



# St James' Old Cathedral

19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 10:00am

Pentecost Sunday

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

## 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.

## The Old Cathedral Voices

Formed in March 2009 from some of Melbourne's finest choral soloists, *The Old Cathedral Voices* specialise in one-voice-per-part performance of English Church music from the renaissance to the present day.

Members of *The Old Cathedral Voices* sing on a flexible roster at each 10am service, directed by Alex Ritter.

Today's singers are:

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Ellen Brown	
Alex Ritter	Hamish Gould	
Alex Gorbatov	Bailey Montgomerie	
Alex Owens	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.

David is on leave. The organ is played by Professor Robin Batterham AO.

## 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**  
**Veni, Creator Spiritus**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***  
***T. Attwood (1765-1838)***

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire  
and lighten with celestial fire:  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.  
Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love.*

*Enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight;  
anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace,  
keep far our foes, give peace at home,  
where thou art guide no ill can come.*

*Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee with both to be but one,  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song:  
Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

## **A Sonnet for Pentecost**

***Canon Matt Williams***

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings  
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays  
Today the church draws breath at last and sings  
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.

This is the feast of fire, air, and water  
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.  
The earth herself awakens to her maker  
And is translated out of death to birth.

The right words come today in their right order  
And every word spells freedom and release  
Today the gospel crosses every border  
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.

Today the lost are found in His translation,  
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

*Malcolm Guite b. 1957*

**Opening Invocation**

***Bridget Penington***

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

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor and advocate.

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

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

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

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

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

**Come, Holy Spirit,  
Come, bond of love,  
pour your love into our hearts  
that we may serve you with joy. Amen.**

**Preparation**

***Bridget Penington***

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.**

**Welcome**

***Bridget Penington***

**Hymn 322 (Spiritus Vitae)**

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

**O breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;**

**O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.**

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

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

**The Commandments**

***Bridget Penington***

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

**Jesus said: ‘This is the first and greatest commandment.**

**And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’**

**Collect of the Day**

***Bridget Penington***

Almighty God,

at the feast of Pentecost

you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:

empower us with that same Spirit  
to witness to your redeeming love

and draw all people to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Prayer for The Ministry of the Word** ***Bridget Penington***

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**

**Canon Matt Williams**

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

*Childsafe Policy: Children's Chapel is supervised at all times by at least two unrelated adults with current Working with Children Check approvals.*

## **Meditation**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**May God be gracious (Psalm 67)**

***D. J. Griffiths (b. 1950)***

*May God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that thy way may be known upon earth;  
Thy saving power among all nations.*

*Let the peoples praise Thee, O God,  
Let all the peoples praise Thee.*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.  
For thou dost judge the peoples with equity,  
And guide the nations upon the earth.*

*Let the peoples praise Thee, O God,  
Let all the peoples praise thee.*

*The earth has yielded its increase.*

*God, our God, has blessed us.*

*Let all the ends of the earth fear Him. Fear Him.*



**First Reading: Exodus 19:1-8**

***Jamie Keck***

At the third new moon after the Israelites  
had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day,  
they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

<sup>2</sup>They had journeyed from Rephidim,  
entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness;  
Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God;  
the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying,  
'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites:

<sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians,  
and how I bore you on eagles' wings  
and brought you to myself.

<sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant,  
you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples.

Indeed, the whole earth is mine,

<sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.

These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people,  
and set before them all these words  
that the Lord had commanded him.

<sup>8</sup>The people all answered as one:

'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.'

Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

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

**Psalm 67**

***Bridget Penington***

Let God be gracious to us and bless us:

**and make his face to shine upon us,**

That your ways may be known upon earth:

**your liberating power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

**let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing:

**for you judge the peoples with integrity,  
and govern the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

**let all the peoples praise you.**

Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:

**and God, our God, will bless us.**

God shall bless us:

**and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

**Second Reading: Acts 2:1-13**

***Catherine McGovern***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,  
‘What does this mean?’

<sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

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

**Hymn 567 (Abbot's Leigh 93)**

***S. Cross (b. 1928)***

**Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of Being, Life and Love;  
height and depth beyond description  
only life in you can prove:  
you are mortal life's dependence:  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
yours is every hour's existence,  
sovereign Lord of time and space.**

**Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,  
we, your people, make our prayer:  
give us grace to love as brothers  
all whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;  
where no selfishness can sever  
there your love may all men see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning  
wind and flame of Pentecost,  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action,  
nevermore to speak alone:  
God, in us abolish faction,  
God, through us your love make known.**

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

***Bridget Penington***

The gospel is written in the third chapter of the gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

<sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight." '

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair  
with a leather belt around his waist,  
and his food was locusts and wild honey.

<sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him,  
and all the region along the Jordan,  
<sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan,  
confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees  
coming for baptism, he said to them,  
'You brood of vipers!  
Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

<sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

<sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves,  
"We have Abraham as our ancestor";  
for I tell you, God is able from these stones  
to raise up children to Abraham.

<sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees;  
every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit  
is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>'I baptize you with water for repentance,  
but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;  
I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>12</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand,  
and he will clear his threshing-floor  
and will gather his wheat into the granary;  
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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

**Sermon**

***Rev. Mike Raiter***

**Anthem**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**A Sound came from Heaven**

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

*A sound came from heaven:*

*a sound like a strong wind blowing.*

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

*resting on the disciples.*

*They were filled with the Holy Spirit.*

*Come, O Holy Spirit,*

*fill the hearts of Thy faithful,*

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

Let us together affirm the faith of the church:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

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

## **Intercessory Prayers**

***Owen Billington***

Let us begin with the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

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

Lord, send out your Spirit,

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

## **Conclusion of Prayers:**

Hear us, Father,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**who lives and reigns with you**

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

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



## **Confession**

***Bridget Penington***

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

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

**Heavenly Father,**

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

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

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

**By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

***Rev. Mike Raiter***

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Greeting of Peace**

***Bridget Penington***

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn 310 (Down Ampney)**

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Canon Matt Williams*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

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

You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

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

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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

We do this until he returns.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

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

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

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*All baptised believers in the Lord Jesus Christ,  
including baptised children at their parents' discretion,  
are welcome to eat and drink from the Lord's Table.*

*If you need gluten-free bread, advise the minister at the rail.*

*If you prefer to receive the individual cups of grape juice,  
simply decline the common cup of wine when offered.*

**During Communion**  
**There is one body**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***  
***A. Anderson (b. 1971)***

*Commissioned for the Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 2019.*  
*Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence.*

*There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called  
to the one hope of your calling,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all.*

*Ephesians 4:4-6a*

## **After Communion**

*Canon Matt Williams*

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

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

**Father, we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

## **Notices**

*Canon Matt Williams*

### **Hymn 328 (Woodlands)**

*J. R. Peacey (1896-1971)*

**Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord  
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today  
no less your power of fellowship display.**

**Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
that unity may be our great desire:  
give joy and peace, give faith to hear your call,  
and readiness in each to work for all.**

**Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace  
in your strong care the men of every race:  
like wind and fire with life among us move  
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.**

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

**Canon Matt Williams**

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Recessional**

**Robin Batterham (Organ)**

**Trio Sonata No. 3 in D Minor 1<sup>st</sup> Mvt. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)**

*“Trio” refers to three lines of music, sometimes speaking at different times and in different ways, but always saying the same thing to us, like our Triune God.*

*Please stay for morning tea  
in the conference centre after the service.*

*Instead of collecting offertories during the service, we gratefully receive free offerings made at the exit, or by electronic transfers to:*

**St James' Old Cathedral**

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## Intercessions

**We pray for:** Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Joy Surgical; 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; Joan Heard; Lola Russell-Dixon; Andrew; Rod Robertson; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Mel; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; Merle Taylor; Jamie Clingin; Jamie Chisholm; Zoe Creelman; Stuart; Janette Wells; The Altin family; Lisa Thompson; Jenny Swain; Cassie Staer; Jean Miller.

## Notices

- Church camp is back! In a different form. We will run it this year as a City Escape, 538 Collins Street, Melbourne (corner of King Street). Please save Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September (AFL Grand Final Weekend). Both part-time and full-time bookings will be possible.
- The Reverend Canon Dr Rhys Bezzant is delivering a lecture tomorrow at 5:15pm. "The Deep things we share: Discipleship and the Lord's Supper." <https://www.trybooking.com/CQPGD>
- Parish Council will meet after the service today at 12pm.

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