

St James' Old Cathedral

19th November 2023 at 10:00am
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Philemon and Onesimus: A Beloved Brother

*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 a consort choir directed by Jenny George. Jenny is on leave. Today's choir is directed by Jack Jordan.

Today's singers are:

Carolyn Baker	Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Roslyn White
Charlie Lines-Perrier	Jenny George	Jack Jordan
Matthew Crossley	Mike Mews	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, and also serves as Organist of 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
O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace

The Old Cathedral Voices
C. Tye (1505-1572)

*O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace,
eternal source of love,
in flame, we pray, our inmost hearts
with fire from heaven above.
As thou dost join in holiest bonds
the Father and the Son,
so fill us all with mutual love,
and knit our hearts in one.*

C. Coffin (1676-1749)

Greeting & Preparation

Rev. Mike Raiter

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while,
so that you might have him back for ever,
no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother.

Philemon 15-16

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.

Hymn 191 (Christe Sanctorum)

F. P. Green (1903-2000)

**Christ is the world's light, he and no other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.**

**Christ is the world's peace, he and no other;
no man can serve him and despise his brother.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.**

**Christ is the world's life, he and no other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother -
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high.**

**Give God the glory, God and no other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God in man my brother:
Glory to God on high.**

The Commandments (*All Sit or Kneel*) *Rev. Mike Raiter*

‘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.’

Canticle: Colossians 1:15-20

Rev. Mike Raiter

The Son is the image of the invisible God

**the firstborn of all creation;
for in him all things in heaven and on earth
were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers -
all things have been created through him
and for him.**

**He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.**

**He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come
to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased
to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

Collect***Rev. Mike Raiter***

Almighty God,
who through the waters of the Red Sea
led your people out of slavery into freedom:
Grant us the faith to trust you in all adversity,
that we might be freed from slavery to sin
and present ourselves as your servants,
whose service is perfect freedom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word***Canon Matt Williams***

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

Dr Matthew Champion

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Matthew Champion. 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

He gives his beloved sleep

A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Commissioned for The Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 9th September 2018. Andrew Anderson is our composer in residence.

Except the Lord build the house:

they labour in vain that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city:

the watchmen waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early:

It is vain for you to sit up late;

It is vain to eat the bread of sorrows:

for so he giveth his beloved sleep

(he giveth even as they sleep). Ps 127:1-2 (KJV Alt.)

²²Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God:
It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act,
but for the sake of my holy name,
which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.

²³I will sanctify my great name,
which has been profaned among the nations,
and which you have profaned among them;
and the nations shall know that I am the Lord,
says the Lord God,
when through you I display my holiness before their eyes.

²⁴I will take you from the nations,
and gather you from all the countries,
and bring you into your own land.

²⁵I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

²⁶A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you;
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.

²⁷I will put my spirit within you,
and make you follow my statutes
and be careful to observe my ordinances.

²⁸Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors;
and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

²⁹I will save you from all your uncleannesses,
and I will summon the grain and make it abundant
and lay no famine upon you.

³⁰I will make the fruit of the tree
and the produce of the field abundant,
so that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine
among the nations.

³¹Then you shall remember your evil ways,
and your dealings that were not good;
and you shall loathe yourselves for your iniquities
and your abominable deeds.

³²It is not for your sake that I will act, says the Lord God;
let that be known to you.
Be ashamed and dismayed for your ways, O house of Israel.
Hear the word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

Rev. Mike Raiter

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: Philemon

Nick Fairlie

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker,

²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier,

and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God

⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints
and your faith towards the Lord Jesus.

⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective
when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.

⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement
from your love,

because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you,
my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ
to command you to do your duty,

⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—
and I, Paul, do this as an old man,
and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus,
whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

¹¹Formerly he was useless to you,
but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.

¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

¹³I wanted to keep him with me,
so that he might be of service to me in your place
during my imprisonment for the gospel;
¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent,
in order that your good deed might be voluntary
and not something forced.
¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while,
so that you might have him back for ever,
¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—
especially to me but how much more to you,
both in the flesh and in the Lord.
¹⁷So if you consider me your partner,
welcome him as you would welcome me.
¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything,
charge that to my account.
¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it.
I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.
²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord!
Refresh my heart in Christ.
²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you,
knowing that you will do even more than I say.
²²One thing more—prepare a guest room for me,
for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.
²³Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus,
sends greetings to you, ²⁴and so do Mark, Aristarchus,
Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers.
²⁵The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Hear the word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

Hymn 528ii (Ich Halte Treulich Still) *G. Matheson (1842-1906)*

**Make me a captive, Lord,
and then I shall be free;
force me to render up my sword,
and I shall conqueror be.**

**I sink in life's alarms
when by myself I stand;
imprison me within thine arms,
and strong shall be my hand.**

**My heart is weak and poor
until it master find;
it has no spring of action sure,
it varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move,
till thou hast wrought its chain;
enslave it with thy matchless love,
and deathless it shall reign.**

**My will is not my own
till thou hast made it thine;
if it would reach a monarch's throne
it must its crown resign;
it only stands unbent,
amid the clashing strife,
when on thy bosom it has leant
and found in thee its life.**

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Rev. Mike Raiter

The gospel is written in the tenth chapter of the gospel according to Mark, beginning at the thirty-fifth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee,
came forward to him and said to him,

‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’

³⁶And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’

³⁷And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand
and one at your left, in your glory.’

³⁸But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking.
Are you able to drink the cup that I drink,
or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’

³⁹They replied, ‘We are able.’

Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink;
and with the baptism with which I am baptized,
you will be baptized;

⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant,
but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

⁴¹When the ten heard this,
they began to be angry with James and John.

⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them,
‘You know that among the Gentiles
those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them,
and their great ones are tyrants over them.’

⁴³But it is not so among you;
but whoever wishes to become great among you
must be your servant,

⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you
must be slave of all.

⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

Sermon

Rev. Mike Raiter

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

Dwell in Unity (Psalm 133)

D. J. Griffiths (b. 1955)

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!*

*It is like the precious oil upon the head:
running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron,
running down the collar of his robes.*

*It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls on the mountains of Sion.*

*For there the Lord has commanded his blessings:
Life forevermore.*

Let us together affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Elizabeth Blades-Hamilton

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.

Col 4:2

Response:

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus taught us.

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

Rev. Mike Raiter

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 & Greeting of Peace **Rev. Mike Raiter**

God has erased the legal record that stood against us.

He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. *Col 2:14*

So if you have been raised with Christ, *Col 3:1*

put to death whatever in you is earthly. *Col 3:5*

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) **Rev. Mike Raiter**

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 the next hymn is sung.

Hymn 334 (Bread of Life)

M. Lathbury (1841-1913)

**Break thou the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves
beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page
I seek thee, Lord,
my spirit longs for thee,
O living Word.**

**Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
to me, to me
as thou didst bless the bread
by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace,
my all in all.**

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion *Rev. Mike Raiter*

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.

We joyfully give you thanks, God our Father, *Col 1:12*

for you created all things in heaven and on earth

through your Son and for your Son, *Col 1:16*

the firstborn of all creation. *Col 1:15*

You were pleased to make all your fullness dwell in him, *Col 1:19*

and to reconcile all things to yourself,

whether on earth or in heaven,

by making peace through the blood of his cross. *Col 1:20*

You raised him to new life,

the firstborn from the dead,

so that he might come to have first place in everything. *Col 1:18*

You have rescued us from the power of darkness, *Col 1:13*

and transferred us into the kingdom of your beloved Son,

in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *Col 1:14*

Therefore with angels and archangels

and with all the saints in the light, *Col 1:12*

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 by your Spirit

with faith in Christ Jesus,

love for all the saints,

and hope laid up in heaven,

Col 1:4-5

that we may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,

and bear fruit in every good work,

as we grow in the knowledge of God.

Col 1:10

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 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
There is one Body

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

Commissioned for the Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 21 July 2019.
Andrew Anderson is our Composer-in-Residence.

*There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.*

Ephesians 4:4-6

After Communion

Rev. Mike Raiter

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.

Clothe us with your love,

which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Col 3:14

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,

Col 3:15

and the word of Christ dwell in us richly,

Col 3:16

until we are revealed with Christ in glory.

Col 3:4

Father,

we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:3

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Col 3:17

Notices

Rev. Mike Raiter

Hymn 364 (Vienna)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

**Christ, from whom all blessings flow,
perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who thy nature share,
who thy mystic body are.**

**Join us, in one spirit join,
let us still receive of thine;
still for more on thee we call,
thou who fillest all in all.**

**Move, and actuate, and guide:
various gifts to each divide;
placed according to thy will,
let us all thy work fulfil;
freely may we all agree,
touched with loving sympathy;
kindly for each other care;
every member feel its share.**

**Love, like death, has all destroyed,
rendered all distinctions void;
names, and sects, and parties fall;
thou, O Christ, art all in all.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Rev. Mike Raiter

May you be made strong with all the strength
that comes from the glorious power of God,
and may the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
and may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Col 1:11

Col 3:15

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**

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St James' Old Cathedral

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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; Joan Heard; Lola Russell-Dixon; Joy Palmby; Andrew; Ron & Janette Wells; Rod Robertson; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Mel; Hannah van Meerten; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; John Curtin; Merle Taylor; Jamie Clingin; Jamie Chisholm.

Notices

- Samuel David van Meerten was born on 31st October, weighing 3.5kg. All are well. Marinus and Hannah welcome meal deliveries. Please contact Lisa Wardell for details of their online page.
- Our Parish AGM will be next Sunday 26th November at 12pm. The current church roll is on display at the back of the church. Forms are available to become a member if you are not already.

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