

St James' Old Cathedral

23rd January 2022 at 10:00am

Third Sunday after Epiphany

John 1:14-18

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



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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.

The choir is in recess, returning January 30th, 2022.

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.

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.

COVID Safety at St James' Old Cathedral

Please help us keep everyone safe and compliant with government regulations.

1. **Please wear masks while indoors.**
2. **Please Register** using the QR codes at the entrance or in the pews.
The same code suffices for the whole site (so there is no separate registration for the conference centre).
3. **Proof of Vaccination** is no longer mandatory at places of worship.
4. **Hand Sanitiser** is provided at the entrance.
5. **Sit in even numbered pews.** This maintains a 1.7m distance.
Please only share pews with those outside your household by mutual consent.
6. **Building capacity** is now unlimited.
7. **No offertory collection.** Passing objects around (such as offertory bags) is an obvious risk. Please use electronic giving, or the donation box by the rear doors.
8. **Communion** will be provided in both kinds. For simplicity all are offered the individual cups of non-alcoholic wine usually offered as an alternative to the common cup. The common cup is still strongly advised against by government and church authorities.
9. **Doors** may be left open to improve ventilation.
10. The clergy will **greet** you at the door after the service but without handshakes. Please greet each other the same way. The greeting of the peace will be a liturgical response only.
11. **Social gathering** after church may include tea and coffee service and food offered indoors. Weather permitting, taking morning tea outdoors in the courtyard is encouraged.

Processional

Hymn 67 v1,2,4,6 (Hanover)

R. Grant (1779-1838)

**O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

**O measureless light, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

Welcome & Preparation

The law indeed was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:17

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

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one;
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment.
And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One;

you alone are the Lord;

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

O God,

whose beauty is beyond our imagining

and whose power we cannot comprehend:

show us your glory,

as far as we can grasp it,

and shield us from knowing more than we can bear,

until we may look upon you without fear,

through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

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.**

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

¹²Moses said to the LORD,

‘See, you have said to me, “Bring up this people”;

but you have not let me know whom you will send with me.

Yet you have said, “I know you by name,

and you have also found favour in my sight.”

¹³Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways,

so that I may know you and find favour in your sight.

Consider too that this nation is your people.’

¹⁴The LORD said, ‘My presence will go with you,

and I will give you rest.’

¹⁵And Moses said to the LORD, ‘If your presence will not go,

do not carry us up from here.

¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight,

I and your people, unless you go with us?

In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people,

from every people on the face of the earth.’

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses,

‘I will do the very thing that you have asked;

for you have found favour in my sight,

and I know you by name.’

¹⁸Moses said, ‘Show me your glory, I pray.’

¹⁹And the LORD said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you,
and will proclaim before you the name, "The LORD";
and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious,
and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

²⁰But', he said, 'you cannot see my face;
for no one shall see me and live.'

²¹And the LORD continued,
'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;
²²and while my glory passes by
I will put you in a cleft of the rock,
and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;
²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back;
but my face shall not be seen.'

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

Psalm 85:8-13

I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
**for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.**

Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.

For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:1-18

^{3:1}Are we beginning to commend ourselves again?

Surely we do not need, as some do,
letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we?

²You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts,
to be known and read by all;

³and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us,
written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God,
not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God.

⁵Not that we are competent of ourselves
to claim anything as coming from us;
our competence is from God,

⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant,
not of letter but of spirit;
for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷Now if the ministry of death, chiselled in letters on stone tablets,
came in glory so that the people of Israel
could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face,
a glory now set aside,

⁸how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory?

⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation,
much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory!

¹⁰Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory
because of the greater glory;

¹¹for if what was set aside came through glory,
much more has the permanent come in glory!

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness,
¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face
to keep the people of Israel from gazing
at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

¹⁴But their minds were hardened.
Indeed, to this very day,
when they hear the reading of the old covenant,
that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read,
a veil lies over their minds;

¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another;
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

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

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
of all thy rich graces this grace, Lord, impart -
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.**

**All laud we would render: O help us to see,
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee;
and so let thy glory, Almighty, impart
through Christ in the story, thy Christ to the heart.**

Gospel Reading: John 1:14-18

The Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to John, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out,
'This was he of whom I said,
"He who comes after me ranks ahead of me
because he was before me."')

¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God.

It is God the only Son,
who is close to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

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

Sermon

Bei-En Zou

Hymn 4 (Iste Confessor)

Anon., Latin c10th cent.

**Father most holy, merciful and tender,
Jesus our Saviour, with the Father reigning,
Spirit all-kindly, advocate, defender,
light never waning;**

**Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken,
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,
light of the angels, life of the forsaken,
hope of all living,**

**Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;
lo, all things serve thee through thy whole creation:
hear us, Almighty, hear us as we raise thee
heart's adoration.**

**To the all-ruling triune God be glory:
highest and greatest, help thou our endeavour;
we too would praise thee, giving honour worthy
now and for ever.**

Nicene Creed (*All Stand*)

Let us together affirm the faith of the church:

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

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

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

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

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

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

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

Intercessions

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

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

Knowing the goodness of God

and our failure to respond with love and obedience,
let us confess our sins, saying together,

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

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

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His steadfast love endures for ever.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood,
thou savest those that on thee call,
to them that seek thee thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still,
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee
where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright,
chase the dark night of sin away,
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

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.*

No common cup can be offered at this time.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

After Communion

Father of all

we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

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

Hymn 84 (Regent Square)

H. Bonar (1808-89)

**Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit,
great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
while eternal ages run.**

**Glory be to him who loved us,
washed us from each spot and stain;
glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the Lamb that once was slain.**

**Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the church's King,
glory to the King of nations,
heaven and earth, your praises bring;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the King of Glory bring.**

**'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'
thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'
thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
glory to the King of kings!**

Blessing & Dismissal

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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional

Andrew Anderson (Organ)

PLEASE STAY FOR MORNING TEA
IN THE CONFERENCE CENTRE NEXT DOOR
AFTER THE SERVICE

Intercessions

We pray for: Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Mike Raiter, Andrew and Heather Reid and The Centre for Biblical Preaching; Zoe Creelman (CMS); Chris and Sarah Griffioen and family (OM); Australian Indigenous Churches; Ridley College; Trinity College; the Overseas Chinese Christian Church; Edith Weaver; Joan Heard; Isabel Dale; Lola Russell-Dixon; Joy Palmby; Andrew; Greg Goldby; Ron and Janette Wells; Anthea McCall; Richard and Jean Ely; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley.

Notices

- Please note that Canon Matt, Lisa Wardell and David Brown are on leave, returning during the coming week.
- Rev. Mike Raiter is locum, and will be assisted by Stacey Slater and Bei-En Zou; with Andrew Anderson on organ. Simple Sunday services will be run with creche but without children's chapel. We appreciate your flexibility!
- All Zoom services are in recess and return on January 31st.

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