



BCP Holy Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2020 • 8am



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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 & Preacher:

The Ven. Canon Heather Patacca

Precentor

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.

The service begins on the laminated cards with the Lord's Prayer.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16.1-13

Read by Dorothy Willshire

¹The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' ²Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD."' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' ⁵He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 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.**

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 5.8-14

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

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

THE GOSPEL

Please stand

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

9.1-41

¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbours and those who had seen him

before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' ¹¹He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' ¹²They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' ²⁰His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' ²⁵He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' ²⁶They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' ²⁷He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' ³⁰The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' ³⁴They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' ³⁶He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' ³⁷Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' ³⁸He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. ³⁹Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not

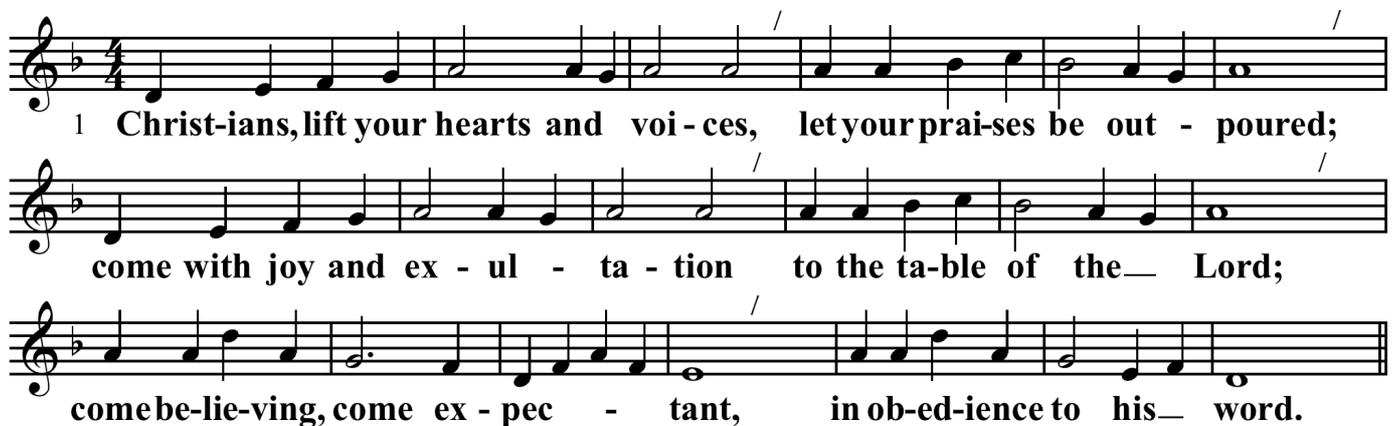
see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’⁴¹ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.

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

The Service continues on the laminated card with the Nicene Creed.

Communion will be received standing, please come forward in a single line via the center aisle. During the administration of communion, please join in singing the

HYMN DURING COMMUNION



1 Christ-ians, lift your hearts and voi - ces, let your prai - ses 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.

2
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.

3
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.

4
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)

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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 Derrenbacher, 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 you 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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