



St Paul's Cathedral

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Sung Evening Prayer

Friday 22 May 2020 • 5.10 pm

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 Precentor

The Ven. Canon Heather Patacca

Cantors:

Mr Timothy Bell, *FCM Lay Clerk*

Ms Kristy Biber, *Lead Musician*

Mr Philip Nicholls, *Director of Music*

Ms Emma Warburton, *Lay Clerk*

Mr Lachlan Redd, *Sub-Organist*

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!

Peace to those who are far off.

Peace to those who are near.

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

THE OFFICE HYMN



1 Great is your faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, in you no sha-dow of
tur-ning we see; you ne-ver fail and your love is un-chang-ing: as you have
been you for e-ver will be. *Great is your faith-ful-ness. Great is your faith-ful-ness,*
mor-ning by mor-ning new mer-cies we see; all we have need-ed your
hand has pro-vi-ded: great is your faith-ful-ness, Lord God, to me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in unspoken witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is your faithfulness ...

Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,
your living presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
these are the blessings your love will provide.
Great is your faithfulness ...

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960) alt.

Together in Song 154

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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

James 1:1-18

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the: Greetings.

²My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; ⁴and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. ⁶But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; ^{7, 8}for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

⁹Let the believer who is lowly boast in being raised up, ¹⁰and the rich in being brought low, because the rich will disappear like a flower in the field. ¹¹For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the field; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. It is the same with the rich; in the midst of a busy life, they will wither away.

¹²Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. ¹³No one, when tempted, should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; ¹⁵then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

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

THE ANTHEM

Give almes of thy goods, and never turn thy face from any poor man:
and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Text: after Tobit 4:7
Music: Christopher Tye (c.1500-73)

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

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

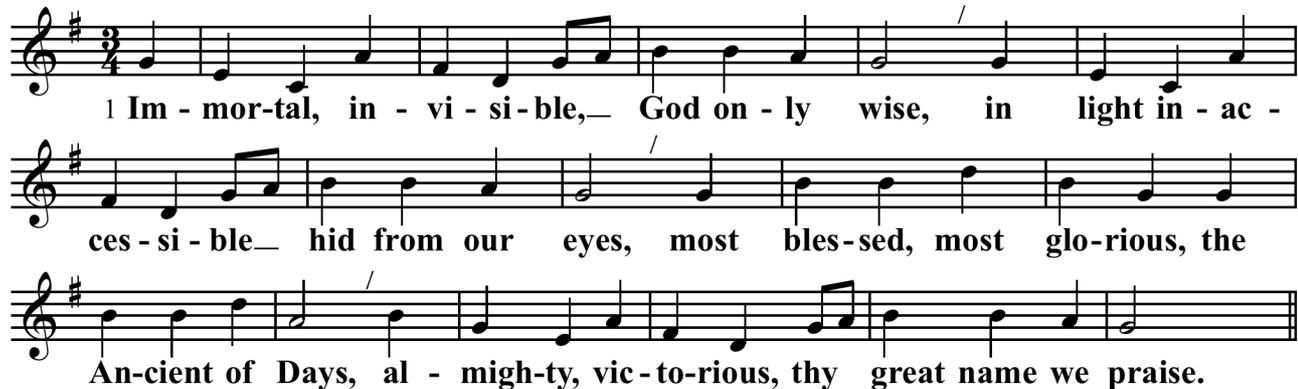
Intercessions and Thanksgivings are made according to need.

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 Im - mor-tal, in - vi - si - ble, — God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
ces - si - ble — hid from our eyes, most bles - sed, most glo - rious, the
An - cient of Days, al - migh - ty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
and wither and perish: but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
of all thy rich graces, this grace, Lord, impart -
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.**

**All laud we would render, O help us to see,
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee;
and so let thy glory, Almighty, impart
through Christ in the story, thy Christ to the heart.**

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)
Australian Hymn Book 80

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!

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; 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

Improvisation on ST DENIO

Mr Lachlan Redd, Sub-Organist

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