

St James' Old Cathedral

7th July 2024 at 10:00am
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Ecclesiastes 9:1-12: Joined with all the Living

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



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Acknowledgement of Country

We worship our creator God on the ancestral lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

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.

The OCV are directed by Alex Ritter, who is on leave. Today's choir is led by founding director Jenny George, and joined by four special guest singers from The National Youth Choir of Australia (listed in bold):

Today's singers are:

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Roslyn White	Carolyn Baker
Aishah Chadwick-Stumpf	Zoë Withington	Holly Miller
Samantha Anderson-Mayes	Jenny George	Charlie Lines-Perrier
Alex Gorbatov	Alex Owens	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)
I will greatly rejoice

The Old Cathedral Voices
M. Greene (1695-1755)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord:

my soul shall be joyful in my God.

For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation:

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

Isaiah 61:10

Greeting & Preparation

Canon Matt Williams

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

Whoever is joined with all the living has hope,
for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

Ecclesiastes 9:4

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.

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 28 v1,3,5 (Lobe Den Herren) *J. Neander (1650-80)*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation;
all ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do
who with his love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
all that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
let the amen sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.**

The Commandments (*All Sit or Kneel*) *Canon Matt Williams*

**‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one;
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’**

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

Gloria

Canon Matt Williams

**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

Canon Matt Williams

O God, you have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond our understanding:

pour into our hearts such love for you,

that, loving you above all else,

we may obtain your promises

that exceed all we can desire;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. **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

He gives his beloved sleep

A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Commissioned for The Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 9th September 2018. Andrew Anderson is our composer in residence.

Psalm 127 is a song of ascents. Of Solomon.

Except the Lord build the house:

they labour in vain that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city:

the watchmen waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early:

It is vain for you to sit up late;

It is vain to eat the bread of sorrows:

for so he giveth his beloved sleep

(he giveth even as they sleep). Ps 127:1-2 (KJV Alt.)

The Ministry of the Word

Canon Matt Williams

Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding.

As we listen to your Word,

may we know you better,

love you more,

and learn to please you in all we do;

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

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

Nick Fairlie

All this I laid to heart, examining it all,
 how the righteous and the wise and their deeds
 are in the hand of God;
whether it is love or hate one does not know.

Everything that confronts them ²is vanity,
 since the same fate comes to all,
 to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil,
 to the clean and the unclean,
 to those who sacrifice and those who do not sacrifice.

As are the good, so are the sinners;
 those who swear are like those who shun an oath.

³This is an evil in all that happens under the sun,
 that the same fate comes to everyone.

Moreover, the hearts of all are full of evil;
 madness is in their hearts while they live,
 and after that they go to the dead.

⁴But whoever is joined with all the living has hope,
 for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

⁵The living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing;
 they have no more reward,
 and even the memory of them is lost.

⁶Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished;
 never again will they have any share
 in all that happens under the sun.

⁷Go, eat your bread with enjoyment,
and drink your wine with a merry heart;
for God has long ago approved what you do.

⁸Let your garments always be white;
do not let oil be lacking on your head.

⁹Enjoy life with the wife whom you love,
all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun,
because that is your portion in life
and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.

¹⁰Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might;
for there is no work or thought
or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

¹¹Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift,
nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise,
nor riches to the intelligent, nor favour to the skilful;
but time and chance happen to them all.

¹²For no one can anticipate the time of disaster.
Like fish taken in a cruel net, and like birds caught in a snare,
so mortals are snared at a time of calamity,
when it suddenly falls upon them.

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

Psalm 90:1-12

Canon Matt Williams

Lord, you have been our refuge:

from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were born

or the earth and the world were brought to be:

from eternity to eternity you are God.

You turn us back into dust:

saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing:

or like one watch of the night.

You cut them short like a dream:

like the fresh grass of the morning;

In the morning it is green and flourishes:

at evening it is withered and dried up.

And we are consumed by your anger:

because of your indignation we cease to be.

You have brought our iniquities before you:

and our secret sins to the light of your countenance.

Our days decline beneath your wrath:

and our years pass away like a sigh.

The days of our life are three score years and ten,

or if we have strength, four score:

the pride of our labours is but toil and sorrow,

for it passes quickly away and we are gone.

Who can know the power of your wrath:

who can know your indignation like those that fear you?

Teach us so to number our days:

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Janet Neumann

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,
⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while
you have had to suffer various trials,
⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—
being more precious than gold that,
though perishable, is tested by fire—
may be found to result in praise and glory and honour
when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him;
and even though you do not see him now,
you believe in him and rejoice
with an indescribable and glorious joy,
⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.

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

Hymn 46 (St Anne)

I. Watts (1674-1748)

**Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure:
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream
bears all its sons away:
they fly forgotten as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**Our God, our hope in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.**

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹²Jesus said also to the one who had invited him,
'When you give a luncheon or a dinner,
do not invite your friends or your brothers
or your relatives or rich neighbours,
in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled,
the lame, and the blind.

¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you,
for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

¹⁵One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him,
'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!'

¹⁶Then Jesus said to him,
'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many.

¹⁷At the time for the dinner he sent his slave
to say to those who had been invited,
"Come; for everything is ready now."

¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses.

The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land,
and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies."

¹⁹Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen,
and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies."

²⁰Another said, "I have just been married,
and therefore I cannot come."

²¹So the slave returned and reported this to his master.

Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave,
“Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town
and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.”

²²And the slave said, “Sir, what you ordered has been done,
and there is still room.”

²³Then the master said to the slave,
“Go out into the roads and lanes,
and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.

²⁴For I tell you, none of those who were invited
will taste my dinner.” ’

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

Sermon

Bridget Penington

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Attr. J. Redford (d. 1547)

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice!

Let your softness be known unto all men: The Lord is ev’n at hand.

Be careful for nothing, but in all prayer and supplications

*let your petitions be manifest unto God, with giving of thanks,
and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.*

Philippians 4:4-7

The Apostle's Creed (*All Stand*)

Canon Matt Williams

**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.**

Intercessions (*All Sit or Kneel*)

Chris White

Response:

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

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

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

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Preparation

Canon Matt Williams

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 & Greeting of Peace

Canon Matt Williams

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.**

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.

*Remaining in our pews, we greet those immediately around us:
"Peace be with you."*

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

Hymn 384 v1,4,7,8 (Sine Nomine) W. W. How (1823-97)

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. *Hallelujah!***

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Hallelujah!***

**But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. *Hallelujah!***

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, *Hallelujah!***

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.

Loving God,

we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for,

so that all creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,

you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,

and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you

and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross

Jesus took away our sin,

all that keeps us from each other and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear,

from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, 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.'

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.

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
are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.*

Gluten free wafers are available on request.

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

During Communion

The Old Cathedral Voices

Verily, Verily, I say unto you

T. Tallis (1505-1585)

*Verily, Verily, I say unto you,
except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man,
and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*

*He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life:
and I will raise him up at the last day.*

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

*He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood
dwelleth in me, and I in him. John 6:53-56*

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

God our Father,
we rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
for we are receiving the outcome of our faith,
the salvation of our souls. *1 Pet 1:8-9*

**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 303 (Maccabaeus) *E. Budry (1854-1932)*

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting...**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above...**

Blessing & Dismissal

Canon Matt Williams

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional

David Brown (Organ)

**PLEASE STAY FOR MORNING TEA
IN THE CONFERENCE CENTRE NEXT DOOR
AFTER THE SERVICE**

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receive free offerings made at the exit, or by electronic transfers to:*

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Child Safe Culture Principle of the Week

4. Make grooming look odd.

Most people want good things for kids! But people who want to make them unsafe seek to normalise behaviours called 'grooming'.

We ask everyone to observe careful boundaries with children, to help us make identified grooming behaviours look odd in our community. This helps to stop unsafe situations arising.

Grooming includes:

- taking a child off by themselves.
- asking a child to keep part of their relationship with you a secret.
- inappropriate or unwelcome touching.
- singling out a child for gifts or attention in a way that exceeds your care-giving role.

More positively, please do engage our children warmly as fellow members of the community who will benefit from a wide range of adult friendships and positive examples. Help keep them oriented about normal relationships. Be a model of healthy boundaries with warmth, showing genuine interest in them as people and as growing disciples of Jesus.

Other principles:

- 1. Insist on two unrelated adults**
- 2. Kooyoora is your friend.**
- 3. Don't look into it.**
- 5. Make allies not accusations.**
- 6. Do paperwork with thanksgiving!**

Intercessions

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

Notices

- Youth Group has concluded for Term 2, returning July 26th.
- Church camp is back! In a different form. We will run it this year as a City Escape, 538 Collins Street, Melbourne (corner of King Street) on Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September (AFL Grand Final Weekend).
Both part-time and full-time bookings are possible.
- The Feast of St James will be celebrated on July 28th, with guest preacher Reverend Professor Graham Cole, Emeritus Dean of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Emeritus Principal of Ridley College.

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