



St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

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Solemn Choral Evensong
to give thanks for the life of

**Her Majesty Elizabeth II
Queen of Australia**

(21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022)

Sunday, 11 September 2022, 6pm

WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, the home for worshippers from more than two dozen nations, the seat of the Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne and the home church for Anglicans in Victoria.

A particular welcome to Her Excellency the Governor of Victoria and Mr Anthony Howard AM KC, the Premier of Victoria, The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP and Mrs Catherine Andrews, Members of Parliament, dignitaries, members of the Diplomatic and Consular corps, heads of churches, bishops and clergy of the Anglican Province of Victoria, members of the Australian Defence Force and organisations under the patronage of the late Queen. Thank you for sharing in our thanksgiving for the life, witness and service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia and her other Realms, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith and our hope of the resurrection to eternal life, please make yourself known to our clergy.

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 tonight.

Please join us in singing the hymns and saying those parts of the service printed in **bold** type. This service is broadcast live online. Please ensure that mobile phones and other devices are switched **off**.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) *Schmücke dich, BWV654*
Mrs Roslyn Carolane, Assistant Organist

Johann Sebastian Bach *O Mensch, beweine, BWV622*
Mr Lachlan Redd, Sub-Organist

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) *Psalm Prelude No.1, Op. 32*
Mr Mark Slavec, June Nixon Assistant Organist

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand for the arrival of the Governor of Victoria.

Then stand to sing

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

During the hymn the Procession enters the Sanctuary

The Dean's Choristers

The Cathedral Choir

Taperers and Crucifer

Cathedral Clergy

The Cathedral Chapter

Heads of Churches

Deans and Bishops
of the Anglican Province of Victoria

A Verger

The Dean of Melbourne

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne

A Chaplain

carrying the Metropolitan Cross of Victoria

The Archbishop of Melbourne

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. *Psalm 85*
St Anne

Remain standing for

THE BIDDING

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne

Dear friends in Christ, we have come together as people from across Victoria to meet on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people. We give thanks for their ancestors and acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country, and pay our respects to all First Nations people here.

As one family under God, we give thanks for the life and service of ELIZABETH, our late Queen: for her grace, humanity and sympathy, for her courage in adversity, for the happiness she brought to so many, for her steadfast pilgrimage of faith, for her example of service, and for the

duty which she rendered unflinchingly to this nation and the Commonwealth of Nations, we thank and praise Almighty God.

As we commend Elizabeth, his servant, to God's mercy, let us especially pray for her son, King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla, her grandson William, Prince of Wales, and all her family in their loss:

Father of all mercies and God of all consolation,
you pursue us with untiring love
and dispel the shadow of death
with the bright dawn of life.
Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
by dying has destroyed our death,
and by rising, restored our life.
Your Holy Spirit, our comforter,
speaks for us in groans too deep for words.
Now come alongside your people,
remind them of your eternal presence
and give them your comfort and strength. **Amen.**

THE RESPONSES

*Sung by the Officiant, the Reverend Canon Heather Patacca,
Precentor of St Paul's Cathedral, and the Cathedral Choir*

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.

Setting: William Smith (c.1557-1603)

All sit for the Psalm and the Bible Readings.

PSALM 121

Sung by the Choir

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;^[L]_[SEP]
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth, for evermore.

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: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)
Master of the King's Music (1935-41)*

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 12.1-7

Her Excellency the Hon. Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; before

the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it.

Here ends the first lesson.

All stand for

THE 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.

*Setting: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
Collegium Regale*

All sit.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying:

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me:

‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Here ends the second lesson.

All stand. The choir sings

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.

Setting: Howells, Collegium Regale

All remain standing and are invited to say together

THE 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 Officiant and Choir sing

THE LESSER LITANY

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

All sit or kneel.

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

THE 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 King.
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.

THE COLLECTS

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us with thy servant Elizabeth, our late Queen, and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection: that, in the last day, when thou wilt gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through 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.

Setting: William Smith

All sit. The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

A Prayer of King Henry VI

Domine Jesu Christe,
qui me creasti, redemisti,
et preordinasti
ad hoc quod sum,
tu scis quid de me facere vis;
fac de me secundum
voluntatem tuam,
cum misericordia. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ;
who didst create and redeem me,
and hast preordained me
to that which I am,
you know what you will do
with me; do with me
according to your will,
and show me your mercy. Amen.

Words attributed to King Henry VI (1421-71)

Setting: Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

The Dean of Bendigo, the Very Revd Elizabeth Dyke, introduces the prayers:

In faith let us pray to our risen Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and life of all who trust in him, remembering before him our late Sovereign Lady Elizabeth, Queen of Australia, whom we now recall in a moment of silent prayer.

Silence. Then the Bishop of Ballarat, the Rt Revd Garry Weatherill, prays:

God of all grace, you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to bring life and immortality to light: we give you humble thanks that by his death he destroyed the power of death, and by his glorious resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant us to know that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, shall be able to separate us from you love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop of Bendigo, the Rt Revd Matt Brain, prays:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray, with those who mourn, that casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop of Gippsland, The Rt Revd Dr Richard Treloar, prays:

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly pray you to bless our most gracious Sovereign, King Charles, Camilla, Queen Consort, William, Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: endue them with your Holy Spirit, enrich them with your heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Vicar General of Wangaratta, The Venerable Neil Hicks, representing the Bishop of Wangaratta, prays:

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: shed forth, we pray, upon your whole Church in paradise and on earth the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good example of our late Queen Elizabeth and those who have loved and

served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into the fullness of your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dean of Gippsland, the Very Revd Keren Terpstra, concludes:

O eternal God, our Heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have given us in and through the life of your daughter Elizabeth, our late Queen. We give you thanks: for her love of family and her gift of friendship; for her grace, dignity and courtesy; for her humour, generosity and sheer love of life. And we praise you for: the courage that she showed in times of hardship; the depth and reality of her Christian faith; the good example that she set for us to follow. We offer you our heartfelt thanks for the deep affection she drew out of everyone she met, and we pray that you will grant her peace; let light perpetual shine upon her; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power work in her the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing

THE HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

1 Praise, my soul, the king of hea - ven; to his feet thy
tri - bute bring; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - gi - ven,
who like me his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him,
al - le - lu - ia, praise the e - ver - las - ting king!

2
Praise him for his grace
and favour
to our people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3
Father-like, he tends
and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
praise him, praise him, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows!

4

Frail as summer's flower
 we flourish,
 blows the wind and it is gone;
 but while mortals rise and perish,
 God endures unchanging on.
 Praise him, praise him, alleluia,
 praise the high eternal one!

5

Angels, help us to adore him,
 ye behold him face to face;
 sun and moon,
 bow down before him,
 dwellers all in time and space:
 praise him, praise him, alleluia,
 praise with us the God of grace

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) alt.
Australian Hymn Book 68

THE SERMON

The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voi - ces, who
 won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joi - ces; who
 from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way with
 count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.

2

O may this bounteous God
 through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts
 and blessed peace to cheer us;
 and keep us in his grace,
 and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all ills
 in this world and the next.

3

All praise and thanks to God
 the Father now be given,
 the Son, and Holy Ghost,
 one Lord in highest heaven,
 the one eternal God,
 whom earth and heav'n adore;
 for thus it was, is now,
 and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)
Australian Hymn Book 14

AN ACT OF ENTRUSTING

The Dean of Melbourne says:

Let us commend our sister, Elizabeth our late Queen, to the mercy of God, our Maker and Redeemer:

O heavenly Father, by your mighty power you have given us life, and in your love you have given us new life in your beloved Son: we entrust our sister, ELIZABETH, to your merciful keeping, in the faith of the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who died and rose again to save us and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

All remain standing for

THE BLESSING

The Archbishop says

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.**

THE HYMN TO THE KING'S MAJESTY

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save The King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save The King.

Thesaurus Musicus (c.1743)

Remain standing for the Procession.

Once the Procession has left you are invited to sit and remain, and to listen to

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Mr Purcell's Procession – June Nixon AM
Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

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