

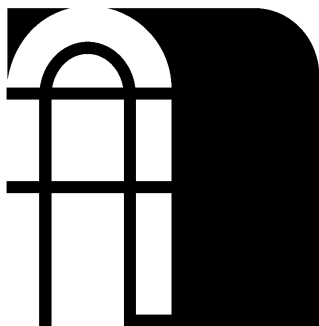
St James' Old Cathedral

5th February 2023 at 10:00am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

#Blessed: Matthew 4:23-5:12

*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 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 directed by Jenny George.

Today's singers are:

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Jenny George	Spencer Chapman
Jack Jordan	Nick Christie	Julien Robinson

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.

The Bells

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

Processional (All Stand)

The Old Cathedral Voices

Blessed is the man

J. Stainer (1840-1901)

*Blessed is the man that endureth temptation;
for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life,
which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

James 1:12

Greeting & Preparation

Marinus van Meerten

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Welcome

Marinus van Meerten

Hymn 376 (Carlisle 552)

J. Keble (1792-1866)

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

Matthew 5:8

**Blest are the pure in heart
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;
still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his cradle and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.**

The Commandments

Marinus van Meerten

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one;
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment.
And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Gloria

Marinus van Meerten

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord;
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Marinus van Meerten

Living God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Marinus van Meerten

Heavenly Father,
 give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word,
 may we know you better, love you more,
 and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering for Children's Chapel

Bei-En Zou

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Bei-En Zou. 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

Blessed is he that fears the Lord

W. Byrd (1540-1623)

*Blessed is he that fears the Lord:
he walketh in his ways,
and sets his great delight therein
the length of all his days.*

*His seed and those which of him come
mighty on earth shall be
the race of such as faithful are
men blessed shall them see.*

Psalm 112:1-2

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-11

James McComish

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

⁷Listen to me, you who know righteousness,
you people who have my teaching in your hearts;
do not fear the reproach of others,
and do not be dismayed when they revile you.

⁸For the moth will eat them up like a garment,
and the worm will eat them like wool;
but my deliverance will be for ever,
and my salvation to all generations.

⁹Awake, awake, put on strength,
O arm of the LORD!
Awake, as in days of old,
the generations of long ago!
Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces,
who pierced the dragon?

¹⁰Was it not you who dried up the sea,
the waters of the great deep;
who made the depths of the sea a way
for the redeemed to cross over?

¹¹So the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Psalm 147:1-6

Marinus van Meerten

O praise the Lord,
for it is good to sing praises to our God:
and to praise him is joyful and right.

The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem:
he is gathering together the scattered outcasts of Israel.

He heals the broken in spirit:
and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars:
and calls them all by name.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power:
there is no measuring his understanding.

The Lord restores the humble:
but he brings down the wicked to the dust.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief-maker.

¹⁶Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name.

¹⁷For the time has come for judgement to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

¹⁸And 'If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?'

¹⁹Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

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

Hymn 504 (Penlan)

Anna Waring (1823-1910)

**In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?**

**Wherever he may guide me
no want shall turn me back,
my shepherd is beside me
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh
and I will walk with him.**

**Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me
where the dark clouds have been:
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.**

The Gospel is written in the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them.

²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

^{5:1}When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴'Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵'Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷'Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

⁸'Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹'Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.

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

The Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

Then Shall the King Say

A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Premiered by The Old Cathedral Voices 22nd July 2018.

Then shall the King say unto them:

*“Come ye blessed of my Father,
inherit the Kingdom prepared for you.*

*For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
was a stranger and you took me in,
naked, and you clothed me,
sick, and you visited me,*

I was in prison, and you came to me.

Then shall the righteous answer him:

*“When did we see you, Lord, in such great need?
Hungry, or thirsty, naked, or sick, imprisoned, or a stranger?
When was it that we offered you help?”*

And then the King shall answer them:

*“As you did these things for one of the least of my people,
so you have done these things for me.” Matthew 25:34-40 (Alt.)*

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.**

Intercessions (*All Sit or Kneel*)

Elizabeth Blades-Hamilton

Response:

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us 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.**

Preparation

Marinus van Meerten

Let us pray.

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord,

whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,

and to drink his blood,

that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Confession***Marinus van Meerten***

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

(Silence may be kept.)

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 (*All Stand*)***Marinus van Meerten***

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Children's Chapel rejoin us as this hymn is sung.

Hymn 472 (Surrey)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

**Jesus, if still the same thou art,
if all thy promises are sure,
set up thy kingdom in my heart,
and make me rich, for I am poor;
to me be all thy treasures given,
the kingdom of an inward heaven.**

**Thou hast pronounced the mourners blest;
and lo, for thee I ever mourn:
I cannot: No! I will not rest,
till thou, my only rest return;
till thou, the Prince of Peace, appear,
and I receive the Comforter.**

**Where is the blessedness bestowed
on all that hunger after thee?
I hunger now, I thirst for God;
see the poor fainting sinner, see,
and satisfy with endless peace,
and fill me with thy righteousness.**

**Shine on thy work, disperse the gloom,
light in thy light I then shall see;
say to my soul: 'Thy light is come,
glory divine is risen on thee,
thy warfare's past, thy mourning's o'er;
look up, for thou shalt weep no more!**

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion *Canon Matt Williams*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

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 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:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory.

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,
including baptised children at their parents' discretion,
are welcome to eat and drink from the Lord's Table.*

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

Special Note about the Common Cup

The Common Cup is available.

Most people are still choosing individual cups in line with health advice.

We therefore offer the individual cups of grape juice first.

*If you do prefer to receive the common cup of wine,
simply decline the individual cups when offered.*

During Communion
And I saw a new heaven

The Old Cathedral Voices
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*

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

**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.**

Hymn 109 (Woodlands)

T. Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

Blessing & Dismissal***Canon Matt Williams***

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
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)*****Prelude in C Major (BWV547)*****J. S. Bach (1685-1750)***

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

Offertories are no longer collected during services.

We encourage all regulars to plan their giving through direct contribution.

Our bank details are:

St James' Old Cathedral**BSB: 013 377****Acc. No.: 008 684 064**

Child Safe Culture Principle of the Week

1. Insist on two unrelated adults

Any church programme that involves looking after children must be led by at least two adults who are not related to each other. This is a rule that knows no exceptions. If you see a lesser standard, please ask questions. Tell the vicar. Email Una at safety@sjoc.org.au.

If you do find yourself in a space alone with someone else's child, gently and naturally encourage them back with a larger group as soon as possible, or if they are physically safe, just go and make sure their parent or guardian knows where they are.

Kids: whenever you're at church, make sure you can always see either one of the grown-ups you came with; or two other grown-ups who are leading your program.

2. Kooyoora is your friend.

3. Don't look into it.

4. Make grooming look odd.

5. Make allies not accusations.

6. Do paperwork with thanksgiving!

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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; Zoe Creelman (CMS); Chris & Sarah Griffioen and family (OM); City to City Australia; Australian Indigenous Churches; Ridley College; Trinity College; the Overseas Chinese Christian Church; Edith Weaver; Joan Heard; Lola Russell-Dixon; Joy Palmby; Andrew; Ron & Janette Wells; Rod Robertson; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Richard Fleming; Gus Beato.

Notices

- Weekday Zoom prayer services have resumed.
- Youth Group has resumed on Fridays at 7pm.
- Parish Council next meets on Sunday 19th February, after which the wardens will send out an update on parish finances.

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