

# St James' Old Cathedral

18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 10:00am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

What Kind of Body? | Corinthians 15:35-50

*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](mailto:safety@sjoc.org.au)

## The Old Cathedral Voices

Formed in March 2009 from some of Melbourne's finest choral soloists, The Old Cathedral Voices are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter.

Today's singers are:	Monika Harris	Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	
Yujia Chen	Roslyn White	Alex Ritter	
Jenny George	Lucy Hood	Jack Jordan	Clyde Saniga
Mike Mews	Nick Christie	Andrew Anderson	

## The Organ

The present organ was built in 1991 by Australian Pipe Organs, restoring and expanding the 1866 Fincham organ. 2 manuals, 18 speaking stops, 8 couplers. Gt: 8.8.4.4.2.III. Sw: 8.8.8.4.2.III.8. Ped: 16.16.10-2/3.8.4.

The Old Cathedral's organist is David Brown. David undertook studies as an organ scholar at the Universities of Cambridge and St Andrews. He also serves as College Organist for Scotch College.

## The Bells

Melbourne's first peal of bells were the six bells hung in St James' Cathedral in 1853, replacing an old ship's bell. Two more were added in 1885. All were cast by Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel Road, London, and are reputed to be the finest ever cast there. They are still rung regularly by a team of volunteers.

**Processional**

**I will greatly rejoice**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

***M. Greene (1695-1755)***

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord:*

*my soul shall be joyful in my God.*

*For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation:*

*he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.*

*Isaiah 61:10*

**Opening Sentence and Greeting**

***Alex De-Leon***

Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust,

we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

*1 Corinthians 15:49*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Prayer of Preparation**

***Alex De-Leon***

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.**

**Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
or else the theme too high will seem  
for mortal tongue.**

**You blessed souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
his praises sound,  
as in his sight with sweet delight  
you do abound.**

**You saints who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as you go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still through good and ill  
who ever lives.**

**My soul, bear thou thy part:  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing out the songs of love;  
and all my days,  
let no distress nor fears suppress  
his joyful praise.**

## **Commandments**

***Alex De-Leon***

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

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.

This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

***Alex De-Leon***

**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*****Alex De-Leon***

O God, form the minds of your faithful people,  
that we may love what you command  
and desire what you promise,  
so that, amid the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Prayer for our New Archbishop*****Alex De-Leon***

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,  
in your mercy give your Church in this diocese  
a shepherd after your own heart  
who will walk in your ways,  
and with loving care watch over your people.  
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth,  
so your church may be built up  
and your name glorified;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayer for The Ministry of the Word** ***Alex De-Leon***

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**

***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 in time to join us at Holy Communion.*

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

## **Meditation**

***Jack Jordan (Tenor)***

**But Thou didst not leave (Messiah)    *G. F. Handel (1685-1759)***

*He was cut off out of the land of the living:*

*for the transgressions of thy people was he stricken.*

*But thou didst not leave his soul in hell:*

*nor didst thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.*

The hand of the Lord came upon me,  
and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord  
and set me down in the middle of a valley;  
it was full of bones.

<sup>2</sup> He led me all around them;  
there were very many lying in the valley,  
and they were very dry.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?”

I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them:  
O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones:

I will cause breath<sup>[a]</sup> to enter you, and you shall live.

<sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you  
and cover you with skin and put breath in you,  
and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied,  
suddenly there was a noise, a rattling,  
and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

<sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them,  
and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them,  
but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath,  
prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath:

Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath,  
and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”



<sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me,  
and the breath came into them,  
and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me,  
“Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel.  
They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost;  
we are cut off completely.’

<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them:  
Thus says the Lord God:  
I am going to open your graves  
and bring you up from your graves, O my people,  
and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

<sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord  
when I open your graves  
and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

<sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live,  
and I will place you on your own soil;  
then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,  
says the Lord.”

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

I will tell of your name to my companions:

**in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.**

O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:

**hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,  
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.**

For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:

**nor did he hide his face from him,  
but heard him when he cried.**

From you springs my praise in the great congregation:

**I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;**

The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:

**and those who seek the Lord shall praise him -  
may their hearts rejoice for ever.**

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:

**and let all the families of the nations worship before him.**

For the kingdom is the Lord's:

**and he shall be ruler over the nations.**

How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:

**or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?**

But he has saved my life for himself:

**and my posterity shall serve him.**

This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:

**and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it!**

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised?

With what kind of body do they come?”

<sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

<sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be  
but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

<sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen  
and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>39</sup> Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for humans,  
another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

<sup>40</sup> There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies,  
but the glory of the heavenly is one thing,  
and that of the earthly is another.

<sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon  
and another glory of the stars;  
indeed, star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead.

What is sown is perishable;  
what is raised is imperishable.

<sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor;  
it is raised in glory.

It is sown in weakness;  
it is raised in power.

<sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body;  
it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

<sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”;  
the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

- <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first  
but the physical and then the spiritual.
- <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, made of dust;  
the second man is from heaven.
- <sup>48</sup> As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust,  
and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.
- <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust,  
we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.
- <sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this:  
flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,  
nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

**Hymn 290i (St George's Windsor)      *C. Wesley (1707-88)***

**'Christ the Lord is risen today,'  
sons of men and angels say;  
raise your joys and triumphs high;  
sing, O heavens, and earth reply.  
Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won;  
vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.**

**Lives again our glorious king;  
where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died our souls to save;  
where's your victory, O grave?  
Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise:  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:23-33    *Michelle Loveday***

The Gospel is written in the twenty-second chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

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

<sup>23</sup> The same day some Sadducees came to Jesus  
saying there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question:

<sup>24</sup> “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies childless,  
his brother shall marry the widow  
and raise up children for his brother.’

<sup>25</sup> Now there were seven brothers among us;  
the first married and died childless,  
leaving the widow to his brother.

<sup>26</sup> The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh.

<sup>27</sup> Last of all, the woman herself died.

<sup>28</sup> In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be?  
For all of them had married her.”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “You are wrong  
because you know neither the scriptures  
nor the power of God.

<sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection people neither marry  
nor are given in marriage but are like angels of God in heaven.

<sup>31</sup> And as for the resurrection of the dead,  
have you not read what was said to you by God,

<sup>32</sup> ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’?  
He is God not of the dead but of the living.”

<sup>33</sup> And when the crowds heard it,  
they were astounded at his teaching.

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

**Sermon**

***Canon Matt Williams***

**Anthem**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**As we have borne**

***J. Barnby (1838-1896)***

*As we have borne the image of the earthy,  
we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*

*Thanks be to God!*

*1 Cor 15:49*

**The Apostles' Creed (*All Stand.*)**

***Alex De-Leon***

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

**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.**

**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.**

## **Intercessory Prayers**

***Roslyn White***

*Response:*

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Let us join together in the prayer which 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.**

## **Preparation for the Lord's Supper      *Alex De-Leon***

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**

***Alex De-Leon***

We were buried with Christ by baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...  
we too might walk in newness of life. *Romans 6:4*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
with a sincere and true heart.

**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**

***Canon Matt Williams***

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**

***Alex De-Leon***

*(All Stand.)*

We are the body of Christ: **His Spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*During the Hymn which follows,*  
*the Children's Chapel re-join us for Holy Communion.*



**Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands  
for our offences given;  
but now at God's right hand he stands  
and brings us life from heaven:  
wherefore let us joyful be,  
and sing to God right thankfully  
our songs of hallelujah.                      Hallelujah!**

**It was a strange and awesome strife  
when life and death contended;  
the victory was gained by life,  
the rule of death was ended:  
stripped of power, no more he reigns,  
an empty form alone remains;  
his sting is gone for ever.                      Hallelujah!**

**So let us keep the festival,  
our Lord himself invites us;  
Christ is the Lamb, the joy of all,  
the sun that warms and lights us;  
through the glory of his grace  
all darkness must today give place,  
the night of sin is ended.                      Hallelujah!**

**Then let us feast this holy day  
on the true bread of heaven.  
The word of grace has purged away  
the old and wicked leaven.  
Christ alone our souls can feed,  
he is our meat and drink indeed,  
faith lives upon no other.                      Hallelujah!**

## Thanksgiving & Holy Communion

*Canon Matt Williams*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

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

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

And now we give you thanks  
that you raised him to life triumphant,  
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,  
the reign of sin is ended,  
a new day has dawned,  
a broken world is restored  
and we are made whole once more.

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 baptised children at their parents' discretion,  
are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.*

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

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence**

***E. Bairstow (1874-1946)***

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling,  
and lift itself above all earthly thought:*

*For the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Christ, our God,  
cometh forth to be our oblation,  
and to be given for food to the faithful.*

*Before him come the choirs of angels,  
with every principality and power,  
the cherubim with many eyes and winged seraphim,  
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling.*

*- from the Liturgy of St James (5<sup>th</sup> Century)*

**After Communion**

***Canon Matt Williams***

Eternal God, giver of life,  
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.  
May we who celebrate this holy feast  
walk in his risen light  
and bring new life to all creation.

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

**Hymn 384 v1,4,6,7,8 (Sine Nomine)    *W. How (1823-97)***

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

**But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

***Canon Matt Williams***

May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the first and the last and the living one,  
draw you up to live forever through him,  
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 join us for Morning Tea  
in the Conference Centre next door  
following 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; 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; Tony and Wendy Greenwood; Neil; Beverly Stephenson; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; Merle Taylor; Jamie Chisholm; Stuart; Janette Wells; Lisa Thompson; Jenny Swain; Tony Billington; Ken McAlpine; Claire Clingin.

## Notices

- Please pray for the Board of Nominators, chaired by Jenny George, and all Synod members as we prepare for the Archbishop Election Synod from May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lay Synod representatives of this parish are Chris White, Andrew Watkins and Owen Billington. [www.boardofnominators.org](http://www.boardofnominators.org)
- A KYB study is meeting on Wednesdays at 10am, in the conference centre, looking at the gospel of Luke. See Diana or Janet for details.
- Parish Council meets today after the service at 12pm.

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