

St James' Old Cathedral

26th March 2023 at 10:00am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Denying Jesus: Matthew 26:57-75

*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 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 directed by Jenny George.

Jenny is on leave. Today's music features solos and duets.

Today's singers are:

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor

Jack Jordan

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 and currently also serves as Organist of 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
A Gaelic Blessing

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor (Sop)
J. Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ - of Christ the light of the world - to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you.

Greeting

Marinus van Meerten

Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

‘Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’

And he went out and wept bitterly. *Matt 26:75*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins:

whose mercy endures for ever.

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.

Hymn 191 (Christe Sanctorum)

F. P. Green (1903-2000)

**Christ is the world's light, he and no other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.**

**Christ is the world's peace, he and no other;
no man can serve him and despise his brother.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.**

**Christ is the world's life, he and no other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother -
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high.**

**Give God the glory, God and no other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God in man my brother:
Glory to God on high.**

The Commandments

Marinus van Meerten

**'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.'**

Kyrie & Trisagion

Marinus van Meerten

Lord Jesus, receive the prayers we offer.

You bore our weaknesses and carried our sorrows.

Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy.

You felt compassion for the people,

and went among them doing good.

Christ, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy.

You commanded your apostles to heal the sick in your name.

Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us now,

and help us in our time of need.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

Silence is kept.

Collect of the Day

Marinus van Meerten

Almighty God,

whose beloved Son for our sake

willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross:

give us courage and patience

to take up our cross daily and follow him;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

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

Prayer for The Ministry of the Word

Marinus van Meerten

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

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor (Sop)

I gave my Lord an Apple

A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Premiered at St James' Old Cathedral 2019.

Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence.

*I gave my Lord an apple,
an apple that I took
from off the tree in Eden's land.*

*The Lord received my apple,
and this he said to me:*

*'I'll put it back where it belongs,
I'll return your apple to the tree.'*

*And so, each day, more apples,
more apples did I find,
within each corner of my heart
of every shape and kind,
and to the Lord I brought them all,
as I had done before,
“I’ll take your apples swift away
and to the tree restore.”*

*One day, as I was walking,
the apple tree I passed,
and looking up, I found it bare.*

*I asked my Lord about it:
“Did you not promise me
you’d take my apples swift away
and return them all to the tree?”*

*“As promised, I have done it,”
replied to me the Lord,
“I took your apples swift away
and to the tree restored.”*

*And looking t’ward the hilltop,
in awe I fin’lly see
the cross nailed full of apples,
apples from me.*

First Lesson: Job 2:1-10

Catherine McGovern

One day the heavenly beings came
to present themselves before the Lord,
and Satan also came among them
to present himself before the Lord.

²The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?'

Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth,
and from walking up and down on it.'

³The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job?
There is no one like him on the earth,
a blameless and upright man
who fears God and turns away from evil.

He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him,
to destroy him for no reason.'

⁴Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin!
All that people have they will give to save their lives.

⁵But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh,
and he will curse you to your face.'

⁶The Lord said to Satan,
'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.'

⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord,
and inflicted loathsome sores on Job
from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

⁸Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself,
and sat among the ashes.

⁹Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity?
Curse God, and die.'

¹⁰But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak.
Shall we receive the good at the hand of God,
and not receive the bad?'

In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

Psalm 14

Marinus van Meerten

Fools have said in their hearts 'There is no God':

**they have all become vile and abominable in their doings,
there is not one that does good.**

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of Adam:

**to see if there were any who would act wisely
and seek after God.**

But they have all turned out of the way,
they have all alike become corrupt:

there is none that does good, no not one.

Are all evildoers devoid of understanding:

**who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not pray to the Lord?**

They shall be struck with terror:

for God is with the company of the righteous.

Though they frustrate the poor in their hopes:

surely the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel might come forth from Zion:

**when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people,
then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.**

Epistle: Revelation 2:8-11

Mimi Lee

⁸And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of the first and the last,
who was dead and came to life:

⁹I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich.

I know the slander on the part of those
who say that they are Jews and are not,
but are a synagogue of Satan.

¹⁰Do not fear what you are about to suffer.

Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison
so that you may be tested,
and for ten days you will have affliction.

Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

¹¹Let anyone who has an ear

listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.

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

Hymn 491 (Burton)

R. Keen (c. 1787)

**How firm a foundation, you people of God,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word;
what more can he say than to you he has said,
to all who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**Fear not, he is with you, O be not dismayed,
for he is your God, and will still give you aid:
he'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by his righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through the deep waters he calls you to go,
the rivers of grief shall not you overflow;
the Lord will be with you in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

**When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie
his grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you, his only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose
he will not, he cannot, desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
he never will leave, he will never forsake.**

The gospel is written in the twenty-sixth chapter of the gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the fifty-seventh verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus
took him to Caiaphas the high priest,
in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered.

⁵⁸But Peter was following him at a distance,
as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside,
he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council
were looking for false testimony against Jesus
so that they might put him to death,

⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.
At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, 'This fellow said,
"I am able to destroy the temple of God
and to build it in three days." '

⁶²The high priest stood up and said, 'Have you no answer?
What is it that they testify against you?' ⁶³But Jesus was silent.

Then the high priest said to him,
'I put you under oath before the living God,
tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.'

⁶⁴Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you,
From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven.'

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed!
Why do we still need witnesses?

You have now heard his blasphemy.

⁶⁶What is your verdict?'

They answered, 'He deserves death.'

⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and struck him;

and some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying,

'Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?'

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard.

A servant-girl came to him and said,

'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.'

⁷⁰But he denied it before all of them, saying,

'I do not know what you are talking about.'

⁷¹When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him,

and she said to the bystanders,

'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.'

⁷²Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.'

⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

'Certainly you are also one of them,

for your accent betrays you.'

⁷⁴Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

'I do not know the man!'

At that moment the cock crowed.

⁷⁵Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.'

And he went out and wept bitterly.

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

Sermon

Rev. Mike Raiter

Anthem

Jack Jordan (Tenor)

“Thy Rebuke...Behold and See”

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Thy rebuke hath broken his heart: He is full of heaviness.

He looked for some to have pity on him,

but there was no man, neither found they any to comfort him.

Behold, and see, if there be any sorrow, like unto his sorrow.

Psalm 69:20; Lamentations 1:12

The Apostle’s Creed (All Stand.)

Marinus van Meerten

**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

Tony Greenwood

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

Marinus van Meerten

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

Marinus van Meerten

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

**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

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 *(All Stand.)*

Marinus van Meerten

We are the body of Christ:

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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

Hymn 254 (Herzliebster Jesu)

J. Heermann (1585-1647)

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee;
'twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

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Thanksgiving & Holy Communion *Rev. Mike Raiter*

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.

He was tempted in every way as we are,
yet he did not sin.

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.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to walk in the way of his love.

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.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**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
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 offered.*

During Communion

Eliza & Jack (Duet)

My song shall be alway thy mercy

F. Mendelssohn (1809-47)

*My song shall be alway thy mercy,
singing thy praise, thou only God.*

*My tongue ever speaks the goodness
thou hast done unto me.*

*I wander in night and foulest darkness,
and mine enemies stand threat'ning around,
yet call'd I upon the name of the Lord
and he redeemed me with watchful goodness.*

After Communion

Rev. Mike Raiter

God of mercy, may we who have shared this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken 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

Rev. Mike Raiter

Hymn 472 (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.**

**Thou hast pronounced the mourners blest;
and lo, for thee I ever mourn:
I cannot: No! I will not rest,
till thou, my only rest return;
till thou, the Prince of Peace, appear,
and I receive the Comforter.**

**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!**

Blessing & Dismissal

Rev. Mike Raiter

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven,
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)

Fugue in D Minor BWV680

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Please join us for morning tea
in the Conference Centre next door.*

Intercessions

We pray for: Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Mike Raiter and The Centre for Biblical Preaching; Zoe Creelman (CMS); Chris & Sarah Griffioen and family (OM); City to City Australia; Australian Indigenous Churches; Ridley College; Trinity College; the Overseas Chinese Christian Church; Edith Weaver; Joan Heard; Lola Russell-Dixon; Joy Palmby; Andrew; Ron & Janette Wells; Rod Robertson; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Richard Fleming; Mel; Gus Beato; Hannah van Meerten; Josephine Carne; all who grieve David Jonas and Canon Anna Matthews.

Notices

- Daniel Glenn Altin was born on Wednesday 8th March. Congratulations to Andrew and Lisa, Malachi and Annabelle. All are doing well.
- Canon Matt is on annual leave this week, returning next Sunday.

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