



St Paul's Cathedral

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

Advent Sunday

In person 5.10pm • Thursday 25 November 2021

Channel 31 2.30pm • Monday 29 November 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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SERVICE LEADERS *Officiant:* The Ven. Canon Heather Patacca, Precentor & Archdeacon of Melbourne; Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir, directed by Mr Philip Nicholls, Director of Music; Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist.

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

The Officiant welcomes the people

RESPONSES

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

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, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 25.11-21

¹¹What man is he, that feareth the Lord:

him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

¹²His soul shall dwell at ease: and his seed shall inherit the land.

¹³The secret of the Lord is among them that fear him:

and he will shew them his covenant.

¹⁴Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord:

for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

¹⁵Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate, and in misery.

¹⁶The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my troubles.

¹⁷Look upon my adversity and misery: and forgive me all my sin.

¹⁸Consider mine enemies, how many they are:

and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

¹⁹O keep my soul, and deliver me:

let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

²⁰Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me:

for my hope hath been in thee.

²¹Deliver Israel, O God: out of all his troubles.

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: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Here begins the twenty-third verse of the thirty-third chapter of the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

²³The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: ²⁴Have you not observed how these people say, 'The two families that the Lord chose have been rejected by him', and how they hold my people in such contempt that they no longer regard them as a nation? ²⁵Thus says the Lord: Only if I had not established my covenant with day and night and the ordinances of heaven and earth, ²⁶would I reject the offspring of Jacob and of my servant David and not choose any of his descendants as rulers over the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes, and will have mercy upon them.

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: Second Evening Service – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Here begins the forty-fifth verse of the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke.

⁴⁵In the hearing of all the people he said to the disciples, ⁴⁶'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets. ⁴⁷They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

^{21.1}He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; ²he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; ⁴for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.'

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

²⁰'When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it; ²²for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfilment of all that is written. ²³Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people; ²⁴they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

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: Second Evening Service – Orlando Gibbons – Herbert Brewer

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

Thomas Tomkins

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 God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. 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 Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for
fa - voured sin - ners slain; thou - sand thou - sand
saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
train: al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.

2
Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing, [three times]
shall the true Messiah see.

3
Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture [three times]
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4
Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia, [three times]
Alleluia. Come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley (1707-88) and John Cennick (1718-55)

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

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV645 – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

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