



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Choral Evensong • *from the Book of Common Prayer (1662)*

*The commemoration of John Bunyan, preacher & spiritual writer (d.1688),
and Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop & missionary (d.651)*

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 service: come and worship with us again.

Choral Evensong is a service sung in Anglican Cathedrals and Churches throughout the world. It is a quiet service of reflection at the end of the day. Sung by the minister and choir, Evensong invites us beyond ourselves and our daily troubles into the presence of God, giving us the space to pray for others, or, perhaps quite simply, to enable the beautiful music to wash over us.

St Paul's 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.

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LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

Officiant: The Venerable Heather Patacca, *Precentor, Archdeacon of Melbourne*

Musicians: Mr Timothy Bell, *FCM Lay Clerk*; Ms Kristy Biber, *Leading Musician*;
Mr Siegfried Franke, *Cathedral Organist*; Mr Philip Nicholls, *Director of Music*;
Ms Emma Warburton, *Lay Clerk*

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

WELCOME

The Officiant welcomes the people

RESPONSES

Music: Philip Radcliffe (1905-86)

O Lord, open thou our lips;
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM 146

¹Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God. ²O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man: for there is no help in them. ³For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth: and then all his thoughts perish. ⁴Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: and whose hope is in the Lord his God; ⁵Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: who keepeth his promise for ever. ⁶Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth the hungry. ⁷The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind. ⁸The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: the Lord careth for the righteous. ⁹The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow: as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down. ¹⁰The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore *
and throughout all generations.

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.

Chant: June Nixon

¹⁶Then Tobit, rejoicing and praising God, went out to meet his daughter-in-law at the gate of Nineveh. When the people of Nineveh saw him coming, walking along in full vigour and with no one leading him, they were amazed. ¹⁷Before them all, Tobit acknowledged that God had been merciful to him and had restored his sight. When Tobit met Sarah the wife of his son Tobias, he blessed her saying, 'Come in, my daughter, and welcome. Blessed be your God who has brought you to us, my daughter. Blessed be your father and your mother, blessed be my son Tobias, and blessed be you, my daughter. Come in now to your home, and welcome, with blessing and joy. Come in, my daughter.' So on that day there was rejoicing among all the Jews who were in Nineveh. ¹⁸Ahikar and his nephew Nadab were also present to share Tobit's joy. With merriment they celebrated Tobias's wedding feast for seven days, and many gifts were given to him.

Here ends the first lesson.

MAGNIFICAT

The Song of Mary, St Luke 1.46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
 For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
 He hath shewed strength with his arm:
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things:
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

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.

Music: Evening Service in C – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

SECOND READING

1 John 1.5-10

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse

us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Here ends the second lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon, St Luke 2.29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the
dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of
Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, and the Life
everlasting. Amen.**

The Choir sings

LESSER LITANY

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

RESPONSES

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34.8

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

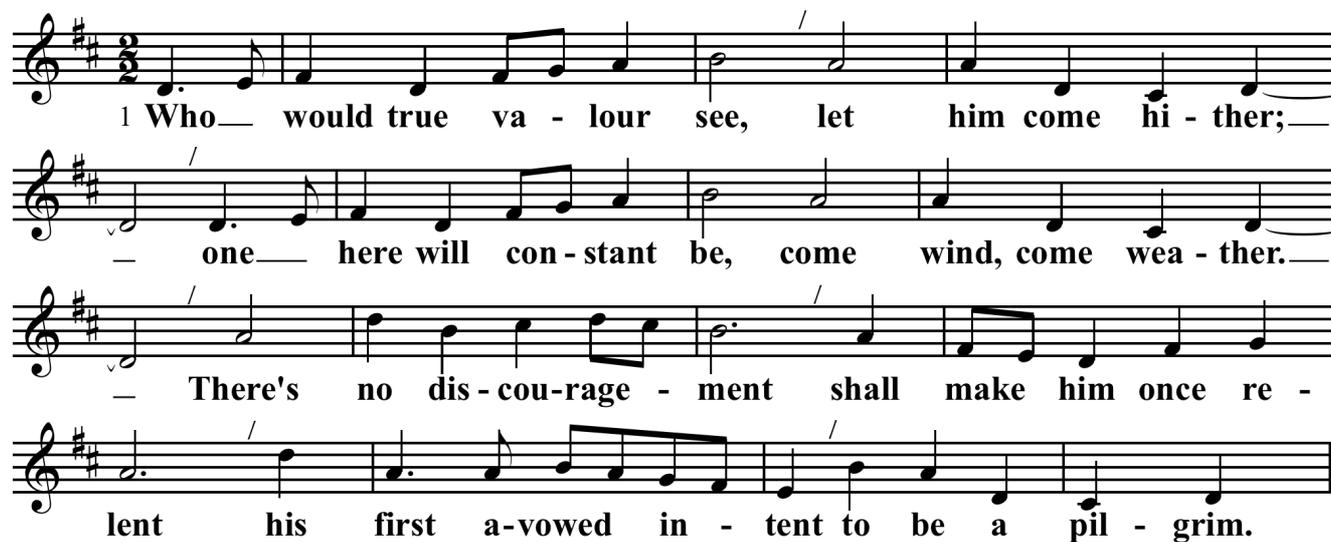
Concluding with

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.

DISMISSAL HYMN

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1 Who— would true va - lour see, let him come hi - ther;—
— one— here will con - stant be, come wind, come wea - ther.—
— There's no dis - cou - rage - ment shall make him once re -
lent his first a - vowed in - tent to be a pil - grim.

2
**Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound:
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright,
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have a right
to be a pilgrim.**

3
**Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt his spirit:
he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away;
he'll fear not what men say;
he'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.**

John Bunyan (1628-88)
Australian Hymn Book 467

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Tuba Tune in D major, Op 15 – C. S. Lang (1891-1972):
Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist*

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