## St James' Old Cathedral

19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 10:00am Second Sunday after Epiphany

Israel Supersized

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 Alex Ritter.

The choir is in recess, returning January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Today we enjoy solos sung by Alex Owens, including performances of new songs by our composer-in-residence, Andrew Anderson.

#### 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. He also serves as College Organist for Scotch College.

David is on leave. The organ is played by Andrew Anderson.

#### 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 (All Stand)

Alex Owens (Baritone)

Isaiah Service Pt 2: Confession

A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Premiered 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence. This is the second of a set of four songs covering Isaiah 55.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, and call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, let them return to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

#### **Sentence and Preparation**

Rev. Professor Graham Cole

Jesus said: 'And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' *John 12:32* 

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 27 v1-3,5 (Mit Freuden Zart)** 

J. Schutz (1640-90)

Sing praise to God who reigns above the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation: my soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills:

What God's almighty power has made that will he ever cherish, and will, unfailing, soon and late, with lovingkindness nourish; and where he rules in kingly might there all is just and all is right:

to God give praise and glory!

to God give praise and glory!

The Lord will never leave his own, his chosen generation; their confidence he will remain, their peace and their salvation; as with a mother's hand each one, he'll ever lead his people on:

to God give praise and glory!

So come before his countenance and leap in exultation; now gladly pay your due of praise in joyful celebration.

Take courage in the Lord, my heart, refreshed in him, play your full part: to God give praise and glory!

#### The Commandments

#### Rev. Professor Graham Cole

'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.'

#### Gloria

#### Rev. Professor Graham Cole

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**

#### Rev. Professor Graham Cole

O God, who has caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world:
draw us and all people to your Son, Jesus, and make us faithful witnesses of his glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Ministry of the Word

Rev. Professor Graham Cole

Heavenly Father,
give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word,

may we know you better,
love you more,
and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Gathering for Children's Chapel Dr Callum Dawson

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Dr Callum Dawson. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the following meditation is sung.

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

Meditation Alex Owens (Baritone)
Isaiah Service: Ministry of The Word A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Premiered 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence. This is the third of a set of four songs covering Isaiah 55.

My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:8-11

#### First Reading: Isaiah 19:19-25 Warren Mills

- <sup>19</sup>On that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the centre of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord at its border.
- <sup>20</sup>It will be a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; when they cry to the Lord because of oppressors, he will send them a saviour, and will defend and deliver them.
- <sup>21</sup>The Lord will make himself known to the Egyptians; and the Egyptians will know the Lord on that day, and will worship with sacrifice and burnt-offering, and they will make vows to the Lord and perform them.
- <sup>22</sup>The Lord will strike Egypt, striking and healing; they will return to the Lord, and he will listen to their supplications and heal them.
- <sup>23</sup>On that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.
- <sup>24</sup>On that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,
   <sup>25</sup>whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying,
   'Blessed be Egypt my people,
- and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my heritage.'

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

O clap your hands, all you peoples: and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared:

he is a great king over all the earth.

He cast down peoples under us:

and the nations beneath our feet.

He chose us a land for our possession:

that was the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing:

and the Lord to the blast of the horn.

O sing praises, sing praises to God:

O sing praises, sing praises to our king.

For God is the king of all the earth:

O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.

God has become the king of the nations:

he has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples are gathered together:

with the people of the God of Abraham.

For the mighty ones of the earth are become the servants of God: and he is greatly exalted.

Epistle: Galatians 2:11-16 Jenny George

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch,
I opposed him to his face,
because he stood self-condemned;

<sup>12</sup>for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles.

But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction.

<sup>13</sup>And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

<sup>14</sup>But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel,
 I said to Cephas before them all,

'If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?'

<sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners;

<sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.

And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus,
so that we might be justified by faith in Christ,
and not by doing the works of the law,
because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

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

#### **Hymn 42 (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)**

I. Watts (1674-1748)

From all who dwell below the skies; let the Creator's praise arise; Hallelujah! Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land, by every tongue, Hallelujah!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord, eternal truth attends your word:
Hallelujah!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Hallelujah!

#### Gospel Reading: John 12:20-32 Rev. Professor Graham Cole

The gospel is written in the twelfth chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the twentieth verse.

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

- <sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.
- <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'
- <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.
- <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
- <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
- <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

<sup>27</sup>'Now my soul is troubled.

And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

<sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.'

Then a voice came from heaven,
'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

<sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

#### Sermon

Meditation Alex Owens (Baritone)
Isaiah Service Pt 1: Invitation A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Premiered  $5^{th}$  January 2025. Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence. This is the first of a set of four songs covering Isaiah 55.

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat.

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen, listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Isaiah 55:1-5

The Apostle's Creed (All Stand.) Rev. Professor Graham Cole

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **Intercessions**

#### Roslyn White

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**

Rev. Professor Graham Cole

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. Professor Graham Cole

Knowing the goodness of God and our failure to respond with love and obedience, let us confess our sins, saying together,

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. Professor Graham Cole

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**

Rev. Professor Graham Cole

We are the body of Christ:

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Remaining in our pews, we greet those around us: "Peace be with you."

The children's chapel rejoin us as the following hymn is sung.

Hymn 144ii v1,2,4 (Laudate Dominum) *C. Wesley (1707-88)* 

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh, his presence we have; the great congregation his triumphs shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore, and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

#### Thanksgiving & Holy Communion Rev. Professor Graham Cole

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.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with Saint Paul and 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 children at their parents' discretion are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.

Gluten free wafers are available on request.

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

### Meditation Isaiah Service Pt 4

## Alex Owens (Baritone) A. Anderson (b. 1971)

Premiere. Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence. This is the fourth of a set of four songs covering Isaiah 55.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up on the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. Isaiah 55:12-13

#### **After Communion**

Rev. Professor Graham Cole

God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth.

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. Professor Graham Cole

Hymn 271 v1,4,5,6, (Crucifer) *M. R. Newbolt (1874-1956)* 

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, people, follow where our Captain trod, our King victorious, Christ the Son of God: Refrain

From north and south, from east and west they raise in growing unison their song of praise: Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,

as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee: Refrain

From farthest regions let them homage bring,

and on his cross adore their Saviour King: Refrain

#### **Blessing & Dismissal**

#### Rev. Professor Graham Cole

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world;

And the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ, Amen.

#### Recessional

**Andrew Anderson (Organ)** 

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA IN THE CONFERENCE CENTRE AFTER THE SERVICE

Instead of collecting offertories during the service, we gratefully receive free offerings made at the exit, or by electronic transfers to:

St James' Old Cathedral

BSB: 013 377

Acc. No.: 008 684 064

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#### Child Safe Culture Principle of the Week

#### 3. Don't look into it.

If you see something relating to child safety that looks odd, please don't talk to others about it, or investigate further yourself.

Amateur investigations, gossip or insinuations could compromise an investigation by qualified professionals, and even prevent a just outcome. It could make an unsafe situation more unsafe, prevent procedural justice, or unfairly defame someone.

Just let either the police or Kooyoora Ltd (our independent professional standards body) know what you've seen or heard and why it bothered you, and then follow their instructions.

If you feel you need support to phone them, you may ask the child safety officer (Una Ebsworth) or a member of clergy as appropriate.

It is never the wrong thing to call Kooyoora and relate a concern.

You can call Kooyoora on 1800 135 246.

#### Other principles:

- 1. Insist on two unrelated adults
- 2. Kooyoora is your friend.
- 4. Make grooming look odd.
- 5. Make allies not accusations.
- 6. Do paperwork with thanksgiving!

# St James' Old Cathedral 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; Joy Surgical; 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; Andrew; Neil; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; Merle Taylor; Jamie Chisholm; Zoe Creelman; Stuart; Janette Wells; The Altin family; Lisa Thompson; Jenny Swain; Jean Miller; Tony Billington; the family of Chris Coffee; the people of Los Angeles.

#### **Notices**

- Canon Matt is on Long Service Leave from December 16<sup>th</sup> to February 24<sup>th</sup>. The Reverend Professor Graham Cole is Locum Vicar.
- Youth Group returns on Friday January 31st at 7pm.
- The Old Cathedral Voices return next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January.
- O David Brown returns from leave next Sunday 26th January.
- Bridget Penington concludes her placement next Sunday.

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