



# St Paul's Cathedral

*Together transforming our City and Diocese*

## Sung Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27 May 2020 • 5.10 pm

during the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and Christian Unity

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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 Canon Pastor:* The Revd Canon Christopher Carolane

*Cantors:*

Mr Timothy Bell, *FCM Lay Clerk*

Ms Kristy Biber, *Lead Musician*

Ms Susan Hawley, *Lay Clerk*

Mr Philip Nicholls, *Director of Music*

Ms Emma Warburton, *Lay Clerk*

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.**

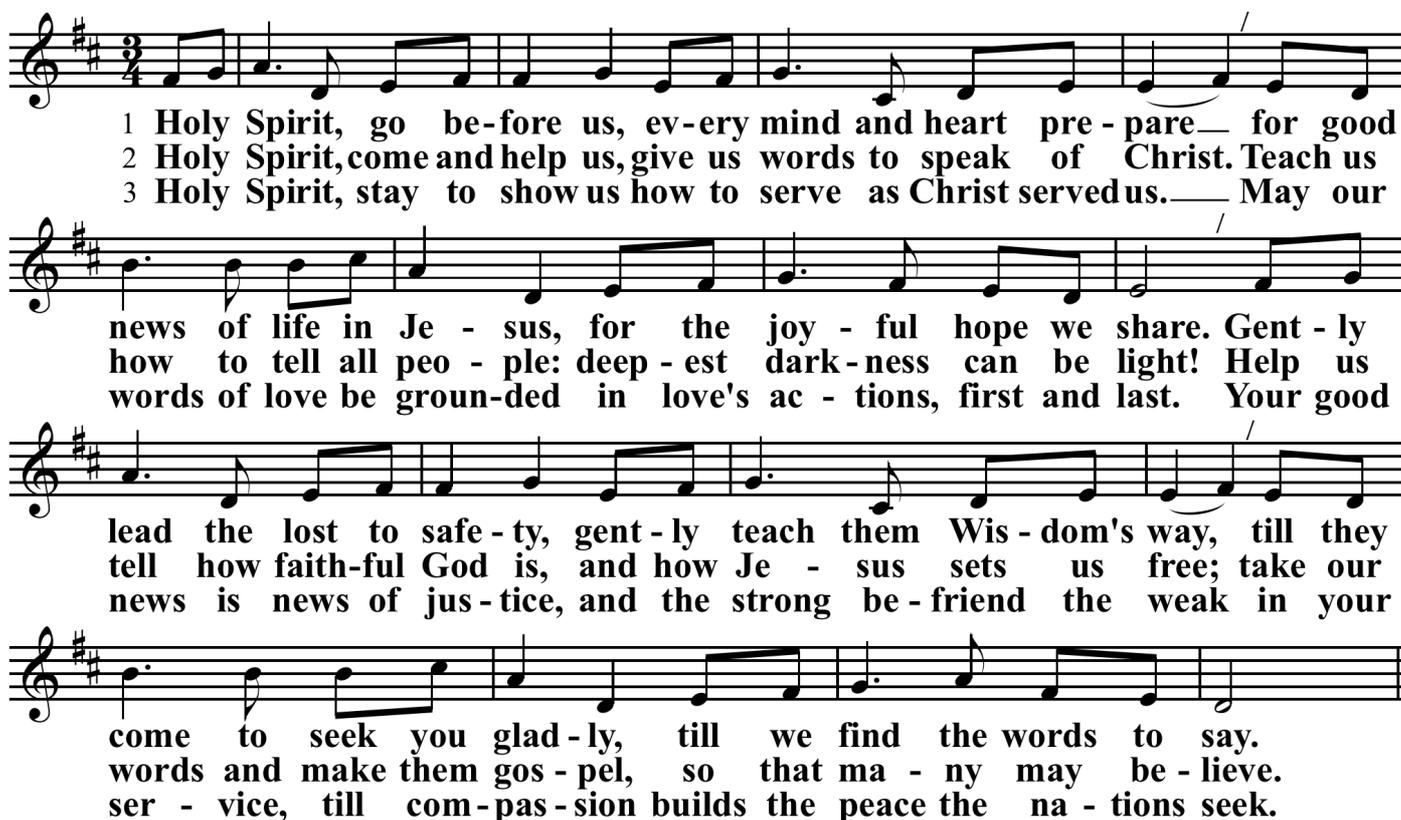
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**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 Holy Spirit, go be-fore us, ev-ery mind and heart pre - pare— for good  
2 Holy Spirit, come and help us, give us words to speak of Christ. Teach us  
3 Holy Spirit, stay to show us how to serve as Christ served us.— May our  
news of life in Je - sus, for the joy - ful hope we share. Gent - ly  
how to tell all peo - ple: deep - est dark-ness can be light! Help us  
words of love be groun-ded in love's ac - tions, first and last. Your good  
lead the lost to safe - ty, gent - ly teach them Wis - dom's way, till they  
tell how faith-ful God is, and how Je - sus sets us free; take our  
news is news of jus - tice, and the strong be - friend the weak in your  
come to seek you glad - ly, till we find the words to say.  
words and make them gos - pel, so that ma - ny may be - lieve.  
ser - vice, till com - pas - sion builds the peace the na - tions seek.

Elizabeth J. Smith (b.1956)  
*Together in Song* 420  
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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 1:19-27

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

## THE ANTHEM

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep in until the end.  
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law:  
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.  
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.  
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.  
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.  
O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee.  
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.

Psalm 119:33-38 and doxology  
Music: William Byrd (c.1543-1623)

## 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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we pray you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Intercessions and Thanksgivings are made according to need.*

## THE EVENING COLLECT

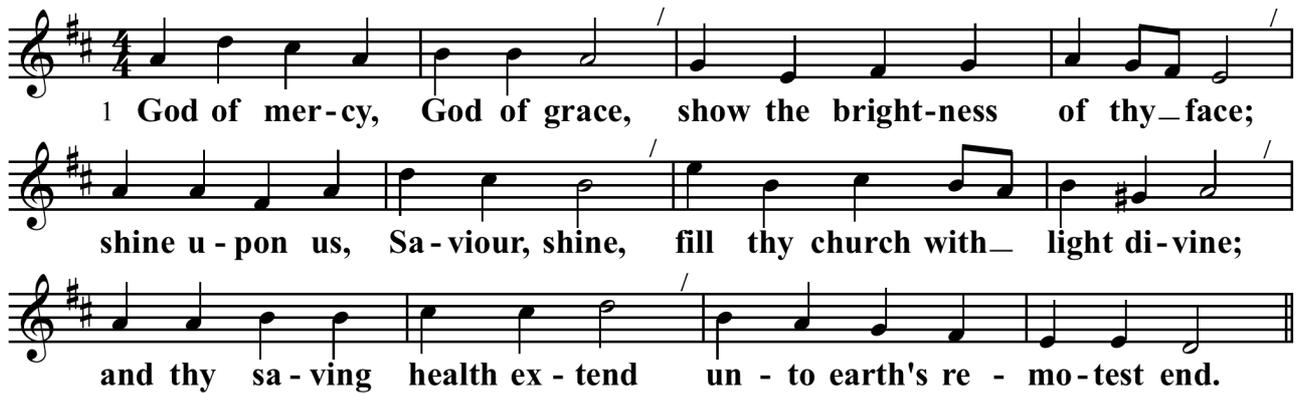
Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray: and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL HYMN

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Please join in singing the hymn



1 God of mer-cy, God of grace, show the bright-ness of thy-face;  
shine u-pon us, Sa-viour, shine, fill thy church with-light di-vine;  
and thy sa-ving health ex-tend un-to earth's re-mo-test end.

2  
Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
be by all that live adored;  
let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Saviour king;  
at thy feet their tribute pay,  
and thy holy will obey.

3  
Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to us his blessing give,  
we to God devoted live:  
all below, and all above,  
one in joy and light and love.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)  
*Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 179*

#### 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

*Vater unser im Himmelreich, [Our Father in heaven] BWV 636 –  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist*

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