

# St James' Old Cathedral

24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 10:00am

Pentecost Sunday

*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 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](mailto: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 Alex Ritter.

Today's singers are:

Monika Harris	Jenny George	Alex Ritter
Alex Ritter	Tanum Shipp	
Matthew Crossley	Bailey Montgomerie	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**  
**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)*

**Opening Invocation**

***Canon Matt Williams***

Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor and advocate.

Touch our lips that we may pray aright and proclaim your word.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high,  
make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life,  
breathe on your church and make us a living people, holy and free.

**Come, Holy Spirit,**

**Come, bond of love,**

**pour your love into our hearts**

**that we may serve you with joy. Amen.**

**Preparation**

***Canon Matt Williams***

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 322 (Spiritus Vitae)**

***B. P. Head (1850-1936)***

**O breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;  
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.**

**O wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore: for this we plead.**

**O breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.**

## **The Commandments**

***Canon Matt Williams***

‘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 first and greatest commandment.  
And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

## **Collect of the Day**

***Canon Matt Williams***

Almighty God,  
at the feast of Pentecost  
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
empower us with that same Spirit  
to witness to your redeeming love  
and draw all people to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Prayer for 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**

**Bridget Chapman**

*We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Bridget Chapman. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the following anthem is sung. They will return in time to join us 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***

### **A Sound came from Heaven**

***Douglas Mews (1918-1993)***

*A sound came from heaven:*

*a sound like a strong wind blowing.*

*From heaven, too, appeared tongues of fire:*

*resting on the disciples.*

*They were filled with the Holy Spirit.*

*Come, O Holy Spirit,*

*fill the hearts of Thy faithful,*

*And kindle in them the fire of Thy love.*

**First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9**

***Andrew Watkins***

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.

<sup>2</sup>And as they migrated from the east,  
they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

<sup>3</sup>And they said to one another,  
‘Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.’

And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.

<sup>4</sup>Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city,  
and a tower with its top in the heavens,  
and let us make a name for ourselves;  
otherwise we shall be scattered abroad  
upon the face of the whole earth.’

<sup>5</sup>The Lord came down to see the city and the tower,  
which mortals had built.

<sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, ‘Look, they are one people,  
and they have all one language;  
and this is only the beginning of what they will do;  
nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.

<sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there,  
so that they will not understand one another’s speech.’

<sup>8</sup>So the Lord scattered them abroad from there  
over the face of all the earth,  
and they left off building the city.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore it was called Babel,  
because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth;  
and from there the Lord scattered them abroad  
over the face of all the earth.

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

Lord, how various are your works:

**in wisdom you have made them all,  
and the earth is full of your creatures.**

There is the wide, immeasurable sea:

**there move living things without number, great and small;**

There go the ships, to and fro:

**and there is that Leviathan  
whom you formed to sport in the deep.**

These all look to you:

**to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it:

**when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are troubled:

**when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit they are created:

**and you renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:

**may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:

**if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:

**I will praise my God while I have any being.**

May my meditation be pleasing to him:

**for my joy shall be in the Lord.**

**Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21**

***Catherine McGovern***

When the day of Pentecost had come,  
they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound  
like the rush of a violent wind,  
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

<sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,  
and a tongue rested on each of them.

<sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in other languages,  
as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews  
from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

<sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered,  
because each one heard them speaking  
in the native language of each.

<sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked,  
'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?

<sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us,  
in our own native language?

<sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,  
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

<sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt  
and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene,  
and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

<sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs  
—in our own languages we hear them  
speaking about God's deeds of power.'

- <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,  
‘What does this mean?’
- <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’
- <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven,  
raised his voice and addressed them:  
‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem,  
let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
- <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose,  
for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.
- <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- <sup>17</sup>“In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.
- <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.
- <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
- <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

**Hymn 61 (Moscow)**

***J. Marriott (1780-1825)***

**Lord, your almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**

**Saviour, who came to give  
those who in darkness live  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide,  
let there be light.**

**Gospel: John 7:37-39**

**Canon Matt Williams**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,  
from the seventh chapter, beginning at the thirty-seventh verse.*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival, the great day,  
while Jesus was standing there, he cried out,

‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,

<sup>38</sup>and let the one who believes in me drink.

As the scripture has said,

“Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.” ’

<sup>39</sup>Now he said this about the Spirit,

which believers in him were to receive;

for as yet there was no Spirit,

because Jesus was not yet glorified.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

***Ms Lwe Moo San Tay***

**Anthem**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**Teach me, O Lord**

***P. Stopford (b. 1977)***

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;*

*and I shall keep it unto the end.*

*Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;*

*yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.*

*Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;*

*for therein is my desire.*

*Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,*

*and not to covetousness.*

*O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity;*

*and quicken me in thy way.*

*O stablish thy word, thy word in thy servant,*

*that I may fear thee. Amen.      Psalm 119:33-39a*

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**

***Dan Fleming***

Let us begin with the prayer our Lord 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.**

## **Response (from Psalm 104:30)**

Lord, send out your Spirit,

**and renew the face of the earth.**

## **Conclusion of Prayers:**

Hear us, Father,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**who lives and reigns with you**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

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

## **Confession**

*Canon Matt Williams*

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin,  
of righteousness, and of judgement.

Let us then open our hearts  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Heavenly Father,**

**You have loved us with an everlasting love,  
but we have broken your holy laws  
and have left undone what we ought to have done.**

**We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.**

**For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.**

**By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you;  
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.**

## **The Greeting of Peace**

*Canon Matt Williams*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn 339 v1,3,4,5 (Regent Square)**

***R. T. Brooks (1918-85)***

**Thanks to God whose Word was spoken  
in the deed that made the earth.**

**His the voice that called a nation,  
his the fires that tried her worth.**

**God has spoken, God has spoken,  
praise him for his open Word.**

**Thanks to God whose Word was written  
in the Bible's sacred page,  
record of the revelation  
showing God to every age.**

**God has spoken, God has spoken,  
praise him for his open Word.**

**Thanks to God whose Word is published  
in the tongues of every race.**

**See its glory undiminished  
by the change of time or place.**

**God has spoken, God has spoken,  
praise him for his open Word.**

**Thanks to God whose Word is answered  
by the Spirit's voice within.**

**Here we drink of joy unmeasured,  
life redeemed from death and sin.**

**God is speaking, God is speaking,  
praise him for his open Word.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*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.

Today we give you thanks that in fulfillment of your promise  
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.

You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and 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.**

And now, gracious God, we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine,  
and pray that we who receive them,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
according to our Saviour's word,  
in remembrance of his suffering and death,  
may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take and eat. This is my body which is 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  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup  
**to proclaim the death of the Lord.**

We do this until he returns.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

Father, as we recall his saving death and glorious resurrection,  
may we who share these gifts  
be renewed by your Holy Spirit  
and united in the body of your Son.

Bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom,  
there to feast at your table and  
join in your eternal praise:

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive praise and honour  
and glory and power  
for ever and 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.**

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 minister 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**  
**O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***  
***T. Tallis (1505-1585)***

*O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
and lighten our understanding,  
that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name,  
all the days of our life,  
that we may know thee, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.*

**After Communion**

***Canon Matt Williams***

Giver of life and love,  
we thank you that in this heavenly banquet  
you invigorate and renew us.

Living in the unity of the Spirit,  
may we boldly use your gifts  
to continue your work in the world.

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 310 (Down Ampney)**

***Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)***

**Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong  
with which the soul will long  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

**Blessing****Canon Matt Williams**

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit  
that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord  
and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal****Canon Matt Williams**

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  
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****BSB: 013 377****Acc. No.: 008 684 064**

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

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## 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

- The Archbishop has issued his mandate to elect three synod representatives and one alternate synod representative. This is a three year term. The election (if needed) will take place on Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are a member and interested in representing the parish this way please speak with Canon Matt.
- Our Archbishop has announced that Archdeacon Megan Curlis-Gibson and Archdeacon Ben Wong will be consecrated bishops on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Megan will serve as our assistant bishop, and her first service of confirmation and reception will be here on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Speak with Canon Matt if you would like to be confirmed or received.

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