



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Choral Evensong • *from the Book of Common Prayer (1662)*
The commemoration of the Birth of Mary, Mother of our Lord

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 Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, *Dean of Melbourne*

Musicians: Ms Kristy Biber, *Leading Musician*; Ms Niki Ebacioni, *Lay Clerk*;
Mr Siegfried Franke, *Cathedral Organist*; Mr Philip Nicholls, *Director of Music*;
Mr Ben Owen, *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: Peter Godfrey (1922-2017)

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 113

¹Praise the Lord, ye servants: O praise the Name of the Lord. ²Blessed be the Name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore. ³The Lord's Name is praised: from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same. ⁴The Lord is high above all heathen: and his glory above the heavens. ⁵Who is like unto the Lord our God that hath his dwelling so high: and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth? ⁶He taketh up the simple out of the dust: and lifteth the poor out of the mire; ⁷That he may set him with the princes: even with the princes of his people. ⁸He maketh the barren woman to keep house: and to be a joyful mother of children.

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: Frederick A.G. Ouseley (1825-89)

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

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 - Bryan Kelly (b.1934)

SECOND READING

Romans 8.28-30

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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.

Music: Evening Service in C – Bryan Kelly

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 merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

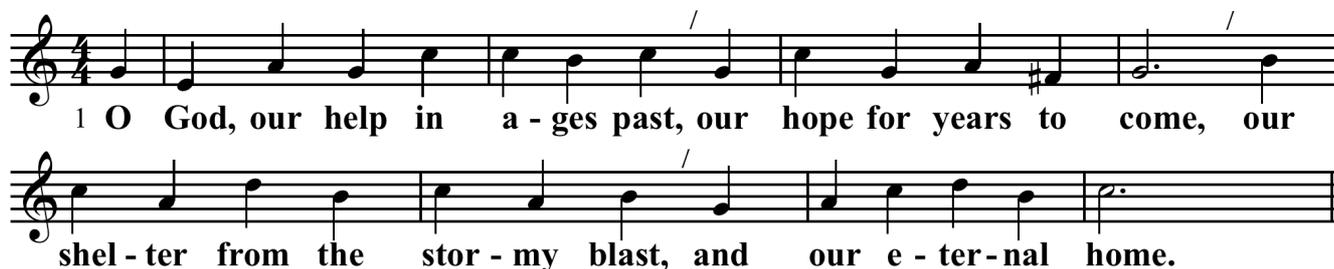
Concluding with

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 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our
shel - ter from the stor - my blast, and our e - ter - nal home.

2
**Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

3
**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

4
**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

5
**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our souls away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

6
**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt.
Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised 165

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

Postlude – Ignace Leybach (1817-1891)

Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

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