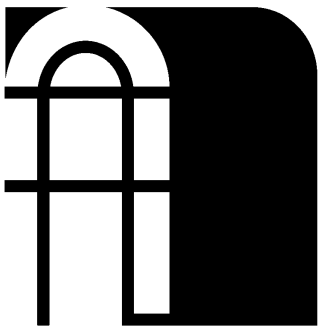


St James' Old Cathedral

13th April 2025 at 10:00am

Palm Sunday

*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:

Yujia Chen	Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Roslyn White
Jenny George	Alex Ritter	Jack Jordan
Mike Mews	Julien Robinson	Matthew Crossley

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

The Old Cathedral Voices

Hosanna filio David

T. L. de Victoria (1548-1611)

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.

Opening Prayer

Bei-En Zou

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week
and gather at your house of prayer,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
that, united with Christ and all the faithful,
we may one day enter in triumph
 the city not made with hands,
the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,
where, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Christ lives in glory for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer of Preparation

Bei-En Zou

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.**

Welcome

Bei-En Zou

Hymn 250 v1,3,4,5 (St Theodulph) *Theodulph of Orleans (d.821)*

(The Refrain is sung before each verse.)

***Refrain: All glory, praise and honour
to thee, redeemer, king
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

- 1. Thou art the king of Israel,
thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest
the king and blessed one.**

- 3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.**

- 4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.**

- 5. Thou didst accept their praises:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest
thou good and gracious king.**

Commandments

Bei-En Zou

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Collect

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.**

Gathering for Children's Chapel

Alex De-Leon

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Alex De-Leon. 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

Rejoice Greatly from “Messiah”

Eliza Bennetts O’Connor

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem,
behold, thy King cometh unto thee.*

*He is the righteous Saviour,
and he shall speak peace unto the heathen...*

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:1-10

Warren Mills

An Oracle.

The word of the Lord is against the land of Hadrach
and will rest upon Damascus.

For to the Lord belongs the capital of Aram,
as do all the tribes of Israel;

²Hamath also, which borders on it,
Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise.

³Tyre has built itself a rampart,
and heaped up silver like dust,
and gold like the dirt of the streets.

⁴But now, the Lord will strip it of its possessions
and hurl its wealth into the sea,
and it shall be devoured by fire.

⁵Ashkelon shall see it and be afraid;
Gaza too, and shall writhe in anguish;
Ekron also, because its hopes are withered.

The king shall perish from Gaza;
Ashkelon shall be uninhabited;
⁶a mongrel people shall settle in Ashdod,
and I will make an end of the pride of Philistia.
⁷I will take away its blood from its mouth,
and its abominations from between its teeth;
it too shall be a remnant for our God;
it shall be like a clan in Judah,
and Ekron shall be like the Jebusites.
⁸Then I will encamp at my house as a guard,
so that no one shall march to and fro;
no oppressor shall again overrun them,
for now I have seen with my own eyes.
⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
Hear the word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

Open me the gates of righteousness:

and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord:

the righteous shall enter it.

I will praise you, for you answered me:

and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected:

has become the head of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing:

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made:

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, save us, we pray:

O Lord, send us prosperity.

Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:

from the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light:

guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God and I will praise you:

you are my God, I will exalt you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:

and his mercy endures for ever.

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,
called 'the uncircumcision'
by those who are called 'the circumcision'
—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—

¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ,
being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel,
and strangers to the covenants of promise,
having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one
and has broken down the dividing wall,
that is, the hostility between us.

¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances,
so that he might create in himself
one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,

¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God
in one body through the cross,
thus putting to death that hostility through it.

¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near;

¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

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

Hymn 264 (Winchester New)

H. Milman (1791-1868)

**Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes hosanna cry!
O Saviour, meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty;
your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your power and reign!**

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was in Bethany, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

¹⁰So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well,
¹¹since it was on account of him
that many of the Jews were deserting
and were believing in Jesus.

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!'

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!'

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

¹⁷So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify.

¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign
that the crowd went to meet him.

¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another,
'You see, you can do nothing.
Look, the world has gone after him!'

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

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

Hosanna to the Son of David

T. Weelkes (1576-1623)

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens.

Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Let us together affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Chris White

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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.

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.**

Greeting of Peace**Bei-En Zou**

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share a greeting of peace with those around you.

*During the Hymn which follows,
the Children's Chapel re-join us for Holy Communion.*

Hymn 163 v1,2,5,6 (Diademata)**M. Bridges (1800-94)**

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy chosen king
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began:
and ye who tread where he hath trod
crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own
that all in him may rest.**

**Crown him, the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;
where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, gracious God, we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine,
and pray that we who receive them,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
according to our Saviour's word,
in remembrance of his suffering and death,
may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

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
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup
to proclaim the death of the Lord.

We do this until he returns.
Come, Lord Jesus!

Father, as we recall his saving death and glorious resurrection,
may we who share these gifts
be renewed by your Holy Spirit
and united in the body of your Son.

Bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom,
there to feast at your table and
join in your eternal praise:

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive praise and honour
and glory and power
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*All baptised believers in the Lord Jesus Christ,
including baptised children at their parents' discretion,
are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.*

*If you need gluten-free bread,
advise the minister at the rail.*

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

Meditation
A Gaelic Blessing

The Old Cathedral Voices
J. Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ - of Christ the light of the world - to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you.

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

God our help and strength,
through these holy mysteries
confirm our faith
that by the death and resurrection of your Son
we may walk in the way of salvation.

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 465ii v1,2,5 (Michael)

J. Neander (1650-80)

All my hope on God is founded;

he doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance he guideth

only good and only true.

God unknown,

he alone

calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,

sword and crown betray his trust;

what with care and toil he buildeth,

tower and temple, fall to dust.

But God's power,

hour by hour,

is my temple and my tower.

Still from man to God eternal

sacrifice of praise be done,

high above all praises praising

for the gift of Christ his Son.

Christ doth call

one and all:

ye who follow shall not fall.

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)

*Morning Tea will be served
in the Conference centre next door
following the service.*

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

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HOPE25

HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

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 (May 4 to June 8) we will run a 7 week course exploring the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Register here using this QR Code.



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; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; Merle Taylor; Jamie Chisholm; Stuart; Janette Wells; Lisa Thompson; Jenny Swain; Tony Billington; Ken McAlpine.

Notices

- Tomorrow, Monday 14th April at 11:00am, we will hold a memorial service for our dear sister Jean Miller here in St James' Old Cathedral.
- Owen is leading ourHope25 Sunday bible study after the service today.
- Two services coming up are especially good for inviting friends and family including people unfamiliar with the Christian faith: the Good Friday Service at 10am (Passion Reading with Musical Meditations) and our Hope25 Service on Easter Sunday at 10am. The latter service will include the Baptism of Will Batten, who will also share his Testimony.
- A new KYB study will commence from April 23 on Wednesdays at 10am, meeting in the conference centre, looking at the gospel of Luke.

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