

# St James' Old Cathedral

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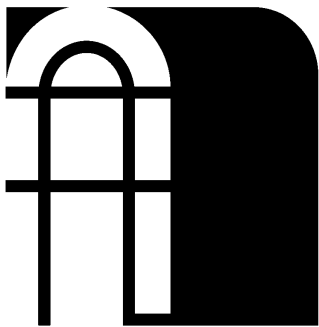
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Confirmation of Harry Spriggs; Angus Fairlie

Pablo Cabrera and Eileen Kernohan

Groaning with the Spirit: Romans 8:18-27

*Service of Confirmation and 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](mailto: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

Carolyn Baker

Alex Ritter

Jenny George

Jack Jordan

Mike Mews

Alex Owens

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 also serves as Organist of 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.

## Testimony: Harry Spriggs

I have always called myself a Christian but I never really knew what it meant to be a Christian until a couple of years ago. When I was younger, I didn't understand what going to Church meant and I just saw it as some place I had to go to with my parents every Sunday. Since I started to go to Youth Group, I felt that I started to really understand what having a relationship with God really means. I felt that God was with me everywhere I went and I could really feel his presence in my life.

I'd like to thank everybody who has helped me with my journey with God. It would be too long to list them all but here are some of the most influential: my parents, Father Matt, my grandparents and Bishop Graeme. I really appreciate everyone here and especially the church in making me feel confident to take this next step of my walk with Jesus.

## Testimony: Angus Fairlie

When I caught up with Matt about being confirmed, I was a bit unsure. It felt like a big commitment and I was unsure whether or not I was ready to make that commitment. Matt helped me realise that I did not actually know what I was committing to. Now I understand that being confirmed is a lot like being baptised, however, instead of my parents making promises, I would be making the promise that I would live my life how God intended people to live it. I know that I will make mistakes along the way, that both God and I will not be proud of, but I hope that by being confirmed, God understands that I am trying my best and that I will ask for God's help to keep me on the right track.

It is tradition in my family for children to take the bread and wine once they have been confirmed or had their first communion. Today, I will have the communion for the first time. Previously, I never really understood communion, but through my preparation leading up to today, I understand that communion is more than just the bread and wine, but rather a time to really connect with Jesus and God.

## Testimony: Angus Fairlie (cont.)

Overall, the reason I decided that I wanted to be confirmed was to strengthen my relationship with God because up until now, I hadn't really thought about God like how I do now. After all, it was my parents who made the promises for me when I was baptised, not me. Now, however, I feel that my relationship with God is stronger than ever and I want it to stay that way.

## Testimony: Pablo Cabrera

I've always felt that, in the most difficult moments of life, God is guiding and showing me the path. You can't prove it, or show it to anybody else, but you know that he is there, and that he is helping you.

Most people seem to expect that God helping you has to be a miraculous show of power or a divine sign. But when he is there, leading your thoughts, you just feel what he wants and you know that what he is doing through and for you is right.

My parents have definitely helped me and nurtured my Christian life, and have always kept my connection with God strong since I was little. All the sermons done by priests and pastors that I have heard over my time at church and youth group have helped add new ideas and thoughts to my mind and help me think in Christian way. My Grandma also helped me grow my early spirituality. I remember her always saying thanks when I used to stay at her house, praying and reading the bible to us, and taking me and my cousin to the nearby church.

I decided to do confirmation to reaffirm and strengthen my bond with God and Christ, and to maintain a relationship with him, continuing into my life.

Baptism is a first step into God's kingdom. I feel like confirmation is me choosing to continue to reinforce my Christian journey, and confirming my belief and trust in God, continuing what was begun at baptism.

## Testimony: Eileen Kernohan

I am eternally grateful for my relationship with God. It wasn't always this way. For me, coming into the fold of God happened only relatively recently, about 12 months ago.

My parents immigrated to Australia from the UK in the mid 1950's. Although they attended church in their home country, after moving to Melbourne, they became disconnected from the church. Before my birth they considered themselves atheists. Fortunately, while I was in primary school, my mother still chose to send me to Sunday school so I became familiar with biblical stories. That experience of learning about those stories gave me an enduring fascination and curiosity about the Bible which I only began exploring in depth in the last few years.

I have considered myself an atheist and a sceptic for the majority of my life. I surrounded myself with friends who were either also atheist or non-church going Christians. I always seemed to rationalise away the case for religion.

It was not until my 35-year marriage dissolved in 2019 which forced me to reassess who I was as an individual and I began to look for meaning and purpose. This involved re-evaluating my position on many topics that I had steadfastly held onto for many years. For example I had been vegetarian and then vegan for the past 30+ years. In recent years I have come to the realisation that my strict adherence to this dietary lifestyle was itself a quasi-religion. I began to look outside the comfort zones I had made for myself. Making small changes which developed over time to giving up the vegan lifestyle. I then started opening my mind to the possibility that my atheist view could also be wrong.

I began reading the Bible as well as listening to discussions on biblical teachings. This started as a quest for knowledge and I was surprised to realise that reading the Bible was revealing certain qualities of myself and it has been like an door opening to my faith and belief in Jesus Christ.

I am very early in my journey to understanding God but I can say my life has been endlessly enriched and I am excited to be welcomed and accepted into the Anglican church with my confirmation.

**Processional**

*The Old Cathedral Voices*

**O Lord, Increase our Faith**

*H. Loosemore (1600-1670)*

*O Lord, increase our faith,  
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith,  
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity,  
and patience in all our adversities, Sweet Jesus, say 'Amen'.*

**Greeting**

*Bishop Genieve Blackwell*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Sentence of Scripture**

*Canon Matt Williams*

Not only the creation, but we ourselves,  
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,  
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,  
the redemption of our bodies. *Romans 8:23*

There is one body and one Spirit;  
**there is one hope in God's call to us.**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,  
**one God and Father of all.**

**Hymn 327 (All for Jesus)**

***B. Foley (1919-2000)***

**Holy Spirit, come confirm us  
in the truth that Christ makes known;  
we have faith and understanding  
through your helping gifts alone.**

**Holy Spirit, come console us,  
come as advocate to plead,  
loving Spirit from the Father,  
grant in Christ the help we need.**

**Holy Spirit, come renew us,  
come yourself to make us live:  
holy, through your loving presence,  
holy, through the gifts you give.**

**Holy Spirit, come possess us,  
you the love of Three in One,  
Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.**

## **Confession**

***Canon Matt Williams***

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,  
and confess that we need forgiveness.

*(All sit or kneel).* Let us pray.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.  
Forgive us when we turn away from you. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.  
Rescue us from slavery to sin. Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship  
with you and with one another.

Breathe your love and freedom into our lives. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

***Canon Matt Williams***

Everliving God,  
your Spirit made us your children,  
confident to call you Father.  
Increase your Spirit within us  
and bring us to our promised inheritance  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## **Gathering for Children's Chapel**

**Bridget Penington**

*We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Bridget Penington. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the choir sings. They will return to witness the confirmations and Holy Communion.*

*Childsafe Policy: Children's Chapel is supervised at all times by at least two unrelated adults with current Working with Children Check approvals.*

## **Meditation**

**The Old Cathedral Voices**

### **Sing unto the Lord**

**C. Tye (1505-1572)**

*Sing unto the Lord, ye that are his saints,  
and give thanks with a remembrance of his holiness.*

*The Lord hath heard me,  
and hath taken mercy upon me.*

*The Lord is made my helper,  
thou hast turned my sorrow into joy.*

*Thou hast put off my sackcloth,  
and hath compassed me with gladness,  
that my glory may sing to thee without grief.*

*O Lord my God: I shall evermore give thanks to thee. Ps 30:4, 11-13*

## **First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25**

**Ruth Champion**

<sup>17</sup>For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

<sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice for ever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.

<sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.

<sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred  
will be considered accursed.

<sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup>They shall not labour in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
and their descendants as well.

<sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

**Psalm 30**

*Canon Matt Williams*

I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up from the depths:  
**and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.**

O Lord my God, I cried to you:  
**and you have made me whole.**

You brought me back, O God, from the land of silence:  
**you saved my life from among those that go down to the Pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones:  
**and give thanks to his holy name.**

For if in his anger is havoc, in his good favour is life:  
**heaviness may endure for a night,  
but joy comes in the morning.**

In my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved:  
**your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill."**

Then you hid your face from me:  
**and I was greatly dismayed.**

I cried to you, O God;  
**and made my petition humbly to my Lord.**

'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit:  
**can the dust give you thanks,  
or declare your faithfulness?**

'Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:  
**O Lord, be my helper.'**

You have turned my lamentation into dancing:  
**you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,**

That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:  
**O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time  
are not worth comparing with the glory  
about to be revealed to us.

<sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing  
for the revealing of the children of God;

<sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility,  
not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it,  
in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself  
will be set free from its bondage to decay  
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation  
has been groaning in labour pains until now;

<sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves,  
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,  
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,  
the redemption of our bodies.

<sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what is seen?

<sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;  
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

<sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart,  
knows what is the mind of the Spirit,  
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints  
according to the will of God.

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

**Hymn 310 (Down Ampney)**

***Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)***

**Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong  
with which the soul will long  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

**Gospel Reading: John 14:22-26**

***Dr Callum Dawson***

The Gospel is written in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel according to John, beginning at the twenty-second verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to him,  
'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us,  
and not to the world?'

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word,  
and my Father will love them,  
and we will come to them and make our home with them.

<sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;  
and the word that you hear is not mine,  
but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>'I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

<sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything,  
and remind you of all that I have said to you.

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

**Sermon**

**Bishop Genieve Blackwell**

**Anthem**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**And I saw a new heaven**

***E. Bainton (1880-1956)***

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:  
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;  
and there was no more sea.*

*And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
coming down from God out of heaven  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,  
“Behold! The Tabernacle of God is with men,  
and he shall dwell with them and they shall be his people,  
and God himself shall be with them and be their God.”*

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

*And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain,*

*for the former things are passed away.                      Revelation 21:1-4*

## **The Presentation of Confirmees**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

*The bishop invites all candidates for confirmation with the minister and any other sponsors to gather in view of the congregation.*

*The bishop invites the minister and sponsors of confirmation candidates to present the candidates.*

We welcome those who have come to be confirmed.

I invite their sponsors to present them now.

*The minister and any sponsors present each candidate by name:*

**We present Eileen Kernohan who comes to be confirmed.**

**We present Pablo Cabrera who comes to be confirmed.**

**We present Harry Spriggs who comes to be confirmed.**

**We present Angus Fairlie who comes to be confirmed.**

*The bishop says to those who are to be confirmed:*

Before God and this congregation,  
you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

**I reject them all.**

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

**I renounce all that is evil.**

Will you each, by God's grace,  
strive to live your whole life as a disciple of Christ,  
loving God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**



*The bishop says to the congregation*

You have heard these our brothers and sister  
renew their response to Christ. Will you support them?

**We will.**

Let us pray for those who have affirmed their baptism  
and are to receive the laying on of hands.

Merciful God, deliver them from all evil  
that they may walk in the way of truth and life;  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts by the Holy Spirit to your grace and truth;  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church;  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world to witness to your love and justice;  
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Bring them and us all into the fullness of your peace and glory;  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

## **The Profession of Faith**

*Bishop Genieve Blackwell*

*The bishop says to the candidates:*

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*The bishop says to the congregation:*

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith:**

**We believe in one God:**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## **The Confirmation**

*Bishop Genieve Blackwell*

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now, and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God,  
you have given your servants  
new birth by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven them their sins.

Strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit  
that they may grow in grace.

Increase in them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of discernment and inner strength,  
the spirit of knowledge and true godliness,  
and fill them with wonder and awe at your presence,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Those who are to be confirmed kneel before the bishop,  
who lays a hand upon each of them saying:*

Strengthen, Lord, your servant, *name* with your Holy Spirit.  
Empower and sustain *him/her* for your service. **Amen.**

*When all candidates have received the laying on of hands,  
the congregation prays together:*

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

## **Further Prayers**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

*The bishop prays for all those upon whom hands have been laid.*

Almighty and everliving God,  
watch over these your servants  
upon whom we have now laid our hands.  
Let your Holy Spirit always be with them  
and lead them to know and obey your word,  
that they may serve you in this life,  
and dwell with you in the life to come:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Greeting of Peace (All Stand.)**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

We are the body of Christ:

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

**And also with you.**

*We share a greeting of peace with one another  
as the confirmees return to their pews.*

**Hymn 465ii v1,3,4,5 (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.**

**God's great goodness ay endureth,  
deep his wisdom passing thought:  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.**

**Evermore  
from his store  
newborn worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth the almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth  
pleasure leads us where we go.**

**Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.**

**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.**

**Thanksgiving & Holy Communion**      *Bishop Genieve Blackwell*

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 one another 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.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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

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.*

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

*Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

**During Communion**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**Psalm 23 from "Requiem"**

***H. Howells (1892-1983)***

*The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.*

*He shall feed me in a green pasture :*

*and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.*

*He shall convert my soul :*

*and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,  
for his Name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil :*

*for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.*

*Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :*

*thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.*

*But thy loving-kindness and mercy*

*shall follow me all the days of my life :*

*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*



## **After Communion**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.

May the power of your love,

    which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys you promise.

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***

*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**

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**Hymn 14 (Nun Danket)**

***M. Rinkart (1586–1649)***

**Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hand and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom the world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
hath blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Holy Ghost,  
one Lord in highest heaven:  
the one eternal God  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

**Blessing*****Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

Go forth into the world in peace;  
Be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint hearted;  
support the weak  
help the afflicted;  
give honour to all;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal*****Canon Matt Williams***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Recessional*****David Brown (Organ)*****Prelude in B Minor*****J. S. Bach (1685-1750)***

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA  
IN THE CONFERENCE CENTRE  
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

## 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; 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; Tony Billington.

## Notices

- Today is a service of confirmation with Bishop Genieve Blackwell. We rejoice in the work God has been doing in the hearts of Eileen, Pablo, Harry and Angus. Short testimonies from each are provided in the front of the service booklet.
- There will be an Ecumenical Evensong celebrating the ministry of women in the churches at 4pm today in St Paul's Cathedral.
- Please book in for church camp! 27-29<sup>th</sup> September in the City.
- Canon Matt is away on holidays for a week from this Thursday.

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