



Choral Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2020 • 10.30am



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Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral

Wominjeka means 'Welcome' in Woiwurrung, a language of the Kulin nation, on whose land this Cathedral stands. We acknowledge and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging and to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders with us today.

St Paul's is home to worshippers from more than two dozen nations, seat of the Anglican Primate of Australia, and home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We are delighted that you are with us today: come and worship with us again.

Coronavirus During the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, we must limit the numbers of visitors and worshippers. We ask that you wash your hands on entry and refrain from shaking hands. We have suspended the distribution of the cup and all congregational meals, including Morning Tea.

Leading the Service

President and Preacher:
The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe,
Dean

Children A children's area is located on the right-hand side of the Cathedral. Children's activity packs are available. The area and the packs are sanitised before use to reduce the risk of infection by Covid-19. Parents are asked to remain with their children.

Safeguarding We strongly condemn any form of abuse and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable people, and to speaking out against violence against women. All our staff and volunteers complete training and relevant checks. If you would like to raise any concerns, please contact the independent Professional Standards Body, Kooyoora. Tel. 1800 135 246. For advice in the case of family violence, ring 1800 737 732.

Communion If you are a baptised Christians you are welcome to receive the Communion bread. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward holding this booklet. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask the priest.

Offerings We rely entirely on your gift. During the Covid-19 pandemic, congregational giving has dropped by 50%. Please be generous. If you do not want to handle cash, tap and go facilities are available on the offertory plates. You can also donate online: BSB: 083-004, Account: 51-510-2452.

Valuables Please keep your valuables with you at all times.

Please join in singing the hymns and in saying the words printed in bold type.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please stand

Refrain

May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
turn our minds to things above.
Sin has sun-dered us from God, / sel-fish we have grown, and cold,
foo-lish were the ways we trod, e - vil ha-bits keep their hold.

*May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
turn our minds to things above.*

2

**Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of Life presides;
may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides.**

May this Lenten discipline ...

3

**As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn.**

May this Lenten discipline ...

James Phillip McAuley (1917–1976)

Music: Richard Connolly (b. 1927)

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THE GREETING

*The president welcomes the people and says:
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please sit or kneel

*Choir Lord have mercy upon us,
 Christ have mercy upon us,
 Lord have mercy upon us.*

*Requiem
Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)*

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, 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.

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 COLLECT

Gracious God, in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world: as the light of Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in truth and goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please sit

THE READING: 2 Corinthians 9.6-15

Read by Dr Barbara Burge

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’ ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:
 therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:
 and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul:
 and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil:
 for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:
 you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
 will follow me all the days of my life:
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Music: John Goss (1800-80)

THE GOSPEL

Remain standing

The Cantor introduces the acclamation, then all repeat:

A musical score in G major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, king of end-less glo-ry.

Cantor Speak, Lord, your servants are listening:
You have the words of eternal life
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

13.18-23

¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

THE SERMON

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, *Dean*

NICENE CREED

Please stand

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 OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit or kneel

Led by Jill Morshead

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

After each petition

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers the presider concludes

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE NOTICES

Please sit

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Please stand

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace. During the greeting of peace, clergy and people ought refrain from shaking hands and instead greet one another with the words 'peace be with you' (if desired with a smile and a wave).

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

During the hymn, an offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry. On average our congregants contribute \$20 each. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your gift. Tap and Go facilities are available on the plates.

Christians, lift your hearts and voices, let your praises be out - poured;
come with joy and ex - ul - ta - tion to the ta-ble of the Lord;
come be-lie-ving, come ex - pec - tant, in ob-ed-ience to his word.

See, presiding at his table,
Jesus Christ our great high priest;
where he summons all his people,
none is greatest, none is least;
graciously he bids them welcome
to the eucharistic feast.

Lord, we offer in thanksgiving
life and work for you to bless;
yet unworthy is the offering,
marred by pride and carelessness;
so, Lord, pardon our transgressions,
plant in us true holiness.

On the evening of his passion
Jesus gave the wine and bread,
so that all who love and serve him
shall for evermore be fed.
Taste and see the Lord is gracious,
feed upon the living bread.

John E. Bowers (b. 1923)
Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 447
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The President prays the prayer over the gifts and all respond
Blessed be God for ever.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

*The president offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.
In response, we sing*

Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

from Requiem – Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

The president recounts the last supper

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The president concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, to which all respond

... we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own language,

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser..., 我們在天上的父 ...,

हे हमारे स्वरगिक पिता..., Bapa kami..., E to matou Matua..., 天の父よ ...,

Ama namin..., Our Father who art ..., بَّاپ بِمَارے اے، الَّذِي أَبَانَا...

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

Choir Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takets away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

from Requiem –Duruflé

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 Christians are invited to receive the bread of the Eucharist. The Presiding minister receives wine on behalf of all. Gluten free wafers are available on request. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the bread, please bring this booklet with you. Communion will be administered standing, please come forward in two lines via the centre aisle.

THE ANTHEM

During the administration of Holy Communion the choir sings

God so loved the world – John Stainer (1840-1901)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please stand

The president prays the post-communion prayer, concluding with 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.

THE DISMISSAL HYMN

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voi - ces, who
won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joi - ces; who
from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way with
count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Holy Ghost,
one Lord in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)
Australian Hymn Book 14

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The president pronounces the Blessing

...be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Procession – Arthur Wills (b.1926):

Mr Mark Slavec, June Nixon Organ Scholar

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PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

THE WORLD Wisdom for world leaders and health officials as COVID-19 continues spreading, protection for those particularly at risk, sustaining of health workers, adequate support of those working on a vaccine; our federal and state governments and health authorities in their important work of responding to community needs at this time, particularly for the frail and vulnerable people in our community; for peace in the Middle East, in Syria, Israel, Iraq; care and protection of refugees around the world with the complexities added by the COVID-19 pandemic.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Abp Revd Paul Kwong).

THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People).

THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Archdeaconry of Melbourne (Heather Patacca); Parish of St Thomas', Langwarrin with St Peter's, Pearcedale (James Connor).

OUR CATHEDRAL Our Administrator, Trevor Whittaker; Cathedral Secretary, Joel McFadyen; Events Coordinator, Andrew Victorsen; Shop Manager, Susan Baker and assistants, Michelle Clark and Lydia Thangadurai; Property and Maintenance Officer: Sean Whittaker; Operations Officer, Talthia Fraser; our Associate Clergy, Canon Dr Stephen Ames, Archdeacon Ray McInnes, Revd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacker, Revd Emily Fraser, Revd Matt Campbell.

THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED Joan Woodhouse, Beryl Coombe, Robyn & David Forbes, Judy and Frank Clift, Andrew, Lucilia & Carlota Soares, Janet Marsden, Pam Sullivan, Martin Devine, John, Evonne Paddison, Seila, Mark Rostoks, Henri-Felix Vinson, Sum Vita, Maria Vonn, Brian, Rose, Kathleen & Samuel Hodgson, Nancy Paterson, Martin Chin, Naomi Nayagam, Paul Jeya Sorga Kumar.

REFUGEES IN DETENTION Sellaiya Vasanthakumar, Karimi Ibrahim, Louies Christharasa Thevasakayampullai, Selvathurai Sooriyakumar, N Karunakaran Nallathame.

YEAR'S MINDS

22 Edwin John Martin (Sidesman) 1985, Sir Dallas Brooks (Governor of Victoria) 1966, John Falkingham (Canon) 2005; 23 Thomas Henry Armstrong (Bishop and Canon) 1930; 25 Marjorie Alice Green (Benefactor) 2003; 27 Evan Laurie Burge (Canon) 2003; 28 Alfred Wheeler (Precentor) 1949.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

We are working hard at present to adapt to the changes to how we can congregate in accord with both the current government restrictions on non-essential gatherings and our responsibilities in our duty of care for you. Some changes to how we can meet are outlined below. Please read them carefully, noting particularly changes to service times, and added options for joining us in worship online.

CHANGES TO SERVICE TIMES All services are now subject to a restriction of no more than 100 people in the building at a time. **We are unable to admit anyone to the building once that limit is reached.**

From Sunday 29 March, Sunday service times are as follows:

- 8 am BCP Said Eucharist
- 10am Choral Eucharist
- 1pm Mandarin Eucharist
- 6pm Choral Evensong

These arrangements are subject to change, depending on advice from the government.

These gatherings are suspended or cancelled:

- Mothers Union Lady Day Service 22 March
- Walk with Mary 22 March
- Congregation Lunch 29 March
- Welcomers Meeting 29 March
- Monday English Classes and community dinner
- Palm Cross Making 2 April
- Cleaning Working Bee 4 April

Please check www.cathedral.org.au for up to date advisements.

CAN WE CONTACT YOU? If you would like us to keep you up to date with what is happening at the Cathedral, we can only do so if we have your contact details. Please get in touch with Andrew Victorsen on 9653 4210 (leave a message if unattended) or avictorsen@stpaulscathedral.org.au with your name, contact details and the service you regularly attend. This is also a good opportunity to ensure we have your current contact details.

NOTICES

DEAN'S SERMON SERIES STUDY GROUPS Study groups to listen to and reflect on the sermons meet at 9am (led by the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Ames) and 10.45am. This will be the last Sunday they will meet in person. Study resources are also made available each week on our website.

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION INTO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH Anyone who is interested in preparing for baptism and/or confirmation or who has been baptised into another Christian denomination and would now like to be received into the Anglican Church of Australia should contact the Canon Pastor, Christopher Carolane: ccarolane@stpaulscathedral.org.au

DONATIONS TOWARDS THE EASTER FLOWERS You are welcome to make a donation towards the Easter Day Flower arrangements in memory of a loved one. Please give your donation in an envelope marked 'Easter Flowers' with your loved one's name on it to one of the clergy, or arrange a direct transfer with a note labelling it as a flower donation and email Andrew Victorsen avictorsen@stpaulscathedral.org.au with your loved one's name.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

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