



# St Paul's Cathedral

*Together transforming our City and Diocese*

## Sung Evening Prayer

Wednesday 13 May 2020 • 5.10 pm

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### WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, the home for worshippers from more than two dozen nations, the home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We are delighted that you have joined us for our streamed service this evening: come and worship with us again.

The cathedral is situated on the traditional lands of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit ourselves to the ongoing work of reconciliation in our nation.

Please join us in singing the hymns and saying those parts of the service printed in **bold** type.

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### LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

*The Dean:*  
The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe

*Cantor:*  
Mr Philip Nicholls, *Director of Music*  
Mr Siegfried Franke, *Cathedral Organist*

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## THE GREETING

*The officiant welcomes all to the service and offers an Acknowledgement of Country.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed:  
**and all people shall see it together.**

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

## THE OFFICE HYMN



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous Cross on which the  
Prince of Glo - ry died, — my rich - est gain I  
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all — my pride.

2  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the Cross of Christ my God;  
all the vain things  
that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his Blood.

3  
See from his head, his hands,  
his feet,  
sorrow and love  
flow mingling down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown.

4  
Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt.  
*Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised* 108

## THE OPENING PRAYER

The day is now past and the night is at hand.  
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

Father of lights, receive the prayer and praise we offer you as our evening sacrifice; make us a light for all the world, delivered by your goodness from all the works of darkness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE READING

1 Peter 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief-maker. <sup>16</sup>Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. <sup>17</sup>For the time has come for judgement to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And 'If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?' <sup>19</sup>Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

## THE ANTHEM

O God of mercy, God of might,  
in love and pity infinite,  
teach us, as ever in thy sight,  
to live our life to thee.

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
whate'er it be, 'tis ours to share,  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as unto thee.

And may thy Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
'till thou shalt greet in heav'n above  
all those who give to thee.

Text: Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)  
Music: Simon Lole (b.1957)

## THE HOMILY

*A reflection on the reading is offered*

## THE PRAYERS

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Saving God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Intercessions and Thanksgivings are made according to need.*

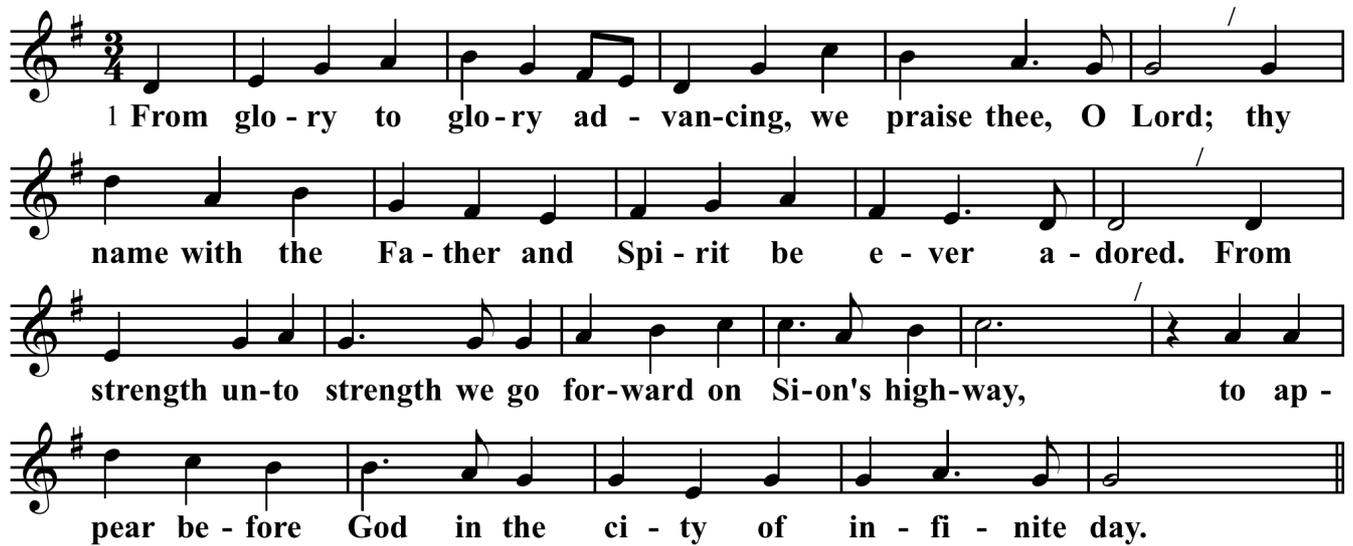
## THE EVENING COLLECT

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray: and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL HYMN

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1 From glo - ry to glo - ry ad - van - cing, we praise thee, O Lord; thy  
name with the Fa - ther and Spi - rit be e - ver a - dored. From  
strength un - to strength we go for - ward on Si - on's high - way, to ap -  
pear be - fore God in the ci - ty of in - fi - nite day.

**Thanksgiving and glory and worship and blessing and love,  
one heart and one song have the saints upon earth and above.  
O Lord, evermore to thy servants thy presence be nigh;  
ever fit us for service on earth for thy service on high.**

Liturgy of St James, tr. Charles Humphreys (1840-1921)  
*New English Hymnal* 286

#### THE DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

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

Let us praise the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Hymn Prelude on Rockingham* – Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)  
Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

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