

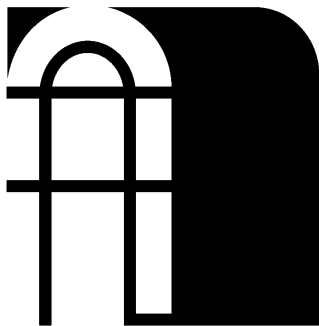
St James' Old Cathedral

19th March 2023 at 10:00am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

“Yet not what I want”: Matthew 26:31-56

*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 directed by Jenny George.

Today's singers are:

Jenny George

Spencer Chapman

Leighton Triplow

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 and currently also serves as Organist of Scotch College.

David is on leave. Our guest organist today is Robin Batterham.

The Bells

Melbourne's first peal of bells were the six bells hung in St James' Cathedral in 1853, replacing an old ship's bell. Two more were added in 1885. All were cast by Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel Road, London, and are reputed to be the finest ever cast there. They are still rung regularly by a team of volunteers.

Processional

The Old Cathedral Voices

God be in my head

D. Mason (b. 1929)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Greeting

Bei-En Zou

Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed,

‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me;

yet not what I want but what you want.’

Matt 26:39

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.

Hymn 486i (Wilton)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

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

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

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me,**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

The Commandments

Bei-En Zou

‘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.’

Kyrie & Trisagion

Bei-En Zou

Lord Jesus, receive the prayers we offer.

You bore our weaknesses and carried our sorrows.

Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy.

You felt compassion for the people,
and went among them doing good.

Christ, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy.

You commanded your apostles to heal the sick in your name.

Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us now,
and help us in our time of need.

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

Silence is kept.

Collect of the Day

Bei-En Zou

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for The Ministry of the Word

Bei-En Zou

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

Gathering for Children's Chapel

Marinus van Meerten

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Marinus van Meerten. 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

Spencer Chapman

& Jenny George

Evening, and Morning and at Noon

A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Co-Commissioned by St James' Old Cathedral with the Consort of Melbourne as part of "A Lenten Cantata". Third Movement. Premiered March 6, 2016.

Andrew is our composer-in-residence.

Evening, and morning, and at noon will I pray and cry aloud:

and he shall hear my voice.

Psalm 55:17

⁷'Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who is my associate,'
says the Lord of hosts.

Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered;
I will turn my hand against the little ones.

⁸In the whole land, says the Lord,
two-thirds shall be cut off and perish,
and one-third shall be left alive.

⁹And I will put this third into the fire,
refine them as one refines silver,
and test them as gold is tested.

They will call on my name,
and I will answer them.

I will say, 'They are my people';
and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'

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

Hear my prayer, O God:

and do not hide yourself from my petition.

Give heed to me, and answer me:

I am restless in my complaining.

I am in turmoil at the voice of the enemy:

at the onslaught of the wicked.

For they bring down disaster upon me:

they persecute me with bitter fury.

My heart writhes within me:

and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

Fear and trembling come upon me:

and horror overwhelms me.

And I said 'O for the wings of a dove:

that I might fly away and find rest.

'Then I would flee far off:

and make my lodging in the wilderness.

'I would hasten to find me a refuge:

out of the blast of slander,

'Out of the tempest of their calumny, O Lord:

and far from their double tongues.'

For I have seen violence and strife in the city:

day and night they go round it upon its walls.

Evil and wickedness are within it:

iniquity is within it, oppression and fraud

do not depart from its streets.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Ruth Champion

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated,
a thorn was given to me in the flesh,
a messenger of Satan to torment me,
to keep me from being too elated.

⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this,
that it would leave me,

⁹but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.'

So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships,
persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ;
for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

Hymn 513 v 1,3,4 (Song 1)

J. W. Chadwick (1840-1904)

**Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way,
Guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day:
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.**

**We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,
one with the joy that breaks forth into song,
one with the grief that trembles into prayer,
one in the power that makes the children free
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.**

**O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
our inspiration be thy constant word;
we ask no victories that are not thine:
give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
enough to know that we are serving thee.**

The gospel is written in the twenty-sixth chapter of the gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the thirty-first verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³¹Then Jesus said to them,

‘You will all become deserters because of me this night;
for it is written,

“I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”

³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.’

³³Peter said to him, ‘Though all become deserters because of you,
I will never desert you.’

³⁴Jesus said to him, ‘Truly I tell you, this very night,
before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’

³⁵Peter said to him, ‘Even though I must die with you,
I will not deny you.’ And so said all the disciples.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane;
and he said to his disciples,

‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’

³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee,
and began to be grieved and agitated.

³⁸Then he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death;
remain here, and stay awake with me.’

³⁹And going a little farther,
he threw himself on the ground and prayed,
‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me;
yet not what I want but what you want.’

⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping;
and he said to Peter,
'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?
⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;
the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'
⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed,
'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it,
your will be done.'
⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping,
for their eyes were heavy.
⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time,
saying the same words.
⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them,
'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?
See, the hour is at hand,
and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'
⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived;
with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs,
from the chief priests and the elders of the people.
⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,
'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.'
⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said,
'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him.
⁵⁰Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.'
Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

⁵¹Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword,
drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest,
cutting off his ear.

⁵²Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place;
for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father,
and he will at once send me
more than twelve legions of angels?

⁵⁴But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled,
which say it must happen in this way?'

⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,
'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me
as though I were a bandit?

Day after day I sat in the temple teaching,
and you did not arrest me.

⁵⁶But all this has taken place,
so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.'

Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

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

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

Jenny George (Solo)

A thorn was given to me

A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Commissioned for St James' Old Cathedral. Premiered 20th June 2021.

Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence.

*A thorn was given to me in the flesh,
a messenger of Satan to torment me,
a thorn to keep me from being too elated.*

*Three times I appealed to the Lord,
that it would leave me,*

But he said to me:

*"My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness."*

*So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

*I am content with weaknesses, insults,
hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ,
for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.*

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

The Apostle's Creed (*All Stand.*) *Bei-En Zou*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Chris White

Response:

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Bei-En Zou

Let us pray.

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

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much

as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

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

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

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

and to drink his blood,

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

Confession

Bei-En Zou

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

**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 Greeting of Peace *(All Stand.)* *Bei-En Zou*

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 rejoin us as the following hymn is sung.

Hymn 528ii (Ich Halte Treulich Still) *G. Matheson (1842-1906)*

Make me a captive, Lord,
and then I shall be free;
force me to render up my sword,
and I shall conqueror be,
I sink in life's alarms
when by myself I stand;
imprison me within thine arms,
and strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor
until it master find;
it has no spring of action sure,
it varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move,
till thou hast wrought its chain;
enslave it with thy matchless love,
and deathless it shall reign.

My will is not my own
till thou hast made it thine;
if it would reach a monarch's throne
it must its crown resign;
it only stands unbent,
amid the clashing strife,
when on thy bosom it has leant
and found in thee its life.

Offertories are no longer collected during services.

Please consider setting up regular support for our parish ministries.

St James' Old Cathedral

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Special Note regarding the Cup

After three years of accommodations to the times, we are now returning to offer the common cup to communicants first, the traditional preference.

We continue to respect all communicants' choices and personal risk assessments. If you prefer a small cup of grape juice, simply decline the common cup of wine when it is offered.

Children will be offered the small cups.

Our biodegradable cup supplier ceased manufacture last year, forcing us to return to single-use plastics.

We have recently experimented with a new option of compostable individual cups, but these are less than ideally stable.

We will continue to explore options to safeguard the environment without compromising utility, and first use up what we have.

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.

He was tempted in every way as we are,
yet he did not sin.

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.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to walk in the way of his love.

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 when 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
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 offered.*

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

God of mercy, may we who have shared this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

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.

Notices

Canon Matt Williams

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.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Canon Matt Williams

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven,
and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional

Robin Batterham (Organ)

'Little' Fugue in G Minor BWV578

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Please join us for morning tea
in the Conference Centre next door.*

Intercessions

We pray for: Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Mike Raiter and The Centre for Biblical Preaching; Zoe Creelman (CMS); Chris & Sarah Griffioen and family (OM); City to City Australia; Australian Indigenous Churches; Ridley College; Trinity College; the Overseas Chinese Christian Church; Edith Weaver; Joan Heard; Lola Russell-Dixon; Joy Palmby; Andrew; Ron & Janette Wells; Rod Robertson; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Richard Fleming; Mel; Gus Beato; Hannah van Meerten; Josephine Carne; David Jonas; St Bene't's Cambridge and all who grieve Canon Anna Matthews.

Notices

- Daniel Glenn Altin was born last Wednesday week. Congratulations to Andrew and Lisa, Malachi and Annabelle. All are doing well.
- The Parish Council will meet today at 12:30pm.
- Canon Matt will be on annual leave for a week starting this Friday. Rev. Mike Raiter is locum.

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