

# St James' Old Cathedral

27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10:00am

Advent 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 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 Jenny George.

Today's singers are:

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Jenny George
Jack Jordan	Spencer Chapman
Nick Christie	Joshua Vass

## 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 Emmanuel**

***The Old Cathedral Voices  
J. Stainer (1840-1901)***

*O Emmanuel, our King and law-giver,  
hope of all nations, and their Saviour.  
Come and save us, O Lord our God.  
Come and save us. Come, come!*

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

***Canon Matt Williams***

*(The first candle is lit.)*

Heavenly Father,  
you have created a universe of light:  
forgive us when we return to darkness.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you are the light of the world:  
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
you give us light in our hearts:  
renew us in faith and love.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

Hymn 193 (Veni Emmanuel)

Anon. (Latin 13<sup>th</sup> Century)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high  
and close the path to misery.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## **Greeting & Preparation**

*Canon Matt Williams*

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.**

## **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 great and first commandment.  
And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

## **Collect**

*Canon Matt Williams*

Eternal God,  
you have taught us that the night is far spent  
and the day is at hand:  
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,  
and make us strong in faith,  
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,  
we may go out joyfully to greet him;  
and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **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**

**Joel Gillie**

*We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Joel Gillie. 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***

## **Almighty God**

***N. Rorem (b. 1923)***

*Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you,  
now prepare the world for your rule.*

*Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end,  
and your children may live in peace,  
honouring one another with justice and love  
through Jesus Christ who lives in power with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen.*

**First Reading: Genesis 7:1-12**

***Catherine McGovern***

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark,  
you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone  
are righteous before me in this generation.

<sup>2</sup>Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals,  
the male and its mate;

and a pair of the animals that are not clean,  
the male and its mate;

<sup>3</sup>and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female,  
to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth.

<sup>4</sup>For in seven days I will send rain on the earth  
for forty days and forty nights;

and every living thing that I have made

I will blot out from the face of the ground.'

<sup>5</sup>And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

<sup>6</sup>Noah was six hundred years old

when the flood of waters came on the earth.

<sup>7</sup>And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives  
went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood.

<sup>8</sup>Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds,  
and of everything that creeps on the ground, <sup>9</sup>two and two,  
male and female, went into the ark with Noah,  
as God had commanded Noah.

<sup>10</sup>And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth.

<sup>11</sup>In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month,  
on the seventeenth day of the month,  
on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth,  
and the windows of the heavens were opened.

<sup>12</sup>The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights.

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

**Psalm 7:6-17**

**Canon Matt Williams**

Awake, my God, you that ordain justice:

**and let the assembly of the peoples gather about you;**

Take your seat high above them:

**and sit in judgement, O Lord, over the nations.**

Judge for me, O Lord, according to my righteousness:

**and as my integrity requires.**

Let the wickedness of the ungodly cease, but establish the righteous:

**for you try our very hearts and minds, O righteous God.**

God is my shield over me:

**he preserves the true of heart.**

God vindicates the righteous:

**but God condemns evil every day.**

If an evildoer will not turn, he whets his sword:

**he strings the bow and makes it ready;**

He prepares the instruments of death:

**and makes his arrows darts of fire.**

See how the ungodly conceive mischief:

**how they swell with wickedness and give birth to lies.**

They dig a pit and hollow it out:

**but fall themselves into the trap they had made for others.**

Their mischief rebounds upon their own head:

**and their violence comes down on their own pate.**

I will thank the Lord for his justice:

**I will sing praises to the Lord Most High.**

**Epistle: Romans 13:8-14**

***Micaiah Zwartz***

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another;  
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup>The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery;  
You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet';  
and any other commandment, are summed up in this word,  
'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

<sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbour;  
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is,  
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.  
For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

<sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light;

<sup>13</sup>let us live honourably as in the day,  
not in revelling and drunkenness,  
not in debauchery and licentiousness,  
not in quarrelling and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Hymn 192 (Austria 374i)

*Anon. Latin 10<sup>th</sup> C.*

Hark! A herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is near,' it seems to say,  
'cast away the dreams of darkness,  
waken, children of the day!  
Wakened by the solemn warning  
let the earth-bound soul arise,  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling  
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb so long expected  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us meet him with repentance,  
pray that we may be forgiven.  
So when love comes forth in judgement,  
debts and doubts and wrongs to clear,  
faithful may he find his servants  
watching till the dawn appear.

**Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44**

***Canon Matt Williams***

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>36</sup>But about that day and hour no one knows,  
neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

<sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were,  
so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

<sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking,  
marrying and giving in marriage,  
until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing  
until the flood came and swept them all away,  
so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

<sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field;  
one will be taken and one will be left.

<sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together;  
one will be taken and one will be left.

<sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore,  
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

<sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known  
in what part of the night the thief was coming,  
he would have stayed awake  
and would not have let his house be broken into.

<sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready,  
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

**Sermon**

**Tegan Gillie**

**Anthem**

**The Old Cathedral Voices**

**Then Shall the King Say**

**A. Anderson (b. 1971)**

*Premiered by The Old Cathedral Voices 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

**The Prayers** (*All Sit or Kneel*)

**Intercessions**

*Elizabeth Blades-Hamilton*

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**

*Canon Matt Williams*

**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**

*Canon Matt Williams*

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness,  
and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

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 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.**

*The children's chapel re-enters the church as this hymn is sung.*

**Hymn 418 (Picardy)**

***Liturgy of St James (5thC)***

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth  
our full homage to demand.**

**King of Kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraphs,  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high!**

**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.

We thank you that when he shall come again  
in power and great triumph to judge the world,  
we may with joy behold his appearing,  
and in confidence stand before him  
who redeems us from sin and death  
and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

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 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 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**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**Love One Another**

***K. Terpstra (b. 1978)***

*Love one another, for love fulfils the law.*

*Many waters cannot quench love, for love is strong as death.*

*Love one another, for love fulfils the law.*

*Romans 13:8; SoS 8:6*

**After Communion**

***Canon Matt Williams***

God for whom we wait,

we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life  
and the cup of salvation.

As we joyfully await your Son,

keep us ever watchful  
that we may be ready to stand before him  
on the day of his coming.

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 201 (Helmsley)**

*C. Wesley (1707-88)*

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending,  
swell the triumph of his train!**

**Hallelujah! (x3)**

**God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in awesome majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, (x3)  
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears;  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, (x3)  
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen! Let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory  
claim the kingdom for thine own;  
O come quickly; (x3)  
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come.**

## **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)*

**Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme**

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

## **Christmas Services in December:**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am: Children's Christmas Pageant & Luncheon

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am: Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> at 11pm: Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am: Christmas Day Holy Communion

*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**

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## 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; Carl & Faye Moses; Richard Fleming; Jean Ely & Family.

## Notices

- The Parish AGM will be held today at 12pm.
- The Parish Christmas Lunch will follow the service on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please advise Lisa if you can bring something to share.

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