

# St James' Old Cathedral

16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 10:00am

Sunday after Ascension



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

## Acknowledgement of Country

We worship our creator God on the ancestral lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

## 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 Jenny George.

Today's singers are:

Eliza O'Connor

Jenny George

Caterina Turnbull

Hamish Gould

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.

## 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**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**Lift up your heads**

***J. Amner (1579-1641)***

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates:*

*and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:*

*and the King of Glory shall come in.*

*Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord, strong and mighty,*

*Ev'n the Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory. Psalm 24:7,8a,10b*

**A Sonnet for Ascension Day**

***Canon Matt Williams***

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory

Whilst we were rooted still in time and place

As earth became a part of Heaven's story

And heaven opened to his human face.

We saw him go and yet we were not parted

He took us with him to the heart of things

The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted

Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,

Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,

Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,

Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness

And sing the waning darkness into light,

His light in us, and ours in him concealed,

Which all creation waits to see revealed.

*Malcolm Guite (b. 1957)*

**Greeting**

**Rev. Jess Naylor-Tatterson**

Jesus said to Mary: 'Go to my brothers and say to them,  
"I am ascending to my Father and your Father,  
to my God and your God." ' *John 20:17*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Hymn 291 v1,3,5,6 (Easter Hymn 290ii) C. Wesley (1707-88) alt.**

**Hail the day that sees him rise, *Hallelujah!*  
to his throne above the skies; *Hallelujah!*  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, *Hallelujah!*  
re-ascends his native heaven. *Hallelujah!*  
Heaven now its Lord receives, *Hallelujah!*  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; *Hallelujah!*  
though returning to his throne, *Hallelujah!*  
still he calls mankind his own. *Hallelujah!*  
Still for us he intercedes, *Hallelujah!*  
his prevailing death he pleads; *Hallelujah!*  
near himself prepares our place, *Hallelujah!*  
he the first-fruits of our race. *Hallelujah!*  
There we shall with thee remain, *Hallelujah!*  
partners of thine endless reign; *Hallelujah!*  
there thy face unclouded see, *Hallelujah!*  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. *Hallelujah!***



**Gloria in Excelsis**

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

**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.**

**Prayer for The Ministry of the Word** ***Rev. Jess Naylor-Tatterson***

Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding.

As we listen to your Word,

may we know you better,

love you more,

and learn to please you in all we do;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Canon Matt Williams**

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

## **Meditation**

**The Old Cathedral Voices**

**Leave us not, neither forsake us**

**J. Stainer (1840-1901)**

*Leave us not, neither forsake us, O God of our salvation.  
In thy presence is the fullness of joy.*

*Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?  
This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven,  
shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

*Thou art gone up on high, hallelujah;  
Thou hast led captivity captive, hallelujah;  
And received gifts for men, hallelujah;  
Yea, even for thine enemies,  
that the Lord God might dwell among them. Hallelujah, Amen.*

*Pss 27.11; 16.12; Acts 1.11; Ps 68.19*

**First Lesson: Daniel 7:9-14**

***Andrew Altin***

<sup>9</sup> As I watched, thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>11</sup> I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words  
that the horn was speaking.

And as I watched, the beast was put to death,  
and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

<sup>12</sup> As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away,  
but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

<sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup> To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

**Psalm 24**

*Rev. Jess Naylor-Tatterson*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

**the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.**

For he has founded it upon the seas:

**and established it upon the waters.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:

**or who shall stand in his holy place?**

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:

**who have not set their soul upon idols,  
nor sworn their oath to a lie.**

They shall receive blessing from the Lord:

**and recompense from the God of their salvation.**

Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:

**those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates,

and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:

**and the King of glory shall come in.**

Who is the King of glory?:

**the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates,

and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:

**and the King of glory shall come in.**

Who is the King of glory?:

**the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-5:3**

***Micaiah Zwartz***

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest  
who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,  
let us hold fast to our confession.

<sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest  
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,  
but we have one who in every respect  
has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

<sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help in time of need.

<sup>5:1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals  
is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf,  
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

<sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward,  
since he himself is subject to weakness;

<sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins  
as well as for those of the people.

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

**Hymn 301 (St Magnus)**

***T. Kelly (1769-1855)***

**The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of Kings and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal light.**

**The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love  
and grants his name to know.**

**To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given,  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heaven.**

**They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.**

**The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.**

**Gospel: John 20:10-18**

**Stacey Slater**

*The Gospel is written in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to John, beginning at the tenth verse.*

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

<sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.

As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

<sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white,  
sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying,  
one at the head and the other at the feet.

<sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'

She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord,  
and I do not know where they have laid him.'

<sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round  
and saw Jesus standing there,  
but she did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?  
For whom are you looking?'

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him,  
'Sir, if you have carried him away,  
tell me where you have laid him,  
and I will take him away.'

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!'

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!  
(which means Teacher).

<sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me,  
because I have not yet ascended to the Father.'

But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending  
to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” ’

<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,  
‘I have seen the Lord’;  
and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

**Sermon**

***Rev. Mike Raiter***

**Anthem**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**O Risen Lord**

***J. Barnby (1838-96)***

*O risen Lord! O Christ ascended!  
O Prince of Peace! Thy toils are ended,  
and Thou art on Thine everlasting throne ador'd.  
O hear our songs, O hear our pray'rs and praises,  
O grant us peace.  
Thy pilgrim church still raises  
Her ardent gaze to Thee,  
As for Thy rest she longs.  
Thou, Jesu King, to heav'n ascending,  
With gifts of peace Thy pierced hands extending,  
shed'st worlds of hope and joy.  
O risen Lord! O Prince of Peace,  
To Thee we sing Alleluia. Amen.*

**Athanasian Creed Pt 2: On the Incarnation (*All Stand*)**

**The right Faith is, that we believe and confess:**

**that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;  
God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds:  
and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;**

**Perfect God, and perfect Man:**

**of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;**

**Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead:**

**and inferior to the Father, as touching his manhood.**

**Who, although he be God and Man:**

**yet he is not two, but one Christ;**

**One; not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh:**

**but by taking of the Manhood into God;**

**One altogether; not by confusion of substance:**

**but by unity of Person.**

**For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man:**

**so God and Man is one Christ;**

**Who suffered for our salvation:**

**descended into hell,**

**rose again the third day from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty:**

**from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies:**

**and shall give account for their own works.**

**And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting:**

**and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.**

**This is the Catholick Faith:**

**which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.**

**Intercessory Prayers**

*Elizabeth Blades-Hamilton*

*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**

*Rev. Jess Naylor-Tatterson*

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**

*Rev. Jess Naylor-Tatterson*

Christ has entered heaven itself,  
there to appear before God on our behalf.  
Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith,  
and confess our sins to the God of grace.

**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. Jess Naylor-Tatterson*

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**

*Rev. Jess Naylor-Tatterson*

*(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.*

**Hymn 295 (Hyfrydol 148ii)**

***John Bakewell (1721-1819)***

**Hail, thou once despised Jesus,  
hail, thou Galilean King!**

**Thou didst suffer to release us;  
thou didst free salvation bring.**

**Hail, thou universal Saviour,  
bearer of our sin and shame,  
by thy merits we find favour;  
life is given through thy name.**

**Paschal Lamb by God appointed,  
all our sins on thee were laid;  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made:  
all thy people are forgiven  
through the virtue of thy blood;  
opened is the gate of heaven;  
peace is made twixt man and God.**

**Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly host adore thee,  
seated at thy Father's side:  
there for sinners thou art pleading,  
there thou dost our place prepare,  
ever for us interceding  
till in glory we appear.**

**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.

You have highly exalted him,  
and given him the name which is above all other names,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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**

**O God, the King of Glory**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

***H. Purcell (1659-1695)***

*O God, the King of Glory,  
who hast exalted thine only Son, Jesus Christ,  
with great triumph into heaven:  
We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless,  
but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us,  
and exalt us unto the same place  
where our Saviour Christ is gone before us. Amen.  
(BCP Collect for the Sunday after Ascension)*

**After Communion**

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

God of glory

you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world  
to preach the gospel of your kingdom.

Strengthen us who share this meal to continue his mission  
by living the good news we proclaim.

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. Jess Naylor-Tatterson***

Hymn 293 v1,2,4,5 (Darwall)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

God is gone up on high,  
with a triumphant noise;  
the clarions of the sky  
proclaim th' angelic joys!

Refrain: *Join all on earth, rejoice and sing;  
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

God in the flesh below,  
for us he reigns above:  
let all the nations know  
our Jesus' conquering love!

Refrain: *Join all on earth, rejoice and sing;  
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

High on his holy seat  
he bears the righteous sway;  
his foes beneath his feet  
shall sink and die away:

Refrain: *Join all on earth, rejoice and sing;  
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

Till all the earth, renewed  
in righteousness divine,  
with all the hosts of God  
in one great chorus join.

Refrain: *Join all on earth, rejoice and sing;  
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

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

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts  
and bring you to reign with him in glory;  
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

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## 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; Bob Parfitt; Bryan Carnell; Janette Wells; Gary Furniss; and the families of the recently deceased: +David McCall; Hwe Wen; Anna Palk; Chris Harwood and Eric Easton.

## Notices

- Save the Dates: The church weekend away is planned for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 (Grand Final Weekend).
- Parish Council will meet today at 12:30pm.
- Canon Matt will take long service leave from 9<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> July. Reverend Jess will be locum vicar during his absence.
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May will be a service of Baptism in Morning Prayer.

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