



# St Paul's Cathedral

*Together transforming our City and Diocese*

## Choral Eucharist

Thanksgiving for Holy Communion

Thursday 11 June 2020 • 12.15 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 today: 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

*The Precentor*

The Ven. Canon Heather Patacca

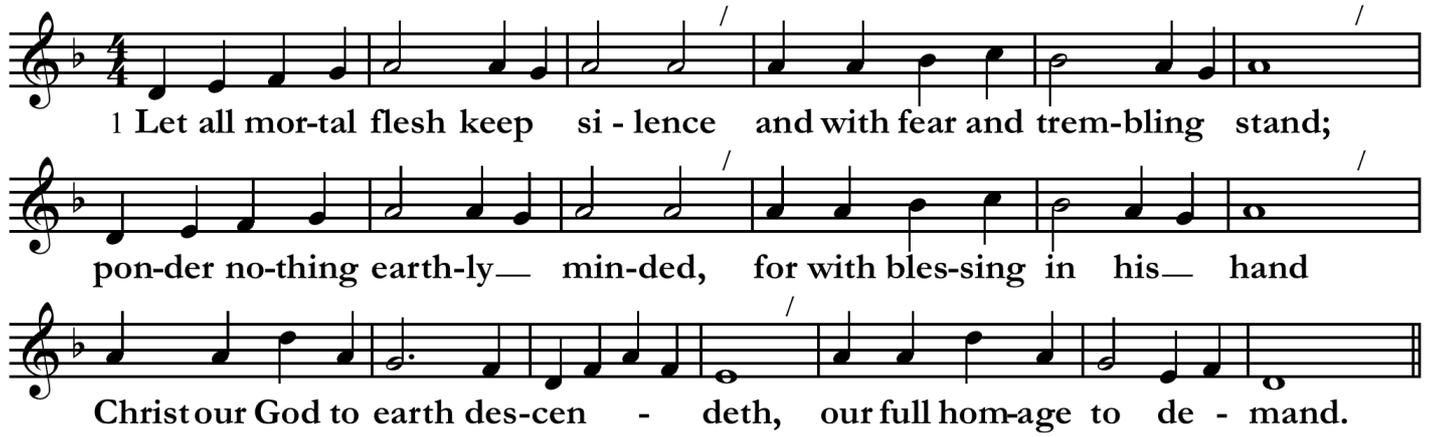
Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir

Mr Philip Nicholls, *Director of Music*

Mr Lachlan Redd, *Sub-Organist*

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## ORDER OF SERVICE



1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si - lence and with fear and trem-bling stand;  
pon-der no-thing earth-ly— min-ded, for with bles-sing in his— hand  
Christ our God to earth des-cen - deth, our full hom-age to de - mand.

King of kings,  
yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords  
in human vesture -  
in the body and the blood  
-  
he will give to all the  
faithful  
his own self  
for heavenly food.

Rank on rank  
the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard  
on the way,  
as the Light of light  
descendeth  
from the realms  
of endless day,  
that the powers of hell  
may vanish  
as the darkness  
clears away.

At his feet  
the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless  
eye  
veil their faces  
to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice  
they cry,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high.

Liturgy of St James, tr. Gerald Moultrie (1829-85)  
*Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard* 256

### THE GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

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

### THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (HYMN OF PRAISE)



1 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to God the Son,  
glo-ry be to God the Spi - rit, God al - migh - ty, — Three in One!  
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

2  
Glory be to him who loved us,  
washed us from each spot and stain;  
glory be to him who bought us,  
made us kings with him to reign;  
glory, glory, glory, glory  
to the Lamb that once was slain

3  
Glory to the king of angels,  
glory to the church's king,  
glory to the king of nations,  
heaven and earth, your praises bring;  
glory, glory, glory, glory  
to the King of Glory bring.

4  
'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
thus the choir of angels sings;  
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!  
thus its praise creation brings;  
glory, glory, glory, glory,  
glory to the King of kings!

Horatius Bonar (1808–89) alt.  
*Together in Song* 142

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, in a wonderful sacrament you have given us a memorial of the passion of your dear Son: grant that we may so reverence the sacred mysteries of his body and blood that we may ever know within ourselves the fruits of his redemption; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Exodus 24.3-8

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

<sup>3</sup> Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.' <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, 'All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.' <sup>8</sup>Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, 'See the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.'

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM: 116

- 1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.
- 3 The cords of death encompassed me, the snares of the grave took hold on me:  
I was in anguish and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me!'
- 5 Gracious and righteous is the Lord:  
full of compassion is our God.
- 6 The Lord preserves the simple:  
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest:  
for the Lord has rewarded you.

- 8 For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death:  
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.
- 9 I will walk before the Lord:  
in the land of the living.
- 10 I believed that I would perish, I was brought very low:  
I said in my haste 'Everyone is a liar.'
- 11 How shall I repay the Lord:  
for all his benefits to me?
- 12 I will take up the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people.
- 14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:  
is the death of his faithful ones.
- 15 O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid:  
you have unloosed my bonds.
- 16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people,
- 18 In the courts of the house of the Lord:  
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Chant: Thomas Bennett (c.1779-1848)

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Please repeat the Alleluias after the Cantor, then as indicated*



The eyes of all look to you in hope: and you give them their food in due season.  
**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John:  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

6.25-35

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the

Father has set his seal.' <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup>They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### THE SERMON

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe  
*Dean of Melbourne*

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*After each set of prayers:*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The presider concludes the prayers:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

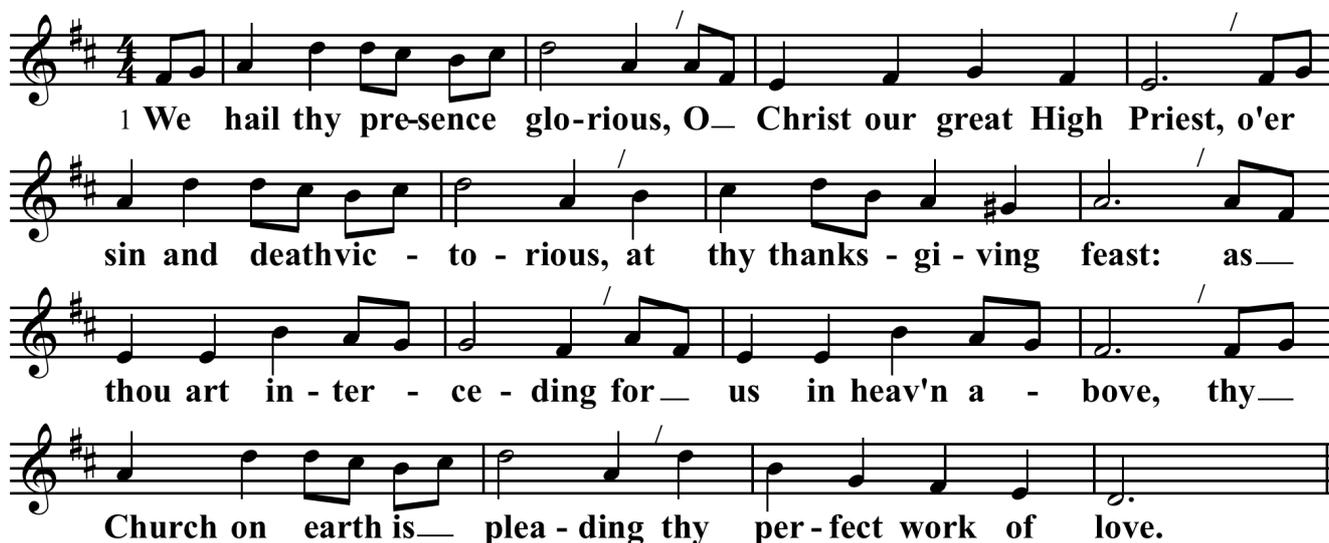
**And also with you.**

#### THE OFFERTORY HYMN

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*Please join in singing the hymn*



1 We hail thy presence glo-rious, O— Christ our great High Priest, o'er  
 sin and death vic - to - rious, at thy thanks - gi - ving feast: as—  
 thou art in - ter - ce - ding for— us in heav'n a - bove, thy—  
 Church on earth is— plea - ding thy per - fect work of love.

2  
 Through thee in every nation  
 thine own their hearts upraise,  
 off'ring one pure oblation,  
 one sacrifice of praise:  
 with thee in blest communion  
 the living and the dead  
 are joined in closest union,  
 one Body with one Head.

3  
 O living bread from heaven,  
 Jesu, our Saviour good,  
 who thine own self hast given  
 to be our souls' true food;  
 for us thy body broken  
 hung on the Cross of shame:  
 this bread its hallowed token  
 we break in thy dear name.

4  
 O stream of love unending,  
 poured from the one true vine,  
 with our weak nature blending  
 the strength of life divine;  
 our thankful faith confessing  
 in thy life-blood outpoured,  
 we drink this cup of blessing  
 and praise thy name, O Lord.

5  
 May we thy word believing  
 thee through thy gifts receive,  
 that, thou within us living,  
 we all to God may live;  
 draw us from earth to heaven  
 till sin and sorrow cease,  
 forgiving and forgiven,  
 in love and joy and peace.

Richard Godfrey Parsons (1882-1948)  
*Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 266*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
 And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
 We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty, our joy and our salvation,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks to you, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

For he is the true high priest,  
who has freed us from our sins  
and made us a royal priesthood  
to serve you, our God and Father.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD**

*Choir* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Mass for Five Voices – William Byrd (c.1543-1623)*

Holy and gracious God,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
All life, all holiness, comes from you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom you sent to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

Hear us, merciful Lord;  
through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;  
and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,  
sanctify this bread and wine,  
that we who share in this holy sacrament  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

Who, when his hour had come,  
on the night before he went up to the cross  
to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world,  
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying,  
'Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.'

Therefore, in obedience to his command,  
we commemorate and celebrate  
his saving passion and death,  
his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven  
and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith  
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory**

We thank you that by your grace alone  
you have accepted us in Christ;  
and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable in your sight.  
Through Christ, receive this our duty and service,  
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts  
may, by your Holy Spirit,  
be one body in Christ,  
and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy,  
bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom  
with all the company of the redeemed.  
May we praise you in union with them,  
and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father eternal,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are  
yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we pray, each in our own language, the prayer that our Saviour Jesus Christ has commanded and taught us:

**Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,**  
我們在天上的父 ..., 天の父よ ..., **Our Father who art ...**

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*Choir* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

*Mass for Five Voices – William Byrd (c.1543-1623)*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## THE MOTET

O sacrum convivium – *Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)*

O sacred feast, in which the body of Christ is consumed, the memory of his passion is brought to mind, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of the glory to come is given.

# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

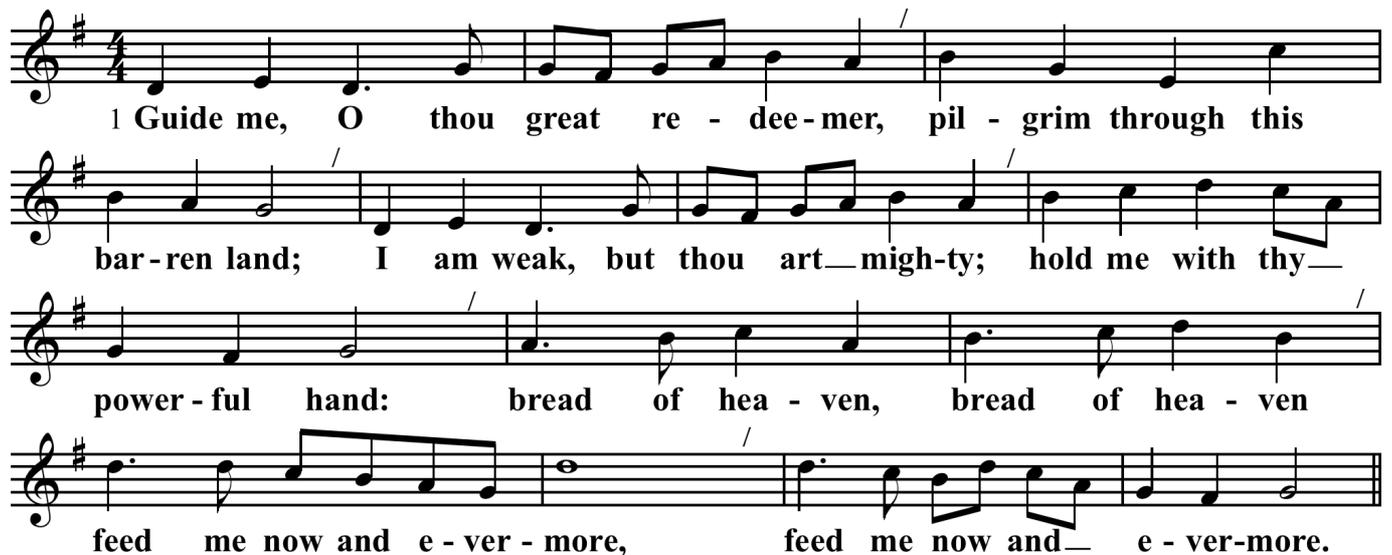
## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

Living God,  
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys you promise.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

## THE DISMISSAL HYMN



1 Guide me, O thou great re - dee-mer, pil - grim through this  
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art - migh - ty; hold me with thy  
power - ful hand: bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven  
feed me now and e - ver - more, feed me now and e - ver - more.

2  
Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the living waters flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3  
When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's  
destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-91)  
*Together in Song* 569

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Improvisation on CWM RHONDDA:*  
Mr Lachlan Redd, Sub-Organist