

Choral Evensong during the week

Tuesday to Friday • 5.10pm



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, the home for worshippers from more than two dozen nations, the seat of the Anglican Primate of Australia and the home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We are delighted that you are with us this evening: come and worship with us again. We worship on the traditional lands of the Kulin nation, and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present and to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders with us today.

You are sharing in worship from the *Book of Common Prayer*, an Anglican tradition of prayer that stretches back for more than 350 years. On Sundays and throughout the week, Choral Evensong from the *Book of Common Prayer* is sung at St Paul's.

The Cathedral Choir, directed by Mr Philip Nicholls, sings much of this service. As you listen, allow the words and music to lift your mind and soul to God in prayer. This booklet gives details of the texts for this service. Details of the music, the set Psalm and hymn will be announced and can also be found on the weekly music lists on our website. Please join in singing the hymn and say those parts of the service printed in **bold type**.

Please keep silence before the service.

Photography and filming on cameras or mobile phones is not permitted during the service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand for the Procession, and remain standing as the Officiant and Choir sing

THE RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips;
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

All sit. The Choir sings

THE PSALM

All sit for

THE FIRST LESSON

from the Old Testament

All stand. The Choir sings

MAGNIFICAT

The Song of Mary

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath
rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered
the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant
Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and
his seed forever.

St Luke 1.46-55

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be: world without end. Amen.

All sit for

THE SECOND LESSON

from the New Testament

All stand. The Choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

St Luke 2.29-32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be: world without end. Amen.

All join the Officiant in saying together

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God:

**the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose
again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins:
The Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Officiant and Choir sing

THE LESSER LITANY

The Lord be with you;
and with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

All sit or kneel.

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

You are invited to join in the singing of

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father,
**who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

THE RESPONSES

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Officiant sings

THE COLLECTS

of the day, for Peace, for Aid against all perils

Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants
that peace which the world cannot give; that both our
hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also
that by thee we being defended from the fear of our
enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by
thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of
this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sit as the Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

Sit or kneel for

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Officiant leads

THE GRACE

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

THE HYMN

*Please stand to sing the hymn. During the hymn a collection
will be received for the Cathedral's work. Thank you for your
support of our ministry.*

Remain standing for

THE BLESSING

... and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Remain standing for the Procession.

*Once the Procession has left you are invited to sit and remain,
and to listen to*

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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