

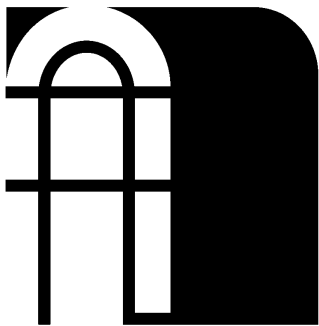
St James' Old Cathedral

28th June 2026 at 10:00am

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Economic Shifts: Philippians 2:19-3:11

*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

Formed in March 2009 from some of Melbourne's finest choral soloists, The Old Cathedral Voices are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter. Alex is on leave. Today they are led by founding director Jenny George.

Today's singers are:

Maggie Dunleavy	Jenny George	Tanum Shipp
Andrew Anderson	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.

Processional (All Stand)
My Eyes for Beauty Pine

*My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for God-des grace;
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.*

*One splendour thence is shed
from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love!*

*And every gentle heart
that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
of that celestial fire.*

The Old Cathedral Voices
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Greeting & Preparation

Lwe Moo San Tay

We worship in the Spirit of God

and boast in Christ Jesus:

Phil 3:3

To our God and Father

be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Phil 4:20

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

And also with you.

Phil 4:23

A Collect for Purity

Lwe Moo San Tay

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

whose peace guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus:

make our love to overflow more and more

with knowledge and full insight

to help us determine what really matters,

so that in the day of Christ we may be pure and blameless,

having produced the harvest of righteousness

that comes through Jesus Christ

for your glory and praise. Amen.

Phil 4:7; 1:9-11

Hymn 486i (Wilton)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

**O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me,**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

The Commandments (*All Sit or Kneel*) *Lwe Moo San Tay*

**'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.'**

A Hymn of Christ

Lwe Moo San Tay

**Christ, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.**

**And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name that is above every other name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. *Phil 2:6-11***

Collect of the Day

Lwe Moo San Tay

O God, the fount of wisdom,
you have revealed to us in Christ
the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
that, in the midst of the things of this world,
we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom,
and be ready to renounce all else
for the sake of the precious gift you offer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra,
where there was a disciple named Timothy,
the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer,
but his father was a Greek.

² He was well spoken of by the brothers and sisters
in Lystra and Iconium.

³ Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him,
and he took him and had him circumcised
because of the Jews who were in those places,
for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

⁴ As they went from town to town,
they delivered to them for observance
the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders
who were in Jerusalem.

⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith
and increased in numbers daily.

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

Psalm 73:21-28

Lwe Moo San Tay

When my heart was soured:

and I was wounded to the core,

I was but brutish and ignorant:

no better than a beast before you.

Nevertheless, I am always with you:

for you hold me by my right hand.

You will guide me with your counsel:

and afterwards you will lead me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?:

**and there is no one upon earth
that I desire in comparison with you.**

Though my flesh and my heart fail me:

you, O God, are my portion for ever.

Behold, those who forsake you shall perish:

and all who whore after other gods you will destroy.

But it is good for me to draw near to God:

**I have made the Lord God my refuge,
and I will tell of all that you have done.**

Epistle: Philippians 2:19-3:11

Andrew Watkins

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon,
so that I, too, may be consoled by news of you.

²⁰ I have no one so like myself
who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.

²¹ All of them are seeking their own interests,
not those of Jesus Christ.

²² But Timothy's worth you know,
how like a son with a father he has served with me
in the work of the gospel.

²³ I hope therefore to send him
as soon as I see how things go with me,
²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that I will also come soon.

²⁵ Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus—
my brother and coworker and fellow soldier,
your messenger and minister to my need,

²⁶ for he has been longing for all of you
and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.

²⁷ He was indeed so ill that he nearly died.

But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also,
so that I would not have one sorrow after another.

²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore,
in order that you may rejoice at seeing him again
and that I may be less anxious.

²⁹ Welcome him, then, in the Lord with all joy,
and honour such people,

³⁰ because he came close to death for the work of Christ,
risking his life to make up for those services
that you could not give me.

^{3:1} Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord.

To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me,
and for you it is a source of steadfastness.

² Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers,
beware of those who mutilate the flesh!

³ For it is we who are the circumcision,
who worship in the Spirit of God
and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh—
⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day,
a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,
a Hebrew born of Hebrews;
as to the law, a Pharisee;
⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church;
as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had,
these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss
because of the surpassing value
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things,
and I regard them as rubbish,
in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him,
not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law
but one that comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God based on faith.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection
and the sharing of his sufferings
by becoming like him in his death,

¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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

Hymn 472 v1,3,4 (Surrey)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

**Jesus, if still the same thou art,
if all thy promises are sure,
set up thy kingdom in my heart,
and make me rich, for I am poor;
to me be all thy treasures given,
the kingdom of an inward heaven.**

**Where is the blessedness bestowed
on all that hunger after thee?
I hunger now, I thirst for God;
see the poor fainting sinner, see,
and satisfy with endless peace,
and fill me with thy righteousness.**

**Shine on thy work, disperse the gloom,
light in thy light I then shall see;
say to my soul: 'Thy light is come,
glory divine is risen on thee,
thy warfare's past, thy mourning's o'er;
look up, for thou shalt weep no more!**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-46

Lwe Moo San Tay

The Gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the forty-fourth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
which a man found and reburied;
then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has
and buys that field.”

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
a merchant in search of fine pearls;

⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value,
he went and sold all that he had
and bought it.”

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

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

Jenny George (Alto)

Give me Jesus

Spiritual (arr. McVey)

In the morning when I rise... give me Jesus.

You can have all this world but give me Jesus.

And when I am alone... give me Jesus.

You can have all this world but give me Jesus.

And when I come to die... give me Jesus.

You can have all this world but give me Jesus.

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 (*All Sit or Kneel*)

Elizabeth Blades-Hamilton

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice!

Do not be anxious about anything,

but in everything by prayer and supplication

let your requests be made known to God. *Phil 4:4,6*

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge,

we confess that we have not lived our lives

in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Phil 1:27

We have set our minds too much on earthly things.

Phil 3:18

We have acted from selfish ambition and vain conceit.

We have not regarded others as better than ourselves.

Phil 2:3

We repent of our sins and turn away from them.

Help us press on to lay hold of that

for which Christ has laid hold of us,

Phil 3:12

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Canon Matt Williams

Almighty God, who began a good work in you

Phil 1:6

and will bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ,

forgive you all your sins,

confirm you in his righteousness based on faith

Phil 3:9

and make you to know his resurrection power;

Phil 3:10

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Lwe Moo San Tay

If there is any comfort in Christ,

any consolation from love,

any partnership in the Spirit,

let us make our joy complete:

being in full accord and of one mind.

Phil 2:1-2

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another with the words: "Peace be with you."

The Children's Chapel rejoin us as this hymn is sung.

Hymn 258 (Rockingham)

I. Watts (1674-1748)

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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.

To you, our God and Father,

be glory for ever and ever.

Phil 4:20

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

but humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

Phil 2:6,8

You have highly exalted him

and given him the name that is above every other name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Phil 2:9-10

He will transform the body of our humiliation

so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,

by the power that also enables him

to make all things subject to himself.

Phil 3:21

And so with every tongue that confesses Jesus Christ as Lord,

with apostles, bishops,

Phil 2:11

servants and saints of every age,

Phil 1:1

we rejoice and praise you, saying:

Phil 3:1

**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.'

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Make us partners in your Spirit:
sharing the comfort found in Christ,
the consolation of his love,
his tender affection and sympathy,
in full accord and one mind.

Phil 2:1-2

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 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
Psalm 23 from "Requiem"

The Old Cathedral Voices
H. Howells (1892-1983)

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture :

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul :

*and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name's sake.*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil :

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy

shall follow me all the days of my life :

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

God our Father, in this holy meal you strengthen us
both to will and to work for your good pleasure. *Phil 2:13*

May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
help us press on toward the prize
of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *Phil 3:14*

Father, **we offer ourselves to you**
as a pleasing and acceptable sacrifice *Phil 4:18*
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out to shine like stars in the world,
holding forth the word of life. *Phil 2:15-16*

Notices

Canon Matt Williams

Hymn 511i (Duke Street)

J. Monsell (1811-75)

**Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its path before us lies;
Christ is the way, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside; and on thy Guide
lean, and his mercy will provide,
lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**Faint not, nor fear; his arm is near;
he changes not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Canon Matt Williams

The peace of God which passes all understanding

guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, *Phil 4:7*

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)

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

*We rejoice in your partnership in the gospel
from the first day until now!*

Phil 1:5

*All gifts are "a fragrant offering,
a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God."*

Phil 4:18

*We encourage members to set up a regular electronic transfer to
support the ministry of the parish and assist confident budgeting.*

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:*

Melbourne West ITF Gift Fund

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A long serving member of The Old Cathedral Voices, baritone **Alex Owens**, is moving to Switzerland for further vocal study. Their farewell concert is on 17th July at 7pm in Abbotsford. Book here: <https://events.humanitix.com/thankyouforalex>

St James' Old Cathedral

Commitment to Child Safety

Jesus said:

*"Anyone who welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me.
But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble –
it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck
and he were drowned in the depths of the sea."*

Matthew 18:5-6

As we meet together to worship God,
we seek to honour him by the diligent protection of children.

We are committed to creating a culture of safety for all,
and undergoing regular training to do so.

We seek to normalise routine submission
to Police Checks and Working With Children Checks
for all members of the community.

If anyone sees any behaviour
related to child safety that strikes them as odd,
they should not investigate the matter themselves,
but call the independent Professional Standards Hotline
(Kooyoora Ltd) for expert guidance:

1800 135 246

or our local police (313 Spencer Street, Docklands):

03 8690 4444

National Trust Appeal: Roof Replacement

In 2010 a Heritage Review identified the replacement of our slate roof as an urgent work for the next two years.

We have not been able to fund this, and have continued to tolerate regular leaks in the rain, which are damaging other parts of the church in turn.

Parish Council and the National Trust have authorised an appeal. **We are seeking to raise \$500,000** for the full replacement of the slate roof and the restoration of other things which are urgent or best done at the same time. We have engaged Extent Heritage to guide this process and optimise outcomes.

Just before Tony died, Tony and Wendy Greenwood donated the first \$200,000 to this appeal. They hoped to inspire others. The appeal is now up to \$262,000.

Donations through the National Trust are Tax Deductible. The National Trust take an 8% administration fee.

Please direct Tax Deductible Donations to:

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

BSB: 033000

Account number: 937419

Description: St James Old Cathedral

Please follow up any donations with an email

to both accounts@nattrust.com.au and office@sjoc.org.au

so that we can track donations.

Should we raise more than is needed for urgent works, we are approved to use donations to repay the outstanding loan for the 2011 Tower Restoration.

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

- We are in a seven-week series on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Our service is partly rewritten to pray in the language of this letter.
- Our Synod reps will be finalised July 5th. Contact Matt if interested.
- Canon Matt will be helping lead a Youth Camp Monday to Thursday, and speaking at a conference for Zimbabwean Anglicans this Saturday.
- Friday 24th July will be a special combined Youth Night with Archbishop Ric Thorpe, meeting at St Jude's Carlton. All ages 12-18 are welcome.
- The Ven. Alan Nichols, Incumbent of this parish 1978-1986, has died. His funeral will be at St Michael's Carlton North at 2pm on Monday.

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