



# St Paul's Cathedral

*Together transforming our City and Diocese*

## Provincial Choral Evensong

*To mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Foundation of the Dioceses of Melbourne*

**Peter & Paul, Apostles & Martyrs**

**26 June 2022 • 4 pm**



ANGLICAN  
DIOCESE OF  
MELBOURNE

175  
YEARS

**Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral**, the home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We are delighted that you are joining us this evening, and particularly welcome members of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne led by their Archbishop Peter Comensoli, and Bishops and Deans from across the Anglican Province of Victoria.

Our cathedral stands on the sovereign Country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation; land that was taken, not ceded. We give thanks for their ancestors, and acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country. We are committed to work and pray towards a more just settlement for all Indigenous people and pay our respect to First Nations people here.

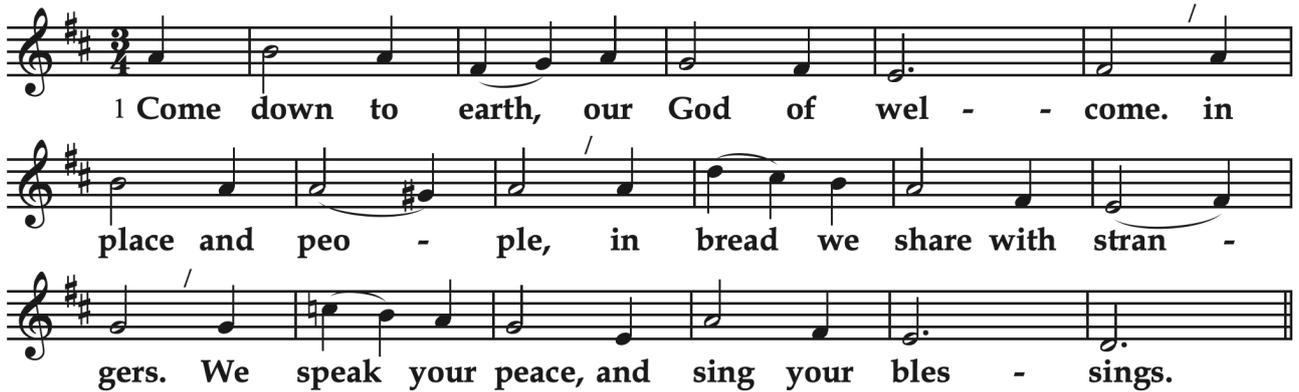
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**SERVICE LEADERS** *The Archbishop of Melbourne: The Most Revd Dr Philip Freier; The Dean: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne; The Precentor: The Ven. Canon Heather Patacca, Precentor & Archdeacon of Melbourne.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## INTROIT HYMN



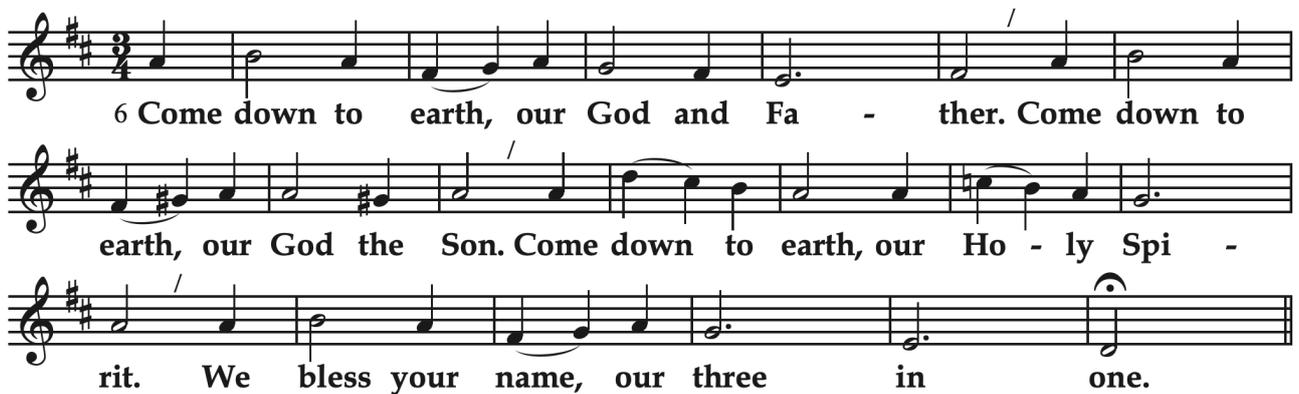
1 Come down to earth, our God of wel - - come. in  
place and peo - ple, in bread we share with stran -  
gers. We speak your peace, and sing your bles - sings.

2  
Come down to earth,  
our God of wisdom,  
in dust and clover,  
in roads that rise to meet us.  
We hear your words,  
and see your visions.

4  
Come down to earth,  
our God of sorrow,  
in roots and river,  
in tracks that call for treaty.  
We reconcile to walk this country.

3  
Come down to earth,  
our God of hoping,  
in brick and bluestone,  
in daily bread and courage.  
We set our faces towards heaven.

5  
Come down to earth,  
our God of living,  
in drought and rainfall,  
in wounded heart and body.  
We work to heal our world together.



6 Come down to earth, our God and Fa - ther. Come down to  
earth, our God the Son. Come down to earth, our Ho - ly Spi -  
rit. We bless your name, our three in one.

Words: Katherine Firth (b.1979)  
Music: Christopher Willcock (b.1947)

*Commissioned for the 175th anniversary of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Dioceses of Melbourne  
First sung on Sunday 6 March, Lent 1, 2022*

**WELCOME**

*The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne*

**RESPONSES**

Ferial

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.

*Please be seated for the Psalm and the Bible reading*

**PSALM 116.1-2, 11-16**

Chant: Thomas Bennett (c.1779-1848)

1 I am well pleased:  
that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

2 That he hath inclined his ear unto me:  
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

11 What reward shall I give unto the Lord:  
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

12 I will receive the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people:  
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

14 Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant:  
I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in  
sunder.

15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people:  
in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise  
the Lord.

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.

*Read by the Very Revd Ken Goodger, Dean of Wangaratta.*

Here begins the ninth verse of the third chapter of the Book Ecclesiastes.

<sup>9</sup> What gain have the workers from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. <sup>14</sup>I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. <sup>15</sup>That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

<sup>16</sup> Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, wickedness was there, and in the place of righteousness, wickedness was there as well. <sup>17</sup>I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for he has appointed a time for every matter, and for every work. <sup>18</sup>I said in my heart with regard to human beings that God is testing them to show that they are but animals. <sup>19</sup>For the fate of humans and the fate of animals is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and humans have no advantage over the animals; for all is vanity. <sup>20</sup>All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again. <sup>21</sup>Who knows whether the human spirit goes upwards and the spirit of animals goes downwards to the earth? <sup>22</sup>So I saw that there is nothing better than that all should enjoy their work, for that is their lot; who can bring them to see what will be after them?

Here ends the first lesson.

*Please stand as the Choir sings*

*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.

*Please be seated for the Bible reading*

## SECOND READING

Luke 9.1-11

*Read by the Most Revd Peter Comensoli, Archbishop, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

Here begins the ninth chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. <sup>3</sup>He said to them, 'Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money – not even an extra tunic. <sup>4</sup>Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. <sup>5</sup>Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.' <sup>6</sup>They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

<sup>7</sup>Now Herod the ruler heard about all that had taken place, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, <sup>8</sup>by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the ancient prophets had arisen. <sup>9</sup>Herod said, 'John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?' And he tried to see him.

<sup>10</sup> On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup>When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

Here ends the second lesson.

*Please stand as the Choir sings*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Evening Service in C – Charles Villiers Stanford (185-1924)*

*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.

**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**

Ferial

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.

*Please sit or kneel*

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

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock: Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through 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.

## THE ANTHEM

*Sung by the Choir*

*Almighty God, who caused the light – Eric Austin Phillips (1947-2019)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Led by*

*The Right Revd Dr Matt Brain, Bishop of Bendigo.*

*The Right Revd Genieve Blackwell, Assistant Bishop.*

*The Very Revd Werner Utri, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral.*

*The Right Revd Clarence Bester, Bishop of Wangaratta.*

*The Right Revd Kate Prowd, Assistant Bishop.*

*The Ven. Graham Knott, Vicar General Diocese of Gippsland.*

*Concluding with*

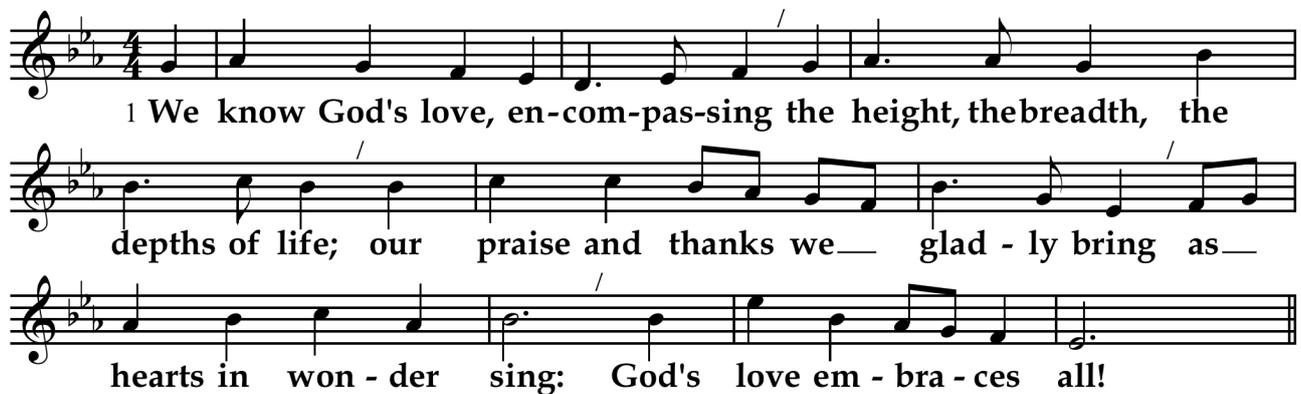
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,  
evermore. Amen.**

**HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON**

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1 We know God's love, en-com-pas-sing the height, the breadth, the  
depths of life; our praise and thanks we— glad - ly bring as—  
hearts in won - der sing: God's love em - bra - ces all!

2  
**Love climbs the heights  
of joy and grace  
and gifts us with each sunlit day;  
the beauty of each sacred space  
brings blessings we may trace:  
God's love embraces all!**

3  
**Love spans the breadth  
of faith and fear  
where questions dance with  
mystery,  
as wisdom holds us ever near  
and sings in accents clear:  
God's love embraces all!**

4

Love sounds the depths  
of grief and pain  
and gathers all  
who weep and mourn;  
this loving presence will remain  
and life anew sustain:  
God's love embraces all!

5

Love permeates this holy ground  
and lights a fire of awe within;  
love speaks in stillness  
and in sound  
and shares this truth profound:  
God's love embraces all!

*Verse 1 may be repeated following verse 5*

Text: Helen Wiltshire (b.1945)

Music: EMBRACE 8886.6 – Margaret Gunn (b.1949)

Outright winner of Level 2 (newly composed text and music) of the 2015  
St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne 125th Anniversary Hymn Competition

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**THE SERMON**

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe  
*Dean of Melbourne*

**THE DISMISSAL HYMN**

1 Be thou my— vi - sion, O— / Lord of my heart, be— all else but  
naught to me, saye that thou art, be thou my— best— thought in the  
day and the night, both wa - king and slee - ping, thy— pre - sence, my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
be thou my great Father, thy child let me be,  
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earthly vain praise,  
be thou my inheritance now and always,  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th century, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)  
Versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)  
*New English Hymnal* 339

#### THE BLESSING

*Archbishop Comensoli prays*

God the Father,  
who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son,  
bless you. **Amen.**

*Archbishop Freier prays*

God the Son,  
who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood,  
bless you. **Amen.**

*Archbishop Comensoli prays*

God the Holy Spirit,  
who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts,  
bless you. **Amen.**

*Archbishop Freier prays*

The blessing of God Almighty,  
to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Finale from Organ Symphony No. 2 – Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*  
Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday	2.30pm Choral Evensong (broadcast on Channel 31)
Wednesday	1.00pm Lunchtime Concert
Saturday	7.30pm Concert – Melbourne Bach Choir
Next Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Preacher: Canon Stephen Ames</i> 10.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Preacher: Canon Helen Dwyer</i> 11.45am Bible Study – Healing God’s Creation 1.00pm Bilingual Service <i>No 4.00pm Service</i>

Holy Communion: 12.15pm Monday – Friday  
Choir on Holidays 26 June – 10 July | No 5.10pm Choral Evensong

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