St James' Old Cathedral

16th March 2025 at 10:00am Second Sunday in Lent

The Virtues of Jesus: Compassion

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



Acknowledgement of Country

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

Child Safety Officer

We are committed to continuous improvement in a safe culture for all, and especially vulnerable persons. Our parish's Child Safety Officer is Una Ebsworth. Una is an accredited specialist in criminal law. All correspondence and questions relating to safety checks should be forwarded to her at safety@sjoc.org.au

The Old Cathedral Voices

Formed in March 2009 from some of Melbourne's finest choral soloists, The Old Cathedral Voices are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter.

Today's singers are:

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor Monika Harris Roslyn White Jenny George Alex Ritter Jack Jordan

Nick Christie Matthew Crossley Mike Mews 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. He also serves as College 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) Call to Remembrance

The Old Cathedral Voices R. Farrant (1530-1581)

Call to remembrance, O Lord,
thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness,
which have been ever of old.
O remember not the offences and sins of my youth,
but according to thy mercy,
think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Psalm 25:5-6

Greeting

Alex De-Leon

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Romans 12:15

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 249 v1-4,6 (Picardy)

Venantius Fortunatus (6th C)

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, sing the last, the dead affray; o'er the cross, the victor's trophy, sound the high triumphal lay, how, the pains of death enduring, earth's Redeemer won the day.

When at length the appointed fullness of the sacred time was come, he was sent, the world's Creator, from the Father's heavenly home and was found in human fashion, offspring of the Virgin's womb.

When the thirty years were ended which on earth he willed to see, willingly he meets his passion, born to set his people free; on the cross the Lamb is lifted, there the sacrifice to be.

There the nails and spear he suffers, vinegar and gall and reed, from his sacred body pierced blood and water both proceed: precious flood, which all creation from the stain of sin has freed.

Cont. Over =>

Praise and honour to the Father, praise and honour to the Son, praise and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One:
One in might and One in glory while eternal ages run.

The Commandments

Alex De-Leon

'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

Alex De-Leon

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

Alex De-Leon

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Hope25

Alex De-Leon

God of Hope,

you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us

a true vision of your kingdom,

a greater certainty of our salvation, and

a deeper dedication to your service;

that through our words and actions the same Spirit may

bring many who are lost to be found,

and for them to celebrate the hope

that we can only have in Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for The Ministry of the Word Alex De-Leon

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.

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 W. Byrd (1540-1623)

Praise our Lord, all ye Gentiles

Praise our Lord, all ye Gentiles:

Praise Him, all ye peoples.

Because his mercy is confirmed upon us:

and his truth remaineth forever. Amen.

Psalm 117

First Lesson: Hosea 2:18-23 (NIV) Carol Clark

In that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, the birds in the sky and the creatures that move along the ground.

Bow and sword and battle

I will abolish from the land, so that all may lie down in safety.

¹⁹I will betroth you to me forever;

I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion.

²⁰I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the Lord.

²¹"In that day I will respond," declares the Lord—

"I will respond to the skies, and they will respond to the earth;

the new wine and the olive oil, and they will respond to Jezreel.

²³I will plant her for myself in the land;

I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.'

I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'"

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

Praise the Lord, O my soul:

and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul:

and forget not all his benefits,

Who forgives all your sin:

and heals all your infirmities,

Who redeems your life from the Pit:

and crowns you with mercy and compassion;

Who satisfies your being with good things:

so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness:

and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses:

and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

slow to anger and of great goodness.

Epistle: Romans 12:9-21 Andrew Watkins

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'

²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.'

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

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 selfsame 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.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-42 Alex De-Leon

The gospel is written in the tenth chapter of the gospel according to Luke, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- ²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.
- 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'
- ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'
- ²⁷He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'
- ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'
- ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'
- ³⁰Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.
- ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
- ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.
- ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them.
- Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

- ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."
- ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?'
- ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'
- ³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
- ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.
- ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked,
- 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'
- ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing.
- Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem
Greater love hath no man

The Old Cathedral Voices
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 to God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

The Apostles' Creed (All Stand.)

Alex De-Leon

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

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 Alex De-Leon

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

Alex De-Leon

We do not have a High Priest

who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

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.) Alex De-Leon

We are the body of Christ: His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn 257i v1,2,5-7 (Love Unknown)

S. Crossman (1624-84)

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow:
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know, But O my friend!
my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend.

They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save; the Prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, the he his foes from thence might free.

Cont. Over =>

In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heaven was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

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 including children at their parents' discretion 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 Jesu, Word of God incarnate

The Old Cathedral Voices W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Jesu, word of God incarnate of the blessed virgin Mary born
On the cross thy sacred body for our sakes with nails was torn.

Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side Feed us with thy body broken that thou may'st in us abide.

After Communion

Canon Matt Wlliams

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 165ii (Blaenwern)

J. M. Scriven (1819-86)

What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer;
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations, is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness: take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus is our only refuge: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer; in his arms he'll take and shield you, you will find a solace there.

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

David Brown (Organ)

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

Instead of collecting offertories during the service, we gratefully receive free offerings made at the exit, or by electronic transfers to:

St James' Old Cathedral

BSB: 013 377

Acc. No.: 008 684 064

Tax deductible giving to support our music program is also possible through the St James' Gift Fund:

Melbourne West ITF Gift Fund

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Child Safe Culture Principle of the Week

3. Don't look into it.

If you see something relating to child safety that looks odd, please don't talk to others about it, or investigate further yourself.

Amateur investigations, gossip or insinuations could compromise an investigation by qualified professionals, and even prevent a just outcome. It could make an unsafe situation more unsafe, prevent procedural justice, or unfairly defame someone.

Just let either the police or Kooyoora Ltd (our independent professional standards body) know what you've seen or heard and why it bothered you, and then follow their instructions.

If you feel you need support to phone them, you may ask the child safety officer (Una Ebsworth) or a member of clergy as appropriate.

It is never the wrong thing to call Kooyoora and relate a concern.

You can call Kooyoora on 1800 135 246.

Other principles:

- 1. Insist on two unrelated adults
- 2. Kooyoora is your friend.
- 4. Make grooming look odd.
- 5. Make allies not accusations.
- 6. Do paperwork with thanksgiving!



Hope25 is an initiative of the Anglican Church of Australia for an intentional season of sharing our hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025.

At St James' Old Cathedral we are planning 3 main activities:

During Lent we will prepare using a study booklet put together by our bishops - Hope25 Lenten Studies 2025. The booklet contains testimonies, daily devotions (beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5th), and also **weekly group studies** which we will go through after church:

- From the second Sunday in Lent (Sunday March 16th Sunday April 13th) in the Conference Centre adjacent to the hall
- Beginning 15 minutes after the end of the service and lasting around 30 minutes (approximately 11:45am - 12:15pm)

On Easter Day (April 20th) the service at St James' Old Cathedral will aim to present our hope in Christ in an especially accessible and inviting way. Afterwards we will have a celebratory morning tea.

After Easter and through Pentecost (June 8th) we will run a 6-to-7-week course exploring the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

Feel free to reach out to Owen Billington, Leon Di Stefano, Bei-En Zou, or Graeme and Anne Sells with any questions or if you would like to be involved.

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; Tony and Wendy Greenwood; Neil; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; Merle Taylor; Jamie Chisholm; Stuart; Janette Wells; The Altin family; Lisa Thompson; Jenny Swain; Jean Miller; Tony Billington; Ken McAlpine.

Notices

- This Lent we will be offering people the opportunity to be involved in Hope25. Details are on page 27 – see Owen Billington, Leon Di Stefano, Bei-En Zou, Anne Sells or Graeme Sells if you want to participate.
- Owen is leading the first Hope25 Sunday bible study after the service today. All welcome!
- Parish Council is moved to next Sunday 23rd at 12pm.

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