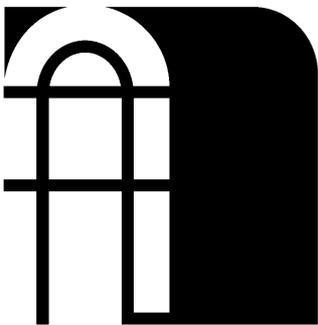


St James' Old Cathedral

29th March 2026 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 OCV are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter. Today's singers are:

Monika Harris	Maggie Dunleavy	Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	
Lily Flynn	Carolyn Baker	Alex Ritter	
Jenny George	Lucy Hood	Tanum Shipp	Alex Owens
Mike Mews	Andrew Anderson	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

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'.*

Opening Prayer

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

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 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

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.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-13

James McComish

Seek the Lord while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven

and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy

and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Roslyn White

For the message about the cross is foolishness
to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar?

Where is the debater of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God,

the world did not know God through wisdom,
God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation,
to save those who believe.

²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,

²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,
and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 nineteenth chapter of the gospel according to Luke, beginning at the eleventh verse.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹¹Jesus went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.

(...)

²⁸After he had said this (parable), he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." '

³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?'

³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.'

³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

³⁷As he was now approaching the path down
from the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples
began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice
for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,
'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.'

⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent,
the stones would shout out.'

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying,
'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day
the things that make for peace!
But now they are hidden from your eyes.

⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you,
when your enemies will set up ramparts around you
and surround you, and hem you in on every side.

⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground,
you and your children within you,
and they will not leave within you one stone upon another;
because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'

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

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

We will rejoice in thy salvation

W. Croft (1678-1727)

We will rejoice in Thy salvation

and triumph in the name of the Lord our God.

Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses,

but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 20:5,7

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

Elizabeth Blades-Hamilton

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

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 464 (Ich Halte Treulich Still)

J. Wesley (1703-91)

**Put thou thy trust in God,
in duty's path go on;
walk in his strength with faith and hope,
so shall thy work be done.**

**Commit thy ways to him,
thy works into his hands,
and rest on his unchanging word,
who heaven and earth commands.**

**Though years on years roll on,
his covenant shall endure;
though clouds and darkness hide his path,
the promised grace is sure.**

**Give to the winds thy fears;
hope, and be undismayed:
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;
God shall lift up thy head.**

**Through waves and clouds and storms
his power will clear thy way:
wait thou his time; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day.**

**Leave to his sovereign sway
to choose and to command;
so shalt thou, wondering, own his way,
how wise, how strong his hand.**

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
On the Road

The Old Cathedral Voices
A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Commissioned for The Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 2nd Feb 2014.
Andrew Anderson is our Composer-in-Residence.

*When Jesus was at the table with them,
he took bread, blessed and broke it, and he gave it to them.*
*Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him;
and he vanished from their sight.*
*They said to each other,
'Were not our hearts burning within us
while he was talking to us on the road,
while he was opening the scriptures to us?'*

Luke 24:30-32

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 (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.

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.**

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:

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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Holy Week Services at St James' Old Cathedral

Sunday 29th March at 10:00am

Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Friday 3rd April at 10:00am

Good Friday Passion Reading

by Dr Andrew Starner and Canon Matt Williams

with Musical Meditations

from The Old Cathedral Voices

and featuring Clyde Saniga (Saxophone)

Sunday 5th April at 10:00am

Easter Sunday Holy Communion

with Adult Baptisms

National Trust Appeal: Roof Replacement

In 2010 a Heritage Review identified the replacement of our slate roof as an urgent work for the next two years.

We have not been able to fund this, and have continued to tolerate regular leaks in the rain, which are damaging other parts of the church in turn.

Parish Council and the National Trust have authorised an appeal. **We are seeking to raise \$500,000** for the full replacement of the slate roof and the restoration of other things which are urgent or best done at the same time. We have engaged Extent Heritage to guide this process and optimise outcomes.

Just before Tony died, Tony and Wendy Greenwood donated the first \$200,000 to this appeal. They hoped to inspire others.

Donations through the National Trust are Tax Deductible. The National Trust take an 8% administration fee.

Please direct Tax Deductible Donations to:

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

BSB: 033000

Account number: 937419

Description: St James Old Cathedral

Please follow up any donations with an email

to both accounts@nattrust.com.au and office@sjoc.org.au

so that we can track donations.

Should we raise more than is needed for urgent works, we are approved to use donations to repay the outstanding loan for the 2011 Tower Restoration.

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Commitment to Child Safety

Jesus said:

*"Anyone who welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me.
But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble –
it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck
and he were drowned in the depths of the sea."*

Matthew 18:5-6

As we meet together to worship God,
we seek to honour him by the diligent protection of children.

We are committed to creating a culture of safety for all,
and undergoing regular training to do so.

We seek to normalise routine submission
to Police Checks and Working With Children Checks
for all members of the community.

If anyone sees any behaviour
related to child safety that strikes them as odd,
they should not investigate the matter themselves,
but call the independent Professional Standards Hotline
(Kooyoora Ltd) for expert guidance:

1800 135 246

or our local police (313 Spencer Street, Docklands):

03 8690 4444

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; Lorraine Hedley; Diane and Roger Smith and family; Beverly Stephenson; The Hamilton Family; Jean Ely; Neil Hawthorn; Jenny Swain; Kim Boulton; Tony Billington; Ken McAlpine; Jamie Chisholm; Anne Ellison; Gillian Williams; Mavis Payne; Lisa Thompson; Warren Mills; Chris & Roselee Jones; all who mourn Carl Moses and Sergio Altin.

Notices

- A Tuesday night dinner & bible study group meets at Canon Matt's house: 96 Roden Street, West Melbourne, 7pm-9pm.
- Parish Council meets today at 12pm.

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