

St James' Old Cathedral

28th November 2021 at 10:00am

Advent Sunday

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

*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 a consort choir directed by Jenny George.

Today's singers are:

Eliza O'Connor

Jenny George

Jack Jordan

Marcus Roberts

Thomas 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, and is currently also Organist at 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.

COVID Safety at St James' Old Cathedral

Please help us keep everyone safe and compliant with government regulations.

1. **Masks** are now optional indoors.
2. **Everyone is required to register.** Please use the QR codes at the entrance or in the pews. The same code suffices for the whole site so there is no separate registration for the conference centre.
3. We can only admit people **fully vaccinated** against COVID 19, people 12 years 2 months and under, or people with a medical exemption. A YouTube livestream and 5:30pm Memorial Meal on Zoom are provided for those who cannot attend.
4. **Hand Sanitiser** is provided at the entrance.
5. **Sit in even numbered pews.** This maintains a 1.7m distance, and makes it safer to remove masks. If we open up the odd numbered pews, please consider using masks again.
6. **Building capacity** is now unlimited.
7. **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.
8. **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. The reintroduction of the common cup is not yet permitted.
9. **Doors** may be left open to improve ventilation.
10. 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.
11. **Social gathering** after church may include tea and coffee service and food offered indoors. Self-service is still prohibited.

Before the Service
Condite alme siderum

The Old Cathedral Bellringers
Traditional

This Advent Sunday the hymn *Conditor alme siderum* (Creator of the Stars of Night) is being played on bells across Australia to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the first mechanical clock to play a named tune, installed in St Catherine's Monastery, Rouen, France, in 1321. The hymn was traditionally played during Advent, and when played on the clock reminded hearers of the glory of God's creation and the connection between themselves, time, and the cosmos. This event is a collaboration between churches, secular musicians, and the Australian Research Council project *The Sounds of Time* directed by Dr Matthew Champion, a member of St James' Old Cathedral. You can find out more about the project at <http://soundsoftime.org>.

Processional (All Stand)
Condite alme siderum

The Old Cathedral Voices
Traditional

*Creator of the starry height,
thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, redeemer of us all,
hear thou thy servants when they call.*

*When earth was near its evening hour,
thou didst, in love's redeeming pow'r,
like bridegroom from his chamber, come
forth from a Virgin mother's womb.*

*At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees in lowly homage bow;
all things in heav'n and earth adore,
and own thee King for evermore.*

*To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honour, might and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.*

Trans. J.M. Neale (1818-66)

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Canon Matt Williams

(The first candle is lit.)

Heavenly Father,
you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Hymn 193 (Veni Emmanuel)

Anon. (Latin 13th Century)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Greeting & Preparation

Canon Matt Williams

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all,
just as we abound in love for you.

And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

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.**

The Commandments

Canon Matt Williams

‘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.’

Trisagion

Canon Matt Williams

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Collect

Canon Matt Williams

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,
we may go out joyfully to greet him;
and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Canon Matt Williams

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

Stacey Slater

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Stacey Slater. 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

O Emmanuel

The Old Cathedral Voices

J. Stainer (1840-1901)

*O Emmanuel, our King and law-giver,
hope of all nations, and their Saviour.
Come and save us, O Lord our God.
Come and save us. Come, come!*

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Janet Neumann

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfil the promise I made
to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

¹⁵In those days and at that time
I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

And this is the name by which it will be called:

‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

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

Psalm 25:1-10

Canon Matt Williams

In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope;
**in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
**but let those that break faith
be confounded and gain nothing.**

Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation.

I you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:
but according to your mercy think on me.

Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore he will direct sinners in the way.

The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.

Meditation

Lord, make me to know

The Old Cathedral Voices

W. Byrd (1540-1623)

Lord, make me to know thy ways.

O Lord, teach me thy paths.

O lead me in thy truth and teach me:

for thou art the God of my salvation.

Psalm 25:4-5

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Andrew Watkins

⁹How can we thank God enough for you
in return for all the joy that we feel before our God
because of you?

¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly
that we may see you face to face
and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus
direct our way to you.

¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all,
just as we abound in love for you.

¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Hark! A herald voice is calling:
'Christ is near,' it seems to say,
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
waken, children of the day!

Wakened by the solemn warning
let the earth-bound soul arise,
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb so long expected
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us meet him with repentance,
pray that we may be forgiven.
So when love comes forth in judgement,
debts and doubts and wrongs to clear,
faithful may he find his servants
watching till the dawn appear.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁵‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on the earth distress among nations
confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

²⁶People will faint from fear
and foreboding of what is coming upon the world,
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud”
with power and great glory.

²⁸Now when these things begin to take place,
stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.’

²⁹Then Jesus told them a parable:

‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees;

³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves
and know that summer is already near.

³¹So also, when you see these things taking place,
you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away
until all things have taken place.

³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down
with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life,
and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap.

For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength
to escape all these things that will take place,
and to stand before the Son of Man.'

³⁷Every day he was teaching in the temple,
and at night he would go out
and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called.

³⁸And all the people would get up early in the morning
to listen to him in the temple.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jess Naylor-Tatterson

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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

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

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

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

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.**

The Prayers (*All Sit or Kneel*)

Intercessions

Jeanette Lawrence

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Preparation

Canon Matt Williams

**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 & Greeting of Peace

Canon Matt Williams

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness,
and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.**

The Peace

Canon Matt Williams

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 re-enters the church as this hymn is sung.

Hymn 418 (Picardy)

Liturgy of St James (5thC)

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
our full homage to demand.**

**King of Kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraphs,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high!**

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion

Rev. Jess Naylor-Tatterson

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.

We thank you that when he shall come again
in power and great triumph to judge the world,
we may with joy behold his appearing,
and in confidence stand before him
who redeems us from sin and death
and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

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

No common cup can be offered at this time.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

During Communion

Born of the Light (O Nata Lux)

The Old Cathedral Voices

T. Tallis (1505-1585)

*Born of the light, O light divine,
redeemer, Jesus, hear our voice.
Look down in mercy and receive
the praise and prayers we gladly give.*

*You, who in flesh descended here,
came to redeem lost people then,
grant us to be your people now,
your church, your body here below.*

After Communion

Rev. Jess Naylor-Tatterson

God for whom we wait,
we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation.

As we joyfully await your Son,
keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming.

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

Prayers of Farewell

Canon Matt Williams

For Reverend Jess Naylor-Tatterson

Holy God, Alpha and Omega,
Lord of beginnings and endings,
we thank you for all we have shared with Jess,
and ask your blessing on her as she continues to walk with you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Before you move onward,
we ask forgiveness where we have failed you,
we give thanks for all you have given us,
we assure you of our love and prayers.**

Jess: Before I leave,
I ask forgiveness where I have failed you,
I give thanks for all you have given me,
I assure you of my love and prayers.

**(All:) What we forgive, if there is anything to forgive,
we have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake. 2 Cor 2:10**

Let us pray.

We praise and thank you, faithful God,
for our sister soon to leave us.

We entrust her into your loving care.

Shelter and protect her from harm and anxiety,
grant her courage to meet the future,
and the grace to do the good works you have prepared for her,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 203 v1,3,5 (Cruger)

J. Montgomery (1771-1854)

**Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to let the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.**

**He shall come down, like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.**

**O'er every foe victorious
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
that name to us is Love.**

Blessing & Dismissal***Rev. Jess Naylor-Tatterson***

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
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)******Toccata on Veni Emmanuel******A. Carter (b. 1939)***

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LIGHT LUNCHEON
AND OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
IN THE CONFERENCE CENTRE NEXT DOOR
AS WE CONTINUE TO FAREWELL REVEREND JESS.**

Offertories are no longer collected during services due to the health risks in passing objects around. Please direct online contributions to:

St James' Old Cathedral**BSB: 013 377****Acc. No.: 008 684 064**

Intercessions

We pray for: Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Mike Raiter, Andrew and Heather Reid and The Centre for Biblical Preaching; Zoe Creelman (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; Ron and Janette Wells; Anthea McCall; Richard and Jean Ely; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley.

Notices

- Today we farewell our beloved Assistant Curate, Reverend Jess, who is moving back to be near family in the USA. She will preach and preside.
- Please set up regular support for our new CMS Partner, Zoe Creelman, through CMS: www.cms.org.au.
Support for Zoe can be received through their tax deductible fund.
- Following the service will be a light luncheon and AGM, including opportunity to express our gratitude to Reverend Jess.
- A zoom Memorial Meal service is offered at 5:30pm on Sundays in the church zoom room: 597-917-6529. Daily zoom services continue also.

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