St James' Old Cathedral

20th July 2025 at 10:00am Fifth Sunday after Trinity

The Fall of Solomon: I Kings I I

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



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 directed by Alex Ritter, who is on leave. Today's choir is led by founding director Jenny George.

Today's singers are: Jenny George Hamish Gould

Matthew Crossley 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. 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 (All Stand)
Hide not thou thy face from us

The Old Cathedral Voices R. Farrant (1535-1580)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness.

For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins. Psalm 27:10

Greeting & Preparation

Alex De-Leon

So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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 Alex De-Leon

Hymn 104 (Was Lebet)

P. R.N. Appleford (b. 1925)

Father all loving, thou rulest in majesty, judgment is thine, and condemneth our pride; stir up our rulers and peoples to penitence, sorrow for sins that for vengeance have cried.

Blessed Lord Jesus, thou camest in poverty, sharing a stable with beasts at thy birth; stir us to work for thy justice and charity, truly to care for the poor upon earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, create in us holiness, lift up our lives to thy standard of right; stir every will to new ventures of faithfulness, flood the whole church with thy glorious light.

Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity, bind in thy love every nation and race: may we adore thee for time and eternity, Father, Redeemer, and Spirit of grace.

The Commandments

Alex De-Leon

'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 Alex De-Leon

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his 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 Alex De-Leon

Remember, O Lord,
what you have wrought in us
and not what we deserve,
and, as you have called us to your service,
make us worthy of our calling,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

Alex De-Leon

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 Canon Matt Williams

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Canon Matt. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the choir sings. They will return for 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

Remember not, O Lord God

T. Tallis (1505-1585)

Remember not, O Lord God, our old iniquities, but let thy mercy speed'ly prevent us, for we be very miserable.

Help us, God our Saviour,

and, for the glory of thy name, deliver us.

Be merciful and forgive our sins, for thy name's sake.

Let not the wicked people say, "Where is their God?"

We be thy people, and the sheep of thy pasture.

We shall give thanks unto thee for ever.

From age to age we shall set forth thy laud and praise.

To thee be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 79:8-10, 14

First Lesson: 1 Kings 11:1-13 Andrew Watkins

King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh:

Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the Israelites,

"You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you,

for they will surely incline your heart to follow their gods."

Solomon clung to these in love.

- ³ Among his wives were seven hundred princesses and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned away his heart.
- ⁴ For when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David.
- ⁵ For Solomon followed Astarte the goddess of the Sidonians and Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.
- ⁶ So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and did not completely follow the Lord, as his father David had done.
- ⁷Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites on the mountain east of Jerusalem.
- ⁸ He did the same for all his foreign wives who offered incense and sacrificed to their gods.

- ⁹Then the Lord was angry with Solomon
 because his heart had turned away from the Lord,
 the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice
 ¹⁰ and had commanded him concerning this matter,
 that he should not follow other gods,
 but he did not observe what the Lord had commanded.
- ¹¹ Therefore the Lord said to Solomon,
 "Since this has been your mind
 and you have not kept my covenant
 and my statutes that I have commanded you,
 I will surely tear the kingdom from you and give it to your servant.
- ¹² Yet for the sake of your father David I will not do it in your lifetime; I will tear it out of the hand of your son.
- ¹³ I will not, however, tear away the entire kingdom;
 I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."

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

Lord, you spoke once in a vision:

and said to your faithful one,

'I have set a youth above a warrior:

I have exalted a young man out of the people.

'I have found my servant David:

and anointed him with my holy oil.

'My hand shall uphold him:

and my arm shall strengthen him.

'No enemy shall deceive him:

nor shall the wicked hurt him.

'I will crush his adversaries under him:

and strike down those that hate him.

'My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him:

and through my name his head shall be lifted high.

'I will set the hand of his dominion upon the Western Sea:

and his right hand shall stretch to the streams of Mesopotamia.

'He will call to me "You are my Father:

my God, and the rock of my salvation."

'I will make him my first-born son:

and highest among the kings of the earth.

'I will ever maintain my loving-kindness toward him:

and my covenant with him shall stand firm.

'I will establish his line for ever:

and his throne like the days of heaven.

'If his children forsake my law:

and will not walk in my judgements;

'If they profane my statutes:

and do not keep my commandments,

'Then I will punish their rebellion with the rod: and their iniquity with blows.

'But I will not cause my loving-kindness to cease from him: nor will I betray my faithfulness.

'I will not profane my covenant: or alter what has passed from my lips.

'Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness: I will not prove false to David.

'His posterity shall endure for ever: and his throne be as the sun before me;

'Like the moon that is established for ever: and stands in the heaven for evermore.'

Yet you *have* been enraged against your anointed: you *have* abhorred him and rejected him.

You have spurned the covenant with your servant: and defiled his crown to the dust.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:11-24 Mimi Lee

- ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.
- ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.
- ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone.
- God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength,
- but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.
- ¹⁴Therefore, my beloved, flee from the worship of idols.
- ¹⁵ I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.
- 16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?
- The bread that we break,
 - is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?
- ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.
- ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel:

Are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar?

- ¹⁹ What do I imply, then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything or that an idol is anything?
- ²⁰ No, I imply that what they sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God.

I do not want you to be partners with demons.

²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons.

You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

²² Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

²³ "All things are permitted," but not all things are beneficial.

"All things are permitted," but not all things build up.

²⁴ Do not seek your own advantage but that of the other.

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

Hymn 519 v1,4,5 (Repton)

J. Whittier (1807-92)

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

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: Luke 16:13-18 Alex De-Leon

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- 13 No slave can serve two masters,

 for a slave will either hate the one and love the other

 or be devoted to the one and despise the other.

 You cannot serve God and wealth."
- ¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him.
- ¹⁵ So Jesus said to them,
- "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts, for what is prized by humans is an abomination in the sight of God.
- 16 "The Law and the Prophets were until John came; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is being proclaimed, and everyone tries to enter it by force.
- ¹⁷ "But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter in the law to be dropped.
- ¹⁸ "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery,
- and whoever marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery."

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

Sermon Rev. Mike Raiter

Anthem Jenny George (Alto)
Isaiah Service Pt 2: Confession A. Anderson (b. 1971)

This is the second of a set of four songs covering Isaiah 55. Premiered 5^{th} January 2025. Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, and call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, let them return to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

Nicene Creed (All Stand)

Alex De-Leon

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)

Dan Fleming

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

Alex De-Leon

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 Alex De-Leon

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 Rev. Mike Raiter

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)

Alex De-Leon

We are the body of Christ:

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Remaining in our pews, we greet those immediately around us: "Peace be with you."

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

Hymn 157 (Petra)

A. M. Toplady (1740-78)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know could my tears for ever flow, all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death, when I soar through tracts unknown, see thee on thy judgement throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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. 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 when 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.

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 join us at the Lord's Table.

Gluten free wafers are available on request.

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

During Communion O Lamb of God

The Old Cathedral Voices A. Batten (1591-1637)

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

Gracious God,
we thank you that in this sacrament
you assure us of your goodness and love.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and obedience
that we may serve you in the world
and finally be brought to that table
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

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 139 v1,3,4 (Aberystwyth)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find, raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness; false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within: thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee, spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Blessing & Dismissal

Canon Matt Williams

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

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

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Child Safe Culture Principle of the Week

3. Don't look into it.

If you see something relating to child safety that looks odd, please don't talk to others about it, or investigate further yourself.

Amateur investigations, gossip or insinuations could compromise an investigation by qualified professionals, and even prevent a just outcome. It could make an unsafe situation more unsafe, prevent procedural justice, or unfairly defame someone.

Just let either the police or Kooyoora Ltd (our independent professional standards body) know what you've seen or heard and why it bothered you, and then follow their instructions.

If you feel you need support to phone them, you may ask the child safety officer (Una Ebsworth) or a member of clergy as appropriate.

It is never the wrong thing to call Kooyoora and relate a concern.

You can call Kooyoora on 1800 135 246.

Other principles:

- 1. Insist on two unrelated adults
- 2. Kooyoora is your friend.
- 4. Make grooming look odd.
- 5. Make allies not accusations.
- 6. Do paperwork with thanksgiving!

St James' Old Cathedral 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; Tony and Wendy Greenwood; Janette Wells; Neil; Diane and Roger Smith and family; Beverly Stephenson; Sergio Altin; The Hamilton Family; Jean Ely; Neil Hawthorn; Lorraine Hedley; Jamie Chisholm; Stuart; Jenny Swain; Kim Boulton; Tony Billington; Ken McAlpine; Anne Ellison; Faye Moses; Gillian Williams; Amodha Ratnayeke; Charlotte Onto.

Notices

- Parish Council meets today at 12pm.
- Youth Group resumes on July 25th.
- The Feast of St James will be observed on July 27th.
- o KYB starts again this Wednesday at 10am. Speak to Diana for details.
- On the 10th August we will welcome Kara Martin as our guest preacher, on healing the divide between church and business. After a light luncheon at 12pm, at 1pm she will give a seminar: "This Aln't working: Can Al be redeemed?" Followed by responses and Q&A.

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