

# St James' Old Cathedral

21<sup>st</sup> February 2021 at 10:00am

First Sunday in Lent

Service of Confirmation and Reception

Temptation in the Wilderness: Luke 4:1-15

*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](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* specialise in one-voice-per-part performance of English Church music from the renaissance to the present day, directed by Jenny George. The Assistant Directors are Spencer Chapman and Alex Ritter.

Today's singers are:

Eliza O'Connor	Jenny George	
Caterina Turnbull	Marcus Roberts	Jack Jordan
Michael Leighton-Jones	Tom Drent	

## The Organ

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

The Old Cathedral's organist is David Brown. David undertook studies as an organ scholar at the Universities of Cambridge and St Andrews.

## The Bells

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

## COVID Safety at St James' Old Cathedral

*Below are the measures currently in place to protect the community.*

*We don't want to help any fresh incursion of COVID-19 to get traction!*

- 1. Masks must be worn at all times inside public spaces.** Since February 3<sup>rd</sup> masks are mandatory again, except while leading.
- 2. Everyone is required to register.** This should happen upon entry to the building. The welcomers will do this for you. Please tell us a.s.a.p. if you are diagnosed with COVID-19 after attending SJOC.
- 3. Hand Sanitiser** is provided at the entrance.
- 4. Sit in even numbered pews.** This maintains a 1.7m distance. It is no longer strictly required, but is still a wise place to start. If numbers dictate, we will open the odd-numbered pews for infill.
- 5. Building capacity limit = 200 persons.** This is based on the 2 square metre per person density limit now prescribed.
- 6. No offertory collection.** Passing objects around (such as offertory bags) is an obvious risk. Please use electronic giving, or the donation box by the rear doors.
- 7. Communion** will be provided in both kinds. For simplicity we will all use the biodegradable individual cups of non-alcoholic wine usually offered as an alternative to the common cup.
- 8. Doors** may be left open to improve ventilation.
- 9.** The clergy will **greet** you at the door after the service but without handshakes. Please greet each other the same way. The greeting of the peace will be a liturgical response only, not moving around.
- 10. Social gathering** after church may now include tea and coffee service, and individually prepared snacks, served from the conference centre. Self-service is not permitted.

**Processional**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**He that shall endure to the end**

***F. Mendelssohn (1809-47)***

*He that shall endure to the end shall be saved. Matt 24:13*

**Temptation in the Wilderness**

***Canon Matt Williams***

'A sacred place is good for looking down from;  
You stand above the world on holy heights,  
Here on the pinnacle, above the maelstrom,  
Among the few, the true, unearthly lights.  
Here you can breathe the thin air of perfection  
And feel your kinship with the lonely star,  
Above the shadow and the pale reflection,  
Here you can know for certain who you are.  
The world is stalled below, but you could move it  
If they could know you as you are up here,  
Of course they'll doubt, but here's your chance to prove it  
Angels will bear you up, so have no fear....'

'I was not sent to look down from above  
It's fear that sets these tests and proofs, not Love.'

*- Malcolm Guite*

**Greeting**

*Canon Matt Williams*

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 513 v1,3,4 (Song 1)**

*J. Chadwick (1840-1904)*

**Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round  
of circling planets singing on their way,  
Guide of the nations from the night profound  
into the glory of the perfect day:  
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be  
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.**

**We would be one in hatred of all wrong,  
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,  
one with the joy that breaks forth into song,  
one with the grief that trembles into prayer,  
one in the power that makes the children free  
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.**

**O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,  
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;  
our inspiration be thy constant word;  
we ask no victories that are not thine:  
give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;  
enough to know that we are serving thee.**

**Confession**

***Canon Matt Williams***

Lord Jesus, receive the prayers we offer.

You bore our weaknesses and carried our sorrows.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You felt compassion for the people,  
and went among them doing good.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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

**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.*

**Absolution**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

***Canon Matt Williams***

O saving God,  
who led your people through the wilderness  
and brought them to the promised land:  
so guide us that, following our Saviour,  
we may walk through the wilderness of this world  
and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Gathering for Children's Chapel**

***Rev. Jess Naylor-Tatterson***

*We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Rev. Jess. 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. If you would like them to witness the confirmations or receptions, please collect them after the sermon.*

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

## **Meditation**

**O Lord, in thee is all my trust**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

***T. Tallis (1505-1585)***

*O Lord, in thee is all my trust.  
Give ear unto my woeful cries.  
Refuse me not, that am unjust,  
but bowing down thy heav'nly eyes,  
behold how I do still lament  
my sins wherein I thee offend.  
O Lord, for them shall I be shent<sup>1</sup>,  
sith<sup>2</sup> thee to please I do intend?*

*No, no, not so! Thy will is bent  
to deal with sinners in thine ire:  
but when in heart they shall repent  
thou grant'st with speed their just desire.  
To thee therefore still shall I cry,  
to wash away my sinful crime.  
Thy blood, O Lord, is not yet dry,  
but that it may help me in time.*

*Haste now, O Lord, haste now, I say,  
to pour on me the gifts of grace  
that when this life must flit away  
in heav'n with thee I may have place  
where thou dost reign eternally  
with God which once did down thee send,  
where angels sing continually.  
To thee be praise, world without end. Amen.*

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<sup>1</sup> Shent: Put to shame, reproached, or destroyed.

<sup>2</sup> Sith: archaic variant of 'since'

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it,  
<sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.  
<sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.'  
<sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God,  
<sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.  
<sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us,  
<sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt  
with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,  
with a terrifying display of power,  
and with signs and wonders;  
<sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land,  
a land flowing with milk and honey.  
<sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground  
that you, O LORD, have given me.'

You shall set it down before the LORD your God  
and bow down before the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites  
and the aliens who reside among you,  
shall celebrate with all the bounty  
that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:

**who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,**

They will say to the Lord 'You are my refuge and my stronghold:

**my God in whom I trust.'**

The Lord himself is your refuge:

**you have made the Most High your stronghold.**

Therefore no harm will befall you:

**nor will any scourge come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels:

**to keep you in all you ways.**

They will bear you up in their hands:

**lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder:

**the young lion and the serpent**

**you will trample under foot.**

'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,

'and therefore I will deliver you:

**I will lift you out of danger,**

**because you have known my name.**

'When you call upon me I will answer you:

**I will be with you in trouble,**

**I will rescue you and bring you to honour.**

'With long life I will satisfy you:

**and fill you with my salvation.'**

<sup>4</sup>Christ is the end of the law  
so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness  
that comes from the law, that  
'the person who does these things will live by them.'

<sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says,  
'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" '

(that is, to bring Christ down)

<sup>7</sup>'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" '

(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

<sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

'The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

<sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord  
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified,  
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

<sup>11</sup>The scripture says,  
'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'

<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;  
the same Lord is Lord of all  
and is generous to all who call on him.

<sup>13</sup>For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

**Hymn 506 (Heinlein)**

***G. H. Smyttan (1822-70)***

**Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild,  
forty days and forty night  
tempted, and yet undefiled.**

**Let us thy endurance share  
and from earthly greed abstain,  
with thee watching unto prayer,  
with thee strong to suffer pain.**

**And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.**

**So shall we have peace divine,  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine  
such as ministered to thee.**

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side,  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-15**

***Canon Matt Williams***

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

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,  
<sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

He ate nothing at all during those days,  
and when they were over, he was famished.

<sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God,  
command this stone to become a loaf of bread.'

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written,  
"One does not live by bread alone." '

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up  
and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

<sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory  
and all this authority; for it has been given over to me,  
and I give it to anyone I please.

<sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written,  
"Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him." '

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem,  
and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,  
'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,  
<sup>10</sup>for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",

<sup>11</sup>and "On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is said,  
"Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test,  
he departed from him until an opportune time.

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee,  
and a report about him spread  
through all the surrounding country.

<sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues  
and was praised by everyone.

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

**Sermon**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

**Anthem**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**Lead, Kindly Light**

***K. Terpstra (b. 1978)***

*Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom; lead thou me on.*

*The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead thou me on.*

*Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see*

*the distant scene – one step enough for me.*

*I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou shouldst lead me on.*

*I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead thou me on.*

*I loved the garish day, and spite of fears*

*Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.*

*So long thy power hath blessed me, sure it still will lead me on,*

*o'er moor and fen, and crag and torrent, till the night is gone;*

*and with the morn those angel faces smile,*

*which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.*

*Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom, lead thou me on.*

***J. H. Newman (1801-90)***

## **The Presentation of Confirmees**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

*The bishop invites all candidates for confirmation and their sponsors to gather in view of the congregation.*

*The bishop invites the sponsors of confirmation candidates to present the candidates.*

We welcome those who have come to be confirmed.

I invite their sponsors to present them now.

*The minister and any sponsors present each candidate by name.*

*The bishop says to those who are to be confirmed:*

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins? **I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

**I reject them all.**

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

**I renounce all that is evil.**

Will you each, by God's grace,  
strive to live your whole life as a disciple of Christ,  
loving God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

*The bishop says to the congregation*

You have heard these our brothers and sister  
renew their response to Christ. Will you support them?

**We will.**

Let us pray for those who have affirmed their baptism  
and are to receive the laying on of hands.

Merciful God, deliver them from all evil  
that they may walk in the way of truth and life;  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts by the Holy Spirit to your grace and truth;  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church;  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world to witness to your love and justice;  
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Bring them and us all into the fullness of your peace and glory;  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

## **The Profession of Faith**

*Bishop Genieve Blackwell*

*The bishop says to the candidates:*

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*The bishop says to the congregation:*

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith:**

**We believe in one God:**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## **The Confirmation**

*Bishop Genieve Blackwell*

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now, and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God,  
you have given your servants  
new birth by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven them their sins.

Strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit  
that they may grow in grace.

Increase in them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of discernment and inner strength,  
the spirit of knowledge and true godliness,  
and fill them with wonder and awe at your presence,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Those who are to be confirmed kneel before the bishop,  
who lays a hand upon each of them saying:*

Strengthen, Lord, your servant, *name* with your Holy Spirit.  
Empower and sustain *him/her* for your service. **Amen.**

*When all candidates have received the laying on of hands,  
the congregation prays together:*

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

**Meditation***The Old Cathedral Voices***O Lord, Increase our Faith***H. Loosemore (1600-1670)*

*O Lord, increase our faith,  
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith,  
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity,  
and patience in all our adversities, Sweet Jesus, say 'Amen'.*

**Presentation for Reception***Canon Matt Williams*

*The minister presents candidate(s) for reception.*

(They) now ask to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and seek our prayers in the fellowship of this parish.

**Affirmation for Reception***Bishop Genieve Blackwell*

*The bishop says to the candidates:*

Do you stand by the Christian confession and commitment made at your baptism? **I do.**

Do you desire to be admitted into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and accept her doctrine and order? **I do.**

*The bishop welcomes the person in these words, taking him/her by the hand:*

We recognize you as a baptized and communicant member of the Christian church.

**We receive and welcome you into the communion of the Anglican Church.**

## **Prayers**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

*The candidates for reception kneel before the bishop.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of wisdom and love, source of all good,  
by your Holy Spirit strengthen your servants  
and guide them in your way of peace and love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The bishop lays hands on each candidate's head, saying:*

*Name,* may the Holy Spirit direct and uphold you  
in the service of Christ and his kingdom  
in the fellowship of this Church.

God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
bless, preserve and keep you. **Amen.**

## **Further Prayers**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

*The bishop prays for all those upon whom hands have been laid.*

Almighty and everliving God,  
watch over these your servants  
upon whom we have now laid our hands.  
Let your Holy Spirit always be with them  
and lead them to know and obey your word,  
that they may serve you in this life,  
and dwell with you in the life to come:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Greeting of Peace (*All Stand.*)      *Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

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 511 (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.**

**Thanksgiving & Holy Communion**      *Bishop Genieve Blackwell*

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.**

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.**

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  
are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.*

*The common cup cannot be offered at this time.*

*Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

**During Communion**  
**Spirit of God**

**The Old Cathedral Voices**  
**C. Gounod (1818-93)**

*Spirit of God, O set us free;  
let no dark fears our souls confine.  
Lead us by new, uncharted ways;  
unfold the Mystery divine.  
We long to see, to touch, to know,  
and fear the risk that faith demands;  
O help us tread the desert road  
that leads us to the promised land.*

*Spirit of God, the breath of life,  
give strength to hearts and limbs that tire;  
lead us through mysteries untold,  
make truth and freedom our desire.  
You call us on to life and hope  
from all that would our souls enslave;  
O may our faithless hearts not choose  
the spurious safety of the grave.*

*Spirit of God, come like a fire  
to lift our spirits in the night;  
burn in the coldness of our hearts,  
and lead us on toward the light.  
And when, with mem'ry's distant view,  
we long for some enchanted past,  
then give us grace to follow him  
who is the only first and last.*

**After Communion**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

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**

***Canon Matt Williams***

**Hymn 514 (Thornbury 389)**

***J. E. Bode (1816-74)***

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
Lord, be for ever near me,  
my master and my friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.**

O let me feel you near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw me nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
Lord, speak to reassure me,  
to chasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
true guardian of my soul.

Lord, let me see your footmarks  
and in them plant my own;  
that I may follow boldly  
and in your strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my friend.

## **Blessing**

***Bishop Genieve Blackwell***

Go forth into the world in peace;  
Be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint hearted;  
support the weak  
help the afflicted;  
give honour to all;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

***Canon Matt Williams***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Recessional**

***David Brown (Organ)***

**Con Moto Maestoso (Sonata No. 3) *F. Mendelssohn (1809-47)***

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## Child Safe Culture Principle of the Week

### **6. Do Paperwork with Thanksgiving!**

It is hard to get excited about paperwork at the best of times. Not all the paperwork mandated for child safe compliance by government bodies is optimised for actual safety.

Nonetheless, it needs to be done, and it is better to have some inefficiencies in our vetting processes than not to have any at all.

So we strive to do our paperwork with thanksgiving – not for the work itself, but for the additional safety it provides to our community and especially our children.

We encourage everyone to go above and beyond – ideally our whole community would have a police check and a working with children check card completed, so that any time you consider serving in a role these protocols were already done. And ideally everyone would complete child safe training, to enhance the level of understanding of best practice in our church community. We expect an online version of this to become available this year.

To find out what you could do, email Una at [safety@sjoc.org.au](mailto:safety@sjoc.org.au)

**Kooyoora is on 1800 135 246. Our local police are on 03 8690 4444.**

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## 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**

## Intercessions

**We pray for:** Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Mike Raiter and The Centre for Biblical Preaching; Louise (now ex-CMS); Chris and Sarah Griffioen and family (OM); Australian Indigenous Churches; Ridley College; Trinity College; the Overseas Chinese Christian Church; Edith Weaver; Joan Heard; Isabel Dale; Lola Russell-Dixon; Joy Palmby; Andrew; Greg Goldby; Eric Easton; Chris Harwood; Bob Parfitt; Bryan Carnell; Janette Wells; Lorraine Wood; Audrey Spriggs.

## Notices

- Today is a service of confirmation and reception with Bishop Genieve.
- Mainly music is back on Tuesdays at 10:30am.
- Daily prayers on zoom continue Mon-Sat at 8:30am, 5:30pm and 9:00pm.
- We all have a little extra paperwork to do for the next stage of child-safe compliance. Please respond promptly to requests from Una.
- Parish Council will meet today at 12:30pm.

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