



**Memorial Service for
Jean Agnes Miller
28.03.1929 - 05.04.2025**

**St James' Old Cathedral
Monday 14th April 2025 at 11:00am**

Gathering in God's Name

Canon Matt Williams

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We have come together to thank God
for the life of Jean Agnes Miller
to mourn and honour her,
and to support one another in grief.

We face the certainty of our own death and judgement.

Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ
share eternal life with him.

Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God,
who created and sustains us all.

Hymn 16i (Crimond)

Scottish Psalter 1650

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness
ev'n for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

Psalm 23

Sentences of Scripture

'I am the resurrection and the life', says the Lord.

'Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.'

John 11:25

I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable,
always excelling in the work of the Lord,
because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

A Prayer for God's presence

Canon Matt Williams

**Loving God, you alone are the source of life.
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.
Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eulogies

Suzanne and Janine

on behalf of Jean's children

Hugh Fitzpatrick

on behalf of Jean's grandchildren

Meditation

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor (Soprano)

A Gaelic Blessing

J. Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

Deep peace of the shining stars to you

Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you

Deep peace of Christ - of Christ the light of the world - to you.

Deep peace of Christ to you.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 121

Canon Matt Williams

I lift up my eyes to the hills:

but where shall I find help?

My help comes from the Lord:

who has made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble:

and he who watches over you will not sleep.

Be sure he who has charge of Israel:

will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is your keeper:

the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

The sun shall not strike you by day:

nor shall the moon by night.

The Lord will defend you from all evil:

it is he who will guard your life.

The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:

from this time forward for evermore.

Epistle: Philippians 4:6-9

Oliver Fitzpatrick

⁶Do not worry about anything,

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable,
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.

⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me,
and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Hymn 519 v1,2,4,5 (Repton)

J. 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 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,
rise up and follow thee.**

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

Gospel: John 14:25-29

Harriet Fitzpatrick

The gospel is written in the fourteenth chapter of the gospel according to St John, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

²⁶But 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.

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

²⁸You heard me say to you, "I am going away,
and I am coming to you."

If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father,
because the Father is greater than I.

²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs,
so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor (Sop)

Cast Thy Burden (Lenten Cantata 5) ***A. Anderson (b. 1971)***

Commissioned for the Old Cathedral Voices 2017.

Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord:

and he shall sustain thee.

Psalm 55:22

The Prayers

Canon Matt Williams

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father,
who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
for the salvation of all.

**Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we thank you that you received Jean by baptism
into the family of your church on earth,
and granted her the gift of eternal life.
She ate with us the bread of life
and drank from the cup of salvation.
We thank you for all your goodness to Jean,
and all your goodness to us through Jean,
in Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

An Easter Collect

Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and Last,
the Living One,
our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for those who Mourn

Canon Matt Williams

Merciful God,

we pray for Jean's family and friends.

When we are weighed down by grief and loneliness,
uphold us in your love.

Give us the assurance of your constant care,
that we may have courage for the days ahead,
through Jesus Christ our friend. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

But deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

The Farewell

Canon Matt Williams

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister, Jean,
by water and the Spirit.

Grant that her death may recall to us
your victory over death,
and be an occasion for us
to renew our trust in your Father's love.

Give us, we pray, the faith to follow
where you have led the way,
to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Let us entrust our sister Jean to the mercy of God.

Silence may be kept.

**Holy and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.
We entrust Jean to your merciful keeping:
in the faith of Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
in glory for ever. Amen.**

Blessing***Canon Matt Williams***

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling,
and to make you stand without blemish
in the presence of his glory with rejoicing,
to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, power and authority,
before all time and now and for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional***David Brown (Organ)***

Please join us for a light luncheon
in the Conference Centre next door

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.

The Soloist

Our soloist today is Eliza Bennetts O'Connor. A core member of The Old Cathedral Voices, Eliza also sings with Victorian Opera and The Song Company.



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