit.

We have not regarded others as better than ourselves.

Phil 2:3

We repent of our sins and turn away from them.

Help us press on to lay hold of that

for which Christ has laid hold of us,

Phil 3:12

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Canon Matt Williams

Almighty God, who began a good work in you

Phil 1:6

and will bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ,

forgive you all your sins,

confirm you in his righteousness based on faith

Phil 3:9

and make you to know his resurrection power;

Phil 3:10

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

Greeting of Peace

Lwe Moo San Tay

If there is any comfort in Christ,

any consolation from love,

any partnership in the Spirit,

let us make our joy complete:

being in full accord and of one mind.

Phil 2:1-2

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another with the words: "Peace be with you."

The Children's Chapel rejoin us as this hymn is sung.

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.**

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.

To you, our God and Father,

be glory for ever and ever.

Phil 4:20

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

but humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

Phil 2:6,8

You have highly exalted him

and given him the name that is above every other name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Phil 2:9-10

He will transform the body of our humiliation

so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,

by the power that also enables him

to make all things subject to himself.

Phil 3:21

And so with every tongue that confesses Jesus Christ as Lord,

with apostles, bishops,

Phil 2:11

servants and saints of every age,

Phil 1:1

we rejoice and praise you, saying:

Phil 3:1

**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.'

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Make us partners in your Spirit:

sharing the comfort found in Christ,
the consolation of his love,
his tender affection and sympathy,
in full accord and one mind.

Phil 2:1-2

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 are not baptised, you may still come forward
and receive a blessing from the priest.*

*Please place your hands across your chest
to indicate this preference.*

*If you need gluten-free bread,
advise the priest 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
Love bade me welcome

The Old Cathedral Voices
Rhian Samuel (b. 1944)

*LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.*

*But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,*

*Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.*

*'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'*

*'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'*

*Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'*

*'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'*

*'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'*

*'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.*

G. Herbert (1593-1632)

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

God our Father, in this holy meal you strengthen us
both to will and to work for your good pleasure. *Phil 2:13*

May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,

help us press on toward the prize
of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *Phil 3:14*

Father, **we offer ourselves to you**
as a pleasing and acceptable sacrifice *Phil 4:18*
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out to shine like stars in the world,
holding forth the word of life. *Phil 2:15-16*

Notices

Canon Matt Williams

Hymn 148ii v1,3 (Hyfrydol)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Canon Matt Williams

The peace of God which passes all understanding

guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, *Phil 4:7*

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 NEXT DOOR
AFTER THE SERVICE**

We rejoice in your partnership in the gospel

from the first day until now! *Phil 1:5*

All gifts are "a fragrant offering,

a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God." *Phil 4:18*

We encourage members to set up a regular electronic transfer to support the ministry of the parish and assist confident budgeting.

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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); Australian Indigenous Churches; Ridley College; Trinity College; the Overseas Chinese Christian Church; Lorraine Hedley; Diane and Roger Smith and family; Beverly Stephenson; The Hamilton Family; Jean Ely; Neil Hawthorn; Jenny Swain; Kim Boulton; Tony Billington; Jamie Chisholm; Anne Ellison; Gillian Williams; Yen-Ling Chiu; Warren Mills; Chris & Roselee Jones.

Notices

- The next seven weeks will be a series on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Our service is partly rewritten to pray in the language of this letter. We encourage you to increase your immersion in it during the week, re-reading and listening to it, to let its message soak deeply into our hearts.
- Please speak to Canon Matt if you are interested in being a synod rep.
- Our new regional bishop will be Megan Curlis-Gibson, who will conduct a service of confirmation and reception here on September 20th.

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