



# St Paul's Cathedral

*Together transforming our City and Diocese*

## **Sung Evening Prayer**

Friday 29 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 Missioner*

The Revd Canon Robert Vun

*Cantor:*

Mr Philip Nicholls, *Director of Music*

Mr Mark Slavec,

*June Nixon Organ Scholar*

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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!**

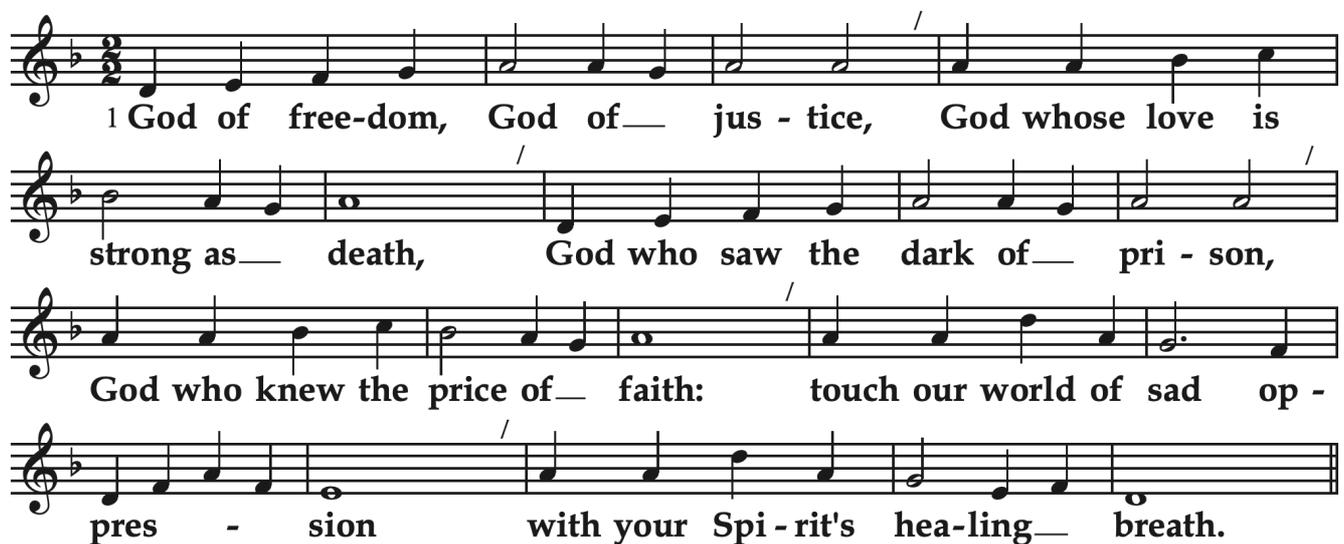
Peace to those who are far off.

**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 God of free-dom, God of jus - tice, God whose love is  
strong as death, God who saw the dark of pri - son,  
God who knew the price of faith: touch our world of sad op -  
pres - sion with your Spi - rit's hea-ling breath.

2  
**Rid the earth of torture's terror,  
God whose hands were nailed to wood;  
hear the cries of pain and protest,  
God who shed the tears and blood;  
move in us the power of pity,  
restless for the common good.**

3  
**Make in us a captive conscience  
quick to hear, to act, to plead;  
make us truly sisters, brothers  
of whatever race or creed:  
teach us to be fully human,  
open to each other's need.**

Shirley Erena Murray (1931–2020)

*Together in Song 657*

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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 2

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup> For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', <sup>4</sup> have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup> You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup> For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup> For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe – and shudder. <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? <sup>21</sup> Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. <sup>23</sup> Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham

believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? <sup>26</sup> For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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

#### THE ANTHEM

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is dischord, may there be union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, let there be hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, let there be joy!

May we all be in peace, and only peace, and may that peace come unto each of us.

Text: attrib. St Francis of Assis (1182-1226)  
Music: Jonathan Willcocks (b.1953)

#### 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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1 Help us, O Lord, to— learn the truths your word im - parts: to  
stu - dy that— your laws may be in - scribed u - pon our hearts.

2  
**Help us, O Lord, to live  
the faith which we proclaim,  
that all our thoughts  
and words and deeds  
may glorify your name.**

3  
**Help us, O Lord, to teach  
the beauty of your ways,  
that all who seek may find the Christ,  
and live a life of praise.**

William Watkins Reid (1923-2009)  
*Together in Song* 428  
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## 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

*Choral No.4 from Op.37 – Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)*

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