

St James' Old Cathedral

27th April 2025 at 10:00am

Second Sunday of Easter

A Resurrection in History: I Corinthians 15:1-11

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



St James' Old Cathedral

Acknowledgement of Country

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

Child Safety Officer

We are committed to continuous improvement in a safe culture for all, and especially vulnerable persons. Our parish's Child Safety Officer is Una Ebsworth. Una is an accredited specialist in criminal law. All correspondence and questions relating to safety checks should be forwarded to her at safety@sjoc.org.au

The Old Cathedral Voices

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

Today's singers are:	Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Carolyn Baker
Yujia Chen	Roslyn White	Jenny George
Alex Ritter	Stewart Webb	Jack Jordan
Clyde Saniga	Mike Mews	Matthew Crossley

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 is on leave. Our locum organist today is Robin Batterham AM.

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

I know that my redeemer liveth

T. Tomkins (1572-1656)

*I know that my redeemer liveth,
and that I shall rise out of the earth in the last day,
and shall be covered again with my skin,
and shall see God in my flesh:
yea, and I myself shall behold him,
not with other, but with these same eyes. Job 19:25-27*

Opening Sentence and Greeting

Canon Matt Williams

For I handed on to you as of first importance
what I in turn had received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,
and that he was buried,
and that he was raised on the third day
in accordance with the scriptures,
and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Preparation

Canon Matt Williams

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 287 (Vulpus)

Anon. Latin 1695

**The strife is o'er, the battle done:
now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung: Alleluia!**

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluia!**

**On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
let us awake and join the strain: Alleluia!**

**He closed the frowning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell: Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee, 'Alleluia!'**

Commandments

Canon Matt Williams

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

This is the great and first commandment.

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

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Canon Matt Williams

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord;
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Canon Matt Williams

Holy God, whose risen Son opened the disciples' hearts
to understand the Scriptures
that told of his death and resurrection:
grant us the peace of the living Lord,
that our eyes may be opened
to recognise him in the breaking of the bread,
and to follow him wherever he leads;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for 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

Alex De-Leon

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Alex De-Leon. 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

The Old Cathedral Voices

And I saw a new heaven

M. Archer (b. 1952)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:

*for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.*

*And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.*

Revelation 21:1-2,4

Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.”

Then Paul stretched out his hand and began to defend himself:

²“I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa,
I am to make my defense today
against all the accusations of the Jews,

³because you are especially familiar
with all the customs and controversies of the Jews;
therefore I beg of you to listen to me patiently.

⁴“All the Jews know my way of life from my youth,
a life spent from the beginning
among my own people and in Jerusalem.

⁵They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify,
that I have belonged to the strictest sect of our religion
and lived as a Pharisee.

⁶And now I stand here on trial on account of my hope
in the promise made by God to our ancestors,

⁷a promise that our twelve tribes hope to attain,
as they earnestly worship day and night.

It is for this hope, your Excellency, that I am accused by Jews!

⁸Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?

⁹Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things
against the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

¹⁰And that is what I did in Jerusalem;
with authority received from the chief priests,
I not only locked up many of the saints in prison,
but I also cast my vote against them
when they were being condemned to death.

¹¹By punishing them often in all the synagogues

I tried to force them to blaspheme;
and since I was so furiously enraged at them,
I pursued them even to foreign cities.

¹²“With this in mind, I was travelling to Damascus
with the authority and commission of the chief priests,

¹³when at midday along the road, your Excellency,
I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun,
shining around me and my companions.

¹⁴When we had all fallen to the ground,
I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language,
“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?
It hurts you to kick against the goads.”

¹⁵I asked, “Who are you, Lord?”

The Lord answered, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

¹⁶But get up and stand on your feet;
for I have appeared to you for this purpose,
to appoint you to serve and testify to the things
in which you have seen me
and to those in which I will appear to you.

¹⁷I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—
to whom I am sending you ¹⁸to open their eyes
so that they may turn from darkness to light
and from the power of Satan to God,
so that they may receive forgiveness of sins
and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

¹⁹“After that, King Agrippa,
I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision
²⁰but declared first to those in Damascus,

then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance.

²¹ For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.

²² To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place:

²³ that the Messiah^[f] must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the gentiles.”

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

Psalm 30:8-12

Canon Matt Williams

I cried to you, O God:

and made my petition humbly to my Lord.

‘What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit:

can the dust give you thanks,

or declare your faithfulness?

‘Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:

O Lord, be my helper.

You have turned my lamentation into dancing:

you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,

That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Rachelle Gilmour

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters,
of the good news that I proclaimed to you,
which you in turn received, in which also you stand,
²through which also you are being saved,
if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—
unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance
what I in turn had received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,
⁴and that he was buried,
and that he was raised on the third day
in accordance with the scriptures,

⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters
at one time, most of whom are still alive,
though some have died.

⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born,
he appeared also to me.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.

¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and his grace towards me has not been in vain.

On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—
though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

¹¹Whether then it was I or they,
so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Hymn 290i (St George's Windsor)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

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

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

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³Now on that same day (as the tomb was discovered empty),
two of them were going to a village called Emmaus,
about seven miles from Jerusalem,

¹⁴and talking with each other
about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵While they were talking and discussing,
Jesus himself came near and went with them,
¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷And he said to them,
‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’
They stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,
‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem
who does not know the things
that have taken place there in these days?’

¹⁹He asked them, ‘What things?’

They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth,
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word
before God and all the people,
²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders
handed him over to be condemned to death
and crucified him.

²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.
Yes, and besides all this,
it is now the third day since these things took place.

²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us.
They were at the tomb early this morning,

²³and when they did not find his body there,
they came back and told us
that they had indeed seen a vision of angels
who said that he was alive.

²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb
and found it just as the women had said;
but they did not see him.'

²⁵Then Jesus said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are,
and how slow of heart to believe
all that the prophets have declared!

²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things
and then enter into his glory?'

²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,
he interpreted to them the things about himself
in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going,
he walked ahead as if he were going on.

²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying,
'Stay with us, because it is almost evening
and the day is now nearly over.'

So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When Jesus was at the table with them,
he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him;
and he vanished from their sight.

³²They said to each other,
‘Were not our hearts burning within us
while he was talking to us on the road,
while he was opening the scriptures to us?’

³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem;
and they found the eleven
and their companions gathered together.

³⁴They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed,
and he has appeared to Simon!’

³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road,
and how he had been made known to them
in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶While they were talking about this,
Jesus himself stood among them and said,
‘Peace be with you.’

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

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

On the Road

A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Commissioned for The Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 2nd Feb 2014.

Andrew Anderson is our Composer-in-Residence.

*When Jesus was at the table with them,
he took bread, blessed and broke it,
and he gave it to them.*

*Then their eyes were opened,
and they recognized him;
and he vanished from their sight.*

*They said to each other,
'Were not our hearts burning within us
while he was talking to us on the road,
while he was opening the scriptures to us?'*

Luke 24:30-32

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.**

Intercessory Prayers

Jeanette Lawrence

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

Canon Matt Williams

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

Canon Matt Williams

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

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

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Canon Matt Williams

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Canon Matt Williams

(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 277 (Ellacombe)

John of Damascus (d. 754)

**The day of resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth up to the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.**

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion

Canon Matt Williams

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory.

Fill us with your Spirit

that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*All baptised believers in the Lord Jesus Christ,
including baptised children at their parents' discretion,
are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.*

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

*If you prefer an individual cup of grape juice,
simply decline the common cup of wine when it is offered to you.*

During Communion
As we have borne

The Old Cathedral Voices
J. Barnby (1838-1896)

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

Thanks be to God!

1 Cor 15:49

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

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

Father,

we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.

Notices

Canon Matt Williams

Hymn 38 (Darwall 26)

I. Watts (1674-1748)

**We give immortal praise
to God the Father's love
for all our comforts here,
and better hopes above:
he sent his own eternal Son
to die for sins that man had done.**

**To God the Son belongs
immortal glory too,
who bought us with his blood
from everlasting woe:
and now he lives, and now he reigns
and sees the fruit of all his pains.**

**To God the Spirit's name
immortal worship give,
whose new-creating power
makes the dead sinner live:
his work completes the great design,
and fills the soul with joy divine.**

**Almighty God, to thee
be endless honours done,
the undivided Three,
and the mysterious One:
where reason fails with all her powers,
there faith prevails, and love adores.**

Blessing & Dismissal**Canon Matt Williams**

May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the first and the last and the living one,
draw you up to live forever through him,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional**Robin Batterham (Organ)****Toccata in B Minor****E. Gigout (1844-1925)**

Please join us for Morning Tea
in the Conference Centre next door
following the service.

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Child Safe Culture Principle of the Week

1. Insist on two unrelated adults

Any church event that involves looking after children must be led by at least two adults who are not related to each other. This is a rule that knows no exceptions. If you see a lesser standard, please ask questions. Tell the vicar. Email Una at safety@sjoc.org.au.

If you do find yourself in a space alone with someone else's child, gently and naturally encourage them back with a larger group as soon as possible, or if they are physically safe, just make sure their parent or guardian knows where they are.

Kids: whenever you're at church, make sure you can always see either one of the grown-ups you came with; or two other grown-ups who are leading your program.

2. Kooyoora is your friend.

3. Don't look into it.

4. Make grooming look odd.

5. Make allies not accusations.

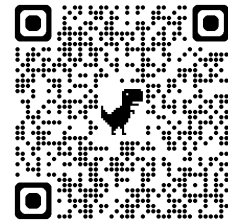
6. Do paperwork with thanksgiving!

Intercessions

We pray for: Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Mike Raiter and The Centre for Biblical Preaching; Emma Payne (CMS); Chris & Sarah Griffioen and family (OM); Australian Indigenous Churches; Ridley College; Trinity College; the Overseas Chinese Christian Church; Tony and Wendy Greenwood; Neil; Beverly Stephenson; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; Merle Taylor; Jamie Chisholm; Stuart; Janette Wells; Lisa Thompson; Jenny Swain; Tony Billington; Ken McAlpine.

Notices

- Owen is leading our Hope25 Sunday bible study after the service today.
- A new KYB study is meeting on Wednesdays at 10am, in the conference centre, looking at the gospel of Luke. See Diana or Janet for details.
- **CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED:** From Sunday May 4th Owen will be running a seven-week course for people who are curious about Jesus. This will run from 12pm-1pm after church each week. You can register interest using this QR code.



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