



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Multifaith Service for Climate Justice

5.10pm • Thursday 13 October 2022

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.

Our Cathedral stands on the sovereign Country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation; land that was taken, not ceded. As you walked into St Paul's you walked through a new set of windows that show the land on which we worship before colonisation. We give thanks for the ancestors of the Kulin nation, 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 respects to First Nations people here today.

Offerings We rely entirely on your gift. During the Covid-19 pandemic, overall giving has dropped significantly. Please be generous. You can also donate online via our website www.cathedral.org.au/donate or by EFT BSB: 083-088, Account: 53-728-8315.

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Please note that this service is being recorded for broadcast. Please keep extraneous noise to a minimum. Thank you for your cooperation.

SERVICE LEADERS *Officiant:* The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne; The Revd Alexandra Sangster, Uniting Church Minister and member of ARRCC; The Revd Canon Heather Patacca, Precentor; Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir, directed by Mr Philip Nicholls, Director of Music. Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist.

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe
Dean of St Paul's Cathedral

The Revd Alexandra Sangster
Uniting Church Minister, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

THE HYMN



1 Lord of earth and all cre - a - tion, let your love pos-sess our land:
wealth and free-dom, far ho - ri-zons, moun-tain, for-est, shi-ning sand:
may we share, in faith and friend-ship, gifts un-mea-sured from your hand.

2
People of the ancient Dreamtime,
they who found this country first,
ask with those, the later comers,
will our dream be blessed or cursed?
Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living,
hope for which our children thirst.

3
Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
on our hurts your mercy shower;
lead us by your inward dwelling,
guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep this land Australia:
in your will her peace and power.

Text: Michael Rayner Thwaites (1915-2000) and Honour Mary Thwaites (1914-93) alt.
Music: KAKADU - Philip Nicholls (b.1976)
after Peter Sculthorpe (1929-2014), his *Kakadu*
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BIBLE READING

Proverbs 8.22-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

God created me at the beginning before the first acts of creation.

Ages ago I was set up,

at the very first before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth,

when God had not yet made earth and fields[c]

or the world's first bits of soil.

When God established the heavens, I was there;

when God drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when God made firm the skies above,
when God established the fountains of the deep,
when God assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress their command,
when God marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside God, like a skilled artisan
and I was daily God's delight,
playing before God always,
and delighting in the human race.

Here ends the reading.

SPEECHES

Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black

Mr Adel Salman

The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

God in such love for us lent us this planet,
gave it a purpose in time and in space:
small as a spark from the fire of creation,
cradle of life and the home of our race.

*Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty,
life that sustains us in body and mind:
plenty for all, if we learn how to share it,
riches undreamt of to fathom and find.*

Long have our human wars ruined its harvest;
long has earth bowed to the terror of force;
long have we wasted what others have need of,
poisoned the fountain of life at its source.

Thanks be to God ...

Earth is the Lord's: it is ours to enjoy it,
ours, as God's stewards, to farm and defend.
From its pollution, misuse, and destruction,
good Lord deliver us, world without end.

Thanks be to God ...

Text: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
Music: Malcolm Archer (b.1952)

SPEECHES

Matilda Sangster

Revd Sylvia Akau'ola Tongotongo

THE PRAYERS

Led by the Revd Canon Heather Patacca, Precentor

May we use the world's resources we need with love, humility, and thoughtfulness, without guilt, without fear, without waste.

All: May we live in harmony with the earth.

May we live together with animals with which we share this planet, being careful not to harm them or their habitats.

All: May we live in harmony with the earth.

May we respect the life in our lakes, rivers and oceans, using them with care and being mindful in our efforts not to pollute them.

All: May we live in harmony with the earth.

May we learn to live within our means, by reducing our waste and continuing to reuse and recycle all that we can.

All: May we live in harmony with the earth.

May we plan to leave the world in a state that all future generations will be able to enjoy, ensuring that it is filled with resources, life, and kept healthy and clean.

All: May we live in harmony with the earth.

Creator of all living things, help guide our daily actions and thoughts to become better stewards of the earth. Guide us to act responsibly, care for the earth you gave us, and make wise choices in our everyday living. In the name of Christ.

Amen.

FINAL HYMN

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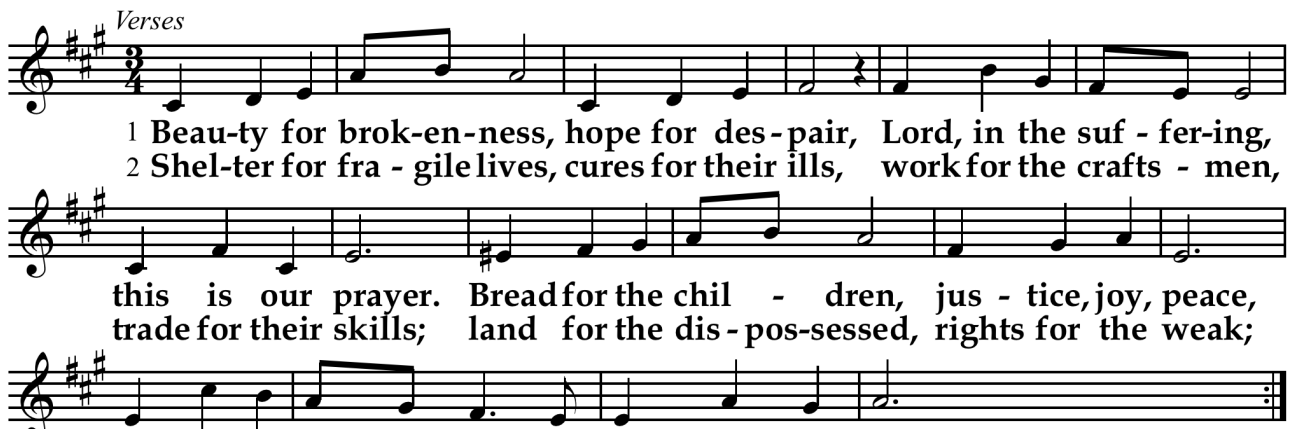
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During this hymn you are invited to come forward, light a candle and add it to the sand tray as a symbol of your support of the letter sent to the Prime Minister by senior faith leaders around Australia.

The refrain is sung after verses 2, 4 and 5

Verses



1 Beau-ty for brok-en-ness, hope for des-pair, Lord, in the suf - fer-ing,
 2 Shel-ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills, work for the crafts - men,
 this is our prayer. Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace,
 trade for their skills; land for the dis - pos-sessed, rights for the weak;
 sun-rise to sun - set your king - dom in - crease. *Repeat for verse 2*
 voi - ces to plead the cause of those who can't speak. *To refrain*

Refrain



God of the poor, — friend of the weak, give us com-pas - sion we
 pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like — rain.
 Come change our love — from a spark — to a — flame. —

3
 Refuge from cruel wars,
 havens from fear,
 cities for sanctuary,
 freedoms to share,
 peace to the killing-fields,
 scorched earth to green;
 Christ for the bitterness,
 his cross for the pain. *Repeat for verse 4*

4
 Rest for the ravaged earth,
 oceans and streams,
 plundered and poisoned,
 our future, our dreams.
 Lord, end our madness,
 carelessness, greed;
 make us content with
 the things that we need. *To refrain*
 God of the poor ...

5
 Lighten our darkness,
 breathe on this flame
 until your justice burns
 brightly again;
 until the nations
 learn of your ways,
 seek your salvation
 and bring you their praise. *To refrain*
 God of the poor ...

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)
 Together in Song 690
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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

Elegy – Richard Popplewell (1935-2016)

Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

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