

St James' Old Cathedral

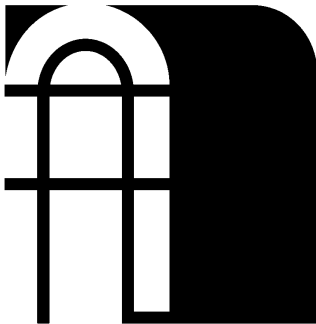
16th August 2026 at 10:00am

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Baptism of Shea Latif

Choosing Joy: Hebrews 3:1-4:2

*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.

The Old Cathedral Voices

The Old Cathedral Voices are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter.
Today's singers are:

Maggie Dunleavy	Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Monika Harris
Jenny George	Alex Ritter	
Tanum Shipp	Jack Jordan	Bailey Montgomerie
Alex Owens	Mike Mews	Matthew Crossley

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, electro-pneumatic action. 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 is currently also 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.

Testimony: Shea Latif

During my youth, I developed a deep resentment toward people, and society. Something was very wrong in the world and nothing I had heard seemed to satisfactorily answer this problem. I was unable to understand or deal healthily with my own emotions and was subsequently drawn toward addiction, thrills and petty crime. By 15 I had dropped out of school. Rebellion was very fashionable, righteous even, in a fake and corrupt world. But eventually, all the overdoses, drug debts and boasting of organised crime were enough to awaken some sort of lucidity and fear in me, that my obvious trajectory was not what I wanted.

With the resurgence in new age movements, I sought escape in greener looking pastures. Much to my disappointment I watched even the most radically open minded and alternative communities devolve into the same quarrels, dysfunction and politics I was trying to escape. Even more to my dismay I discovered that I couldn't help it either. So I steeled myself, to no longer continue to justify what festered within me, by the injustices of the world. I continued on like this for years, searching, wrestling with the problem of evil, trying to be a better person. Desperate for meaning and grasping for some wisdom in the chaos to make it all make sense. Despite my negative preconceptions toward religion, I became intrigued by Christianity, but did not understand or believe. It was more reasonable to me that honesty, integrity, discipline and accountability would turn me into the selfless loving person I yearned to be. To simply be a good person, and to take responsibility. But it was only until this noble pursuit, which came to a painful dead end, was my pride crushed and I brought low enough to see I could not do even that... Not by myself.

All my knowledge, wisdom and good intentions could not save anyone, and the fruits of my labours were still bitter after years of effort and supposed personal growth.

One day as I stood at the foot of Mt Alexander, through tears, I cried out in sorrow. As I collected myself, I turned the corner. As I did, I had to shield my eyes from the blinding light of the soon setting sun, and at the top of the hill, at the end of the road, lay a silhouetted telephone pole, in the form of a cross. At that moment, I was consoled so personally, and understood that He had taken responsibility for me where I could not. My personal disregard for God, and stubborn self-reliance were painfully clear to me but even so, peace sprung forth from within my heart. His gracious love and presence, palpable, constant. Yet rationalising what was happening before my very eyes, left me with far more questions than answers, and in all honesty, a little incredulous. How good and glorious He is, ironically can be terrifying to dare accept. Since that experience I have changed drastically, but also painfully slowly, and subtly. I immersed myself in scripture and online biblical resources. Learning about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Reflecting, contemplating, slowly finding fellowship and finally mustering the courage to attend church for the first time this year.

As I look to Christ, I am broken by his sacrifice, and in hope and awe, transformed by His unbelievable love and faithfulness. My faith and trust, I pray stay secure and strengthened in Him, that His life may also live in me. That I may be washed clean and learn to trust the wisdom of God, together alongside you all.

Processional
Come, Let's Rejoice

The Old Cathedral Voices
J. Amner (1579-1641)

Come, let's rejoice unto the Lord:
let us make joy to God our Saviour.
Let us approach to his presence in confession:
and in psalms let us make joy to him.

Psalm 95:1-2

Opening Sentence and Greeting

Bridget Chapman

Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts
as Israel did in the rebellion. *Hebrews 3:15*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

There is one Body and one Spirit:
there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Welcome

Bridget Chapman

Hymn 147 v1-3,5 (Darwall)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

**Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:**

**Refrain: *Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

**Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Refrain***

**His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given: *Refrain***

**Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home: *Refrain***

Confession

Bridget Chapman

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,
and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.
Rescue us from slavery to sin.
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you
and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Canon Matt Williams

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Day

Bridget Chapman

Faithful God,
you call us, today, to hear your voice:
keep our hearts from hardness,
strengthen us to trust in Christ,
and bring us into your rest;
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 Dr Matthew Champion. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the following anthem is sung. They will return to join us witnessing the baptism and sharing in Holy Communion.

Childsafe Policy: Children's Chapel is supervised at all times by at least two unrelated adults with current Clearance for Service from Kooyoora.

Meditation

The Old Cathedral Voices

A Choral Flourish

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O be joyful in the Lord ye righteous!

For praise is comely for the upright.

*Praise the Lord with harp, sing praises unto Him;
sing unto him, sing a new song.*

*Sing ye praises lustily,
sing unto Him with good courage.*

*For the word of the Lord is right,
and all his works are done in truth. Psalm 33:1-4*

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Jenny George

From the wilderness of Sin

the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages,
as the Lord commanded.

They camped at Rephidim,

but there was no water for the people to drink.

²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said,

‘Give us water to drink.’

Moses said to them, ‘Why do you quarrel with me?

Why do you test the Lord?’

³But the people thirsted there for water;

and the people complained against Moses and said,

‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt,

to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?’

⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, ‘What shall I do with this people?

They are almost ready to stone me.’

⁵The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people,

and take some of the elders of Israel with you;

take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb.

Strike the rock, and water will come out of it,

so that the people may drink.’

Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah,

because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord,

saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

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

Psalm 95

Bridget Chapman

O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:

and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth:

and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it:

his hands moulded dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down:

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God:

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Today if only you would hear his voice –

**‘Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;**

‘When your forebears tested me:

put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.

‘Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:

**“It is a people who err in their hearts,
for they do not know my ways”;**

‘Of whom I swore in my wrath:

“They shall not enter my rest.” ’

Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling,
consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,

²was faithful to the one who appointed him,
just as Moses also 'was faithful in all God's house.'

³Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses,
just as the builder of a house
has more honour than the house itself.

⁴(For every house is built by someone,
but the builder of all things is God.)

⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant,
to testify to the things that would be spoken later.

⁶Christ, however, was faithful over God's house as a son,
and we are his house if we hold firm
the confidence and the pride that belong to hope.

⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

'Today, if you hear his voice,

*⁸do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
as on the day of testing in the wilderness,*

*⁹where your ancestors put me to the test,
though they had seen my works ¹⁰for forty years.*

Therefore I was angry with that generation, and I said,

*"They always go astray in their hearts,
and they have not known my ways."*

¹¹As in my anger I swore,

"They will not enter my rest." '

¹²Take care, brothers and sisters,
that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart
that turns away from the living God.

¹³But exhort one another every day,
as long as it is called 'today',
so that none of you may be hardened
by the deceitfulness of sin.

¹⁴For we have become partners of Christ,
if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end.

¹⁵As it is said,
*'Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.'*

¹⁶Now who were they who heard and yet were rebellious?
Was it not all those who left Egypt
under the leadership of Moses?

¹⁷But with whom was he angry for forty years?
Was it not those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest,
if not to those who were disobedient?

¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

^{4:1}Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest is still open,
let us take care that none of you
should seem to have failed to reach it.

²For indeed the good news came to us just as to them,
but the message they heard did not benefit them
because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

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

**Christ, our King before creation,
Son, who shared the Father's plan
crowned in deep humiliation
by your friend and partner, man:
make us humble in believing,
and, believing, bold to pray -
'Lord, forgive our self-deceiving,
come and reign in us today!'**

**Lord of life and Lord of history,
giving us, when man despairs,
faith to wrestle with the mystery
of a God who loves and cares:
make us humble in believing,
and believing, bold to pray -
'Lord, by grace beyond conceiving,
come and reign in us today!'**

**Word that ends our long debating,
Word of God that sets us free,
through your body re-creating
man as he is meant to be:
make us humble in believing,
and, believing, bold to pray -
'Lord, in us your aim achieving,
come and reign in us today!'**

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:21-24

Lwe Moo San Tay

The Gospel is written in the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at the twenty-first verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ At that very hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said,
“I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things
from the wise and the intelligent
and have revealed them to infants;
yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

²² All things have been handed over to me by my Father,
and no one knows who the Son is except the Father
or who the Father is except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

²³ Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately,
“Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!

²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings
desired to see what you see
but did not see it
and to hear what you hear
but did not hear it.”

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

Night Swimming

The full moon rises over the river.

(Go in. Do not
be coy.)

Yes the wars and yes the hell
and wreckage.

But you cannot save
a life
if you are broken.

Briefly, just this briefly, be here.

(The moon, the chill, the river) –

You are not betraying
anyone

by choosing joy.

Joseph Fasano (b. 1982)

Anthem

Jubilate Deo in F (Psalm 100)

The Old Cathedral Voices

J. Ireland (1879-1962)

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves,
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.*

*For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

About Baptism

Canon Matt Williams

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had risen from the dead,
he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations,
baptising them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin
that Jesus' death makes possible,
and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us.
We are joined to Christ,
and made members of his body, the Church universal.

So we welcome you, Shea Latif.

We give thanks for you, and pray
that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

Testimony

Shea Latif

Baptismal Candidate

The Decision

Canon Matt Williams

The priest says to the candidate:

Before God and this congregation,
you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ,
loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself,
until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation:

You have heard our brother Shea respond to Christ.

Will you support him in this calling?

We will.

Further prayers

Canon Matt Williams

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God,

that Shea may be so buried with Christ in baptism

that the new nature may be raised up in him.

May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him. **Amen.**

May he know Christ's forgiving love

and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church.

May he proclaim, by word and example,

the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world

and to each other in the household of faith.

Hasten that day when the whole creation

shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

During the Hymn which follows, the Children's Chapel re-join us

to witness the baptism and share in Holy Communion.

The candidate and sponsors follow the priest to the entrance of the church

where the font is located (this symbolically expresses that baptism is the 'way

in' to the church). The rest of the congregation may leave their pews if desired

to gather around the same area, or simply turn towards the font.

Hymn 405 (Mit Freuden Zart)

T. H. Kingo (1634-1703)

**He that believes and is baptised
shall see the Lord's salvation;
baptised into the death of Christ,
he is a new creation;
through Christ's redemption he shall stand
among the glorious heavenly band
of every tribe and nation.**

**With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us your Holy Spirit,
and look on our infirmity
through Jesus' blood and merit.
O keep us in baptismal grace,
until at last we take our place
with all who life inherit.**

The Baptism

Canon Matt Williams

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation
your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters
to bring forth light and life.

With water you cleanse and replenish the earth;
you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery into freedom,
and brought them through the river Jordan
to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ:
for his baptism by John,
for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death
Jesus delivered us from our sins
and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit
who forms us in the likeness of Christ
and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called this your servant to
new birth in your church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water
so that Shea, as he is baptised in it,
may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

May he die to sin, rise to newness of life,
and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom we give you praise and honour
in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Affirmation of the Creed

Canon Matt Williams

All are invited to affirm the creed together with the candidate.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Canon Matt Williams

The minister baptises the candidate by pouring water over him, saying,

Shea Latif

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The minister then makes a cross on his forehead, saying:

I sign you with the sign of the cross
to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

Presenting a lit candle, the minister says:

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All return to their seats during the hymn.

Hymn 138ii (Sagina)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
who can explore this strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.**

**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.**

**He left his Father's throne above,
(so free, so infinite his grace!)
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out *me*.**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night:
thine eye diffused a quickening ray -
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

Cont. Over =>

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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.

It is indeed right, our Lord and God,
that we should continually offer up
a sacrifice of praise to you,
the fruit of lips that confess your name. *Heb 13:15*

Long ago you spoke to our ancestors
in many and various ways by the prophets. *Heb 1:1*
You approved those who believed your promises, *Heb 11:2*
yet these, though commended for their faith,
did not receive what was promised,
since you had planned something better:
that only together with us would they be made perfect.
Heb 11:39-40

Now, in these last days, you have spoken to us by a Son,
whom you appointed heir of all things,
through whom you also created the worlds. *Heb 1:2*

He is the radiance of your glory
and the exact imprint of your very being,
and he sustains all things by his powerful word. *Heb 1:3*

He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages
to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself, *Heb 9:26*
establishing a new and better covenant. *Heb 8:6*

When he had made purification for sins:
he sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high,
having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited
is more excellent than theirs. *Heb 1:3-4*

And so, joining our voices to countless angels in festal gathering,
and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven,
and the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
we praise and glorify you, saying, *Heb 12:22-23*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might, *Rev. 4:8*
heaven and earth are full of your glory. *Isa 6:3*
Hosanna in the highest. *Mk 11:10*

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,
and 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,
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.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Sanctify us by your eternal Spirit,
through whom Christ offered himself unblemished to you.
By his blood, cleanse our consciences from dead works

to worship the living God: *Heb 9:14*

Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever. Amen. *Heb 1:8*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are confident 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.**

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.

(The Communion)

*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 priest 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

God so loved the world

The Old Cathedral Voices

A. Goodwin (b. 1979)

Premiered at St James' Old Cathedral 18th April 2025.

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

Living God, at this table you graciously feed us
from the altar of the heavenly tabernacle *Heb 13:10*
where Christ offered himself once for all. *Heb 9:11-12*
Strengthen us in love, hospitality, and generosity, *Heb 13:1-2,16*
and finally bring us to that lasting city and heavenly country
where all your saints feast with you for ever. **Amen.**
Heb 11:16

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. *Heb 12:1-2*

Notices

Canon Matt Williams

All my hope on God is founded;

he doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance he guideth

only good and only true.

God unknown,

he alone

calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,

sword and crown betray his trust;

what with care and toil he buildeth,

tower and temple, fall to dust.

But God's power,

hour by hour,

is my temple and my tower.

Daily doth the almighty giver

bounteous gifts on us bestow;

his desire our soul delighteth

pleasure leads us where we go.

Love doth stand

at his hand;

joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal

sacrifice of praise be done,

high above all praises praising

for the gift of Christ his Son.

Christ doth call

one and all:

ye who follow shall not fall.

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)

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- Dinner and Bible Study at Canon Matt's house has moved from Tuesday to **Monday**. Still 7-9pm. 96 Roden Street, West Melbourne. All welcome.
- Youth Group meets on Friday nights at 7pm.
- KYB meets on Wednesdays at 10am, looking at Romans 9-16.
- September 20th will be a service of confirmation and reception.
- We are seeking to raise our regular giving levels to support employing Bridget as our Assistant Curate from February next year.

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