



# St Paul's Cathedral

*Together transforming our City and Diocese*

## Choral Evening Prayer

A service remembering those who died on 11 September 2001 and giving thanks for all first responders and frontline workers

This service cannot be heard in person due to COVID restrictions

Channel 31 2.30pm • Monday 13 September 2021

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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 service: come and worship with us again.

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## LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Venerable Canon Heather Patacca, *Archdeacon of Melbourne and Precentor*

*Musicians:* Lay Clerks: Mr Tim Bell; Ms Hannah Hornsby & Ms Emma

Warburton, directed by Mr Philip Nicholls, *Director of Music.*

Organ: Mr Siegfried Franke, *Cathedral Organist*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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

### THE WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

*The Ven. Canon Heather Patacca,*

*Archdeacon of Melbourne & Precentor of St Paul's Cathedral*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
**so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope.**

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me:  
**because the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good tidings to the afflicted.  
The Lord has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted:  
to proclaim liberty for the captives,  
and release for those in prison,  
To comfort all who mourn:  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,  
The oil of gladness instead of mourning:  
a garment of splendour for the heavy heart.  
They shall be called trees of righteousness:  
planted for the glory of the Lord.**

The day is now past and the night is at hand.  
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be 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.

## OPENING HYMN

1 All go to God when they are sore-ly placed: they plead to him for  
help, for peace, for bread, for mer-cy, for them sin-ning, sick or  
dead. We all do so in faith or un-be-lief.

**We go to God when he is sorely placed,  
find him poor, scorned, unsheltered, without bread,  
whelmed under weight of evil, weak or dead.  
We stand by God then, in his hour of grief.**

**God comes to us when we are sorely placed,  
body and spirit feeds us with his bread.  
For everyone, he as a man hangs dead:  
forgiven life he gives all through his death.**

Dietrich Bonhöffer (1906-45), tr. Walter Henry Farquharson (b.1936) alt.  
*Together in Song* 240  
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## FIRST READING

Isaiah 40.25-31

Here begins the twenty-fifth verse of the fortieth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Here ends the first reading.



1 My soul waits in silence for God:  
for from him comes my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my salvation:  
my strong tower, so that I shall never be moved. *Response*

3 How long will you all plot against me to destroy me:  
as though I were a leaning fence or a buckling wall?

4 Their design is to thrust me from my height, and their delight is in lies:  
they bless with their lips, but inwardly they curse.

5 Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God:  
for from him comes my hope.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation:  
my strong tower, so that I shall not be moved. *Response*

7 In God is my deliverance and my glory:  
God is my strong rock and my shelter.

8 Trust in him at all times, O my people:  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge. *Response*

Chant: Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814–56); Response: Robert Batastini (b.1942)

## SECOND READING

Romans 8.28-39

Here begins the twenty-eighth verse of the eighth chapter of the epistle of St Paul to the Romans.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For 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. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as

sheep to be slaughtered.' <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here ends the second reading.

#### 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 G - Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

#### 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, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the fragility of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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.**

## ANTHEM

For we are so preciously loved by God that we cannot even comprehend it.

Text: Julian of Norwich (1343-c.1416)

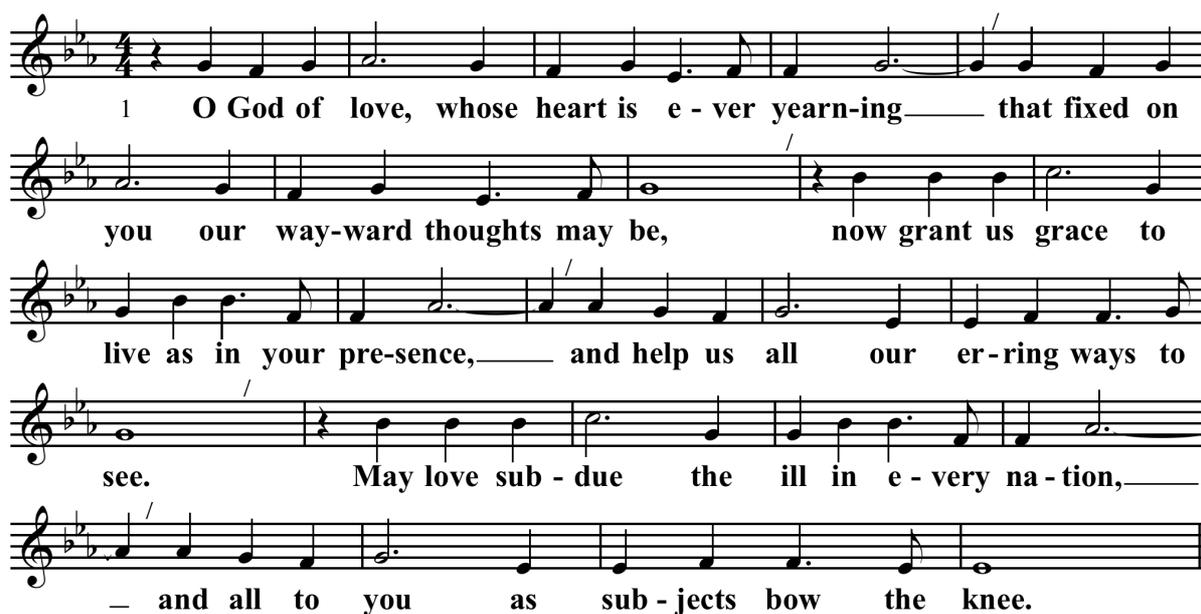
Music: Carlotta Ferrari (b.1975)

## 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



1 O God of love, whose heart is e - ver yearn - ing — that fixed on  
you our way - ward thoughts may be, now grant us grace to  
live as in your pre - sence, — and help us all our er - ring ways to  
see. May love sub - due the ill in e - very na - tion, —  
— and all to you as sub - jects bow the knee.

**O Father God, moved ever by compassion  
for children crushed by sorrow's heavy load,  
be swift to aid the downcast and the cheerless,  
lift up the fallen on life's thorny road.  
Give calm and strength to overcome with patience,  
and safely bring them to your blest abode.**

O God of peace, whose Son with our sins laden  
died to secure from bondage our release,  
help us to banish hate between the nations,  
to live as neighbours, and make wars to cease.  
Bring in the reign of friendship universal,  
and in your mercy grant to us your peace.

Randall T. Pittman (1882-1972)  
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#### THE BLESSING

*The Ven. Canon Heather Patacca*

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour  
everyone; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Solemn Melody* – Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)  
Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist