

St James' Old Cathedral

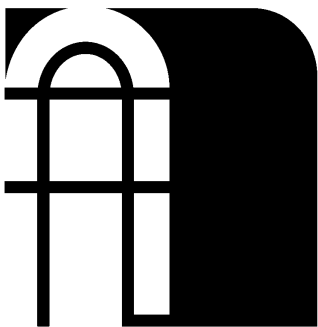
12th July 2026 at 10:00am

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Baptism of Shea Latif

Philippians 4:1-9

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



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Acknowledgement of Country

We worship our creator God on the ancestral lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge them as the traditional 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

The Old Cathedral Voices are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter. Alex is on leave. Today they are led by founding director Jenny George.

Today's singers are:	Lily Flynn	Maggie Dunleavy
Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Jenny George	Matthew Crossley
Tanum Shipp	Spencer Chapman	Jack Jordan
Alex Owens	Nick Christie	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, electro-pneumatic action. Gt: 8.8.4.4.2.III. Sw: 8.8.8.4.2.III.8. Ped: 16.16.10-2/3.8.4.

The Old Cathedral's organist is David Brown. David undertook studies as an organ scholar at the Universities of Cambridge and St Andrews and is currently also organist for Scotch College.

The Bells

Melbourne's first peal of bells were the six bells hung in St James' Cathedral in 1853, replacing an old ship's bell. Two more were added in 1885. All were cast by Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel Road, London, and are reputed to be the finest ever cast there. They are still rung regularly by a team of volunteers.

Testimony: Shea Latif

During my youth, I developed a deep resentment toward people, and society. Something was very wrong in the world and nothing I had heard seemed to satisfactorily answer this problem. I was unable to understand or deal healthily with my own emotions and was subsequently drawn toward addiction, thrills and petty crime. By 15 I had dropped out of school. Rebellion was very fashionable, righteous even, in a fake and corrupt world. But eventually, all the overdoses, drug debts and boasting of organised crime were enough to awaken some sort of lucidity and fear in me, that my obvious trajectory was not what I wanted.

With the resurgence in new age movements, I sought escape in greener looking pastures. Much to my disappointment I watched even the most radically open minded and alternative communities devolve into the same quarrels, dysfunction and politics I was trying to escape. Even more to my dismay I discovered that I couldn't help it either. So I steeled myself, to no longer continue to justify what festered within me, by the injustices of the world. I continued on like this for years, searching, wrestling with the problem of evil, trying to be a better person. Desperate for meaning and grasping for some wisdom in the chaos to make it all make sense. Despite my negative preconceptions toward religion, I became intrigued by Christianity, but did not understand or believe. It was more reasonable to me that honesty, integrity, discipline and accountability would turn me into the selfless loving person I yearned to be. To simply be a good person, and to take responsibility. But it was only until this noble pursuit, which came to a painful dead end, was my pride crushed and I brought low enough to see I could not do even that... Not by myself.

All my knowledge, wisdom and good intentions could not save anyone, and the fruits of my labours were still bitter after years of effort and supposed personal growth.

One day as I stood at the foot of Mt Alexander, through tears, I cried out in sorrow. As I collected myself, I turned the corner. As I did, I had to shield my eyes from the blinding light of the soon setting sun, and at the top of the hill, at the end of the road, lay a silhouetted telephone pole, in the form of a cross. At that moment, I was consoled so personally, and understood that He had taken responsibility for me where I could not. My personal disregard for God, and stubborn self-reliance were painfully clear to me but even so, peace sprung forth from within my heart. His gracious love and presence, palpable, constant. Yet rationalising what was happening before my very eyes, left me with far more questions than answers, and in all honesty, a little incredulous. How good and glorious He is, ironically can be terrifying to dare accept. Since that experience I have changed drastically, but also painfully slowly, and subtly. I immersed myself in scripture and online biblical resources. Learning about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Reflecting, contemplating, slowly finding fellowship and finally mustering the courage to attend church for the first time this year.

As I look to Christ, I am broken by his sacrifice, and in hope and awe, transformed by His unbelievable love and faithfulness. My faith and trust, I pray stay secure and strengthened in Him, that His life may also live in me. That I may be washed clean and learn to trust the wisdom of God, together alongside you all.

Processional

The Old Cathedral Voices

I will greatly rejoice

M. Greene (1695-1755)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord:

my soul shall be joyful in my God.

For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation:

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

Isaiah 61:10

Opening Sentence and Greeting

Bridget Chapman

Rejoice in the Lord always;

again I will say, Rejoice.

Phil 4:4

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

And also with you.

Phil 4:23

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.

Opening Prayer

Bridget Chapman

God of peace,

in whom we have joy and comfort:

make us to be of one mind in the Lord,

that we may struggle together as co-workers

in the cause of the gospel

and rejoice together as brothers and sisters in the Lord;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 147 v1-3,5 (Darwall)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Refrain: *Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.*
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Refrain*

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given: *Refrain*

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home: *Refrain*

Commandments

Bridget Chapman

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.

Confession

Bridget Chapman

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

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

Canon Matt Williams

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

Gathering for Children's Chapel

Lwe Moo San Tay

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Lwe Moo San Tay. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the following anthem is sung. They will return to join us witnessing the baptism and sharing in 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

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Attr. J. Redford (d. 1547)

Rejoice in the Lord alway:

and again I say, Rejoice!

Let your softness be known unto all men:

The Lord is ev'n at hand.

Be careful for nothing, but in all prayer and supplications

let your petitions be manifest unto God,

with giving of thanks,

and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,

shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.

Philippians 4:4-7

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

Nick Fairlie

^{61:1} The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. (...)

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my whole being shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

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

Psalm 133

Bridget Chapman

Behold how good and how lovely it is:

when families live together in unity.

It is fragrant as oil upon the head,

that runs down over the beard:

**fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron
that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

It is like a dew of Hermon:

like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:

which is life for evermore.

Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9

Jenny George

- ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
- ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche
to be of the same mind in the Lord.
- ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women,
for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel,
together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers,
whose names are in the book of life.
- ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
- ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
- ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
- ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true,
whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
- ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received
and heard and noticed in me, do them,
and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Hymn 519ii (Repton)

J. G. Whittier (1807-92)

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust, like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**

**O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.**

The Gospel is written in the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to John, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Jesus continued in prayer to the Father:)

¹³ But now I am coming to you,
and I speak these things in the world
so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

¹⁴ I have given them your word,
and the world has hated them
because they do not belong to the world,
just as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world,
but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

¹⁶ They do not belong to the world,
just as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world,
so I have sent them into the world.

¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself,
so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these
but also on behalf of those
who believe in me through their word,

²¹ that they may all be one.

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you,
may they also be in us,
so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²² The glory that you have given me I have given them,
so that they may be one, as we are one,

²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one,
so that the world may know that you have sent me
and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

H. Purcell (1659-1695)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men.

The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing;

*but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known unto God.*

*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

About Baptism

Canon Matt Williams

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.
When he had risen from the dead,
he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations,
baptising them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin
that Jesus' death makes possible,
and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us.
We are joined to Christ,
and made members of his body, the Church universal.

So we welcome you, Shea Latif.

We give thanks for you, and pray
that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

Testimony

Shea Latif
Baptismal Candidate

The Decision

Canon Matt Williams

The priest says to the candidate:

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.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

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

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation:

You have heard our brother Shea respond to Christ.

Will you support him in this calling?

We will.

Further prayers

Canon Matt Williams

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God,

that Shea may be so buried with Christ in baptism

that the new nature may be raised up in him.

May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him. **Amen.**

May he know Christ's forgiving love

and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church.

May he proclaim, by word and example,

the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world

and to each other in the household of faith.

Hasten that day when the whole creation

shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

During the Hymn which follows, the Children's Chapel re-join us

to witness the baptism and share in Holy Communion.

The candidate and sponsors follow the priest to the entrance of the church

where the font is located (this symbolically expresses that baptism is the 'way

in' to the church). The rest of the congregation may leave their pews if desired

to gather around the same area, or simply turn towards the font.

Hymn 405 (Mit Freuden Zart)

T. H. Kingo (1634-1703)

**He that believes and is baptised
shall see the Lord's salvation;
baptised into the death of Christ,
he is a new creation;
through Christ's redemption he shall stand
among the glorious heavenly band
of every tribe and nation.**

**With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us your Holy Spirit,
and look on our infirmity
through Jesus' blood and merit.
O keep us in baptismal grace,
until at last we take our place
with all who life inherit.**

The Baptism

Canon Matt Williams

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation
your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters
to bring forth light and life.

With water you cleanse and replenish the earth;
you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery into freedom,
and brought them through the river Jordan
to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ:
for his baptism by John,
for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death
Jesus delivered us from our sins
and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit
who forms us in the likeness of Christ
and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called this your servant to
new birth in your church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water
so that Shea, as he is baptised in it,
may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

May he die to sin, rise to newness of life,
and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom we give you praise and honour
in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Affirmation of the Creed

Canon Matt Williams

All are invited to affirm the creed together with the candidate.

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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Canon Matt Williams

The minister baptises the candidate by pouring water over him, saying,

Shea Latif

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The minister then makes a cross on his forehead, saying:

I sign you with the sign of the cross
to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

Presenting a lit candle, the minister says:

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All return to their seats during the hymn.

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.**

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.

To you, our God and Father,

be glory for ever and ever.

Phil 4:20

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

but humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

Phil 2:6,8

You have highly exalted him

and given him the name that is above every other name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Phil 2:9-10

In baptism you have united us to him

and brought us out of darkness into light.

You pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts,

and calling us to serve you as a royal priesthood.

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 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.**

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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 are not baptised, you may still come forward
and receive a blessing from the priest.*

Please place your hands across your chest to indicate this preference.

If you need gluten-free bread, advise the priest 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.*

During Communion

The Old Cathedral Voices

Do not be afraid

P. Stopford (b. 1977)

*Refrain: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

*When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.*

*When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames. Refrain*

*When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.*

*When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes. Refrain*

*You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love. Refrain*

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

Gracious God,

in baptism you make us one family in Christ our Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.

Help us to grow in love for one another

and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

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 385 1,2,4,5 (Aurelia)

S. J. Stone (1839-1900)

The church's one foundation

is Jesus Christ her Lord:

she is his new creation

by water and the word:

from heaven he came and sought her

to be his holy bride;

with his own blood he bought her,

and for her life he died.

**Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.**

**Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Canon Matt Williams

The peace of God which passes all understanding

guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, *Phil 4:7*

and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional

David Brown (Organ)

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

*We rejoice in your partnership in the gospel
from the first day until now!*

Phil 1:5

All gifts are "a fragrant offering,

a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God."

Phil 4:18

**Thank you for your generous gifts to the National Trust Appeal
for the replacement of the slate roof of the Old Cathedral.**

As of June 30th, 2026 this appeal has raised \$274,775.

*We encourage members to set up a regular electronic transfer to
support the ministry of the parish and assist confident budgeting.*

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

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A long serving member of The Old Cathedral Voices, baritone
Alex Owens, is moving to Switzerland for further vocal study.
Their farewell concert is on 17th July at 7pm in Abbotsford.
Book here: <https://events.humanitix.com/thankyouforalex>

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; Jamie Chisholm; Anne Ellison; Gillian Williams; Yen-Ling Chiu; Warren Mills; Chris & Roselee Jones.

Notices

- Today we welcome Shea Latif through the waters of baptism.
- Our Synod representatives will be Owen Billington; Andrew Watkins and Jamie Keck, with Chris White as the alternate.
- KYB resumes on Wednesday 15th July at 10am, studying Romans 9-16.
- Friday 24th July will be a special combined Youth Night with Archbishop Ric Thorpe, meeting at St Jude's Carlton. All ages 12-18 are welcome.
- On Sunday 26th July we will celebrate the Feast of St James, marking the 175th Anniversary of the Gold Rush and reflecting on that history.

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