



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Choral Evensong

Fourth Sunday in Lent

19 March 2023 • 4pm

WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, the home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We want to be a place of transformation for our city and church where all people can come to experience and know God's love in Christ Jesus. We are an international community and are delighted that you're here!

First Nations Justice We want to see a more just settlement for all Indigenous People. We meet on land that was taken, not ceded – the Sovereign Country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We give thanks for their ancestors, acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country, and pay our respect to all First Peoples here today.

Refugee Justice We want to see a strong, supportive and diverse society. That's why we campaign for refugees and seek to build greater public awareness about asylum seekers. We provide free cultural and language classes, and work to be a safe place where migrants and refugees can make new friends and rebuild their lives.

Climate Justice We want to see greater and quicker action to mitigate the climate crisis we face. We're an inaugural member of Victoria's Climate Pledge, TAKE2, and work to reach net zero as soon as possible. That's why we use only energy from renewable sources and take continued action to reduce our waste and emissions.

Safe Kids and Families We want to maintain a safe environment for all. We strongly condemn any form of abuse – in church, at our workplace, or in the home – and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable people. That's why all our staff and volunteers complete training and relevant checks. If you have any concerns about child safety, please ring 1800 135 246 (Kooyoora Professional Standards). If you face family violence and need help, please ring 1800 737 732 (White Ribbon Australia).

Keeping all Healthy and Well We want to keep people healthy during the Covid pandemic and encourage wearing of masks and sanitising hands.

SERVICE LEADERS *Officiant:* The Revd Canon Robert Vun, Canon Missioner; *Preacher:* Mr Philip Nicholls, Lay Minister; The Cathedral Choir, directed by Mr Philip Nicholls, Director of Music.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand for the entry of choir and clergy

INTROIT HYMN



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; ——— bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief and pain; leave to your God to or-der and pro-vide; ——— in ev-ery change he faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav - enly friend ——— — through thor - ny ways leads to a joy - ful end.

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.**

**Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.**

Katharina von Schlegel (1697-?) tr. Jane Laurie Borthwick 1813-97 alt.
Australian Hymn Book 48

WELCOME

The Officiant welcomes the people

RESPONSES

June Nixon

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.
The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit for the Psalm and Bible Reading

PSALM 69.21-29

21 Thy rebuke hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness:
I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man,
neither found I any to comfort me.

22 They gave me gall to eat:
and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

23 Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal:
and let the things that should have been for their wealth be unto them an
occasion of falling.

24 Let their eyes be blinded, that they see not:
and ever bow thou down their backs.

25 Pour out thine indignation upon them:
and let thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them.

26 Let their habitation be void:
and no man to dwell in their tents.

27 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten:
and they talk how they may vex them whom thou hast wounded.

28 Let them fall from one wickedness to another:
and not come into thy righteousness.

29 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living:
and not be written among the righteous.

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: Philip Nicholls (b.1976)

Read by Timothy James

A reading from the Book Exodus.

Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness." ' ²But Pharaoh said, 'Who is the LORD, that I should heed him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go.' ³Then they said, 'The God of the Hebrews has revealed himself to us; let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to the LORD our God, or he will fall upon us with pestilence or sword.' ⁴But the king of Egypt said to them, 'Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their work? Get to your labours!' ⁵Pharaoh continued, 'Now they are more numerous than the people of the land and yet you want them to stop working!' ⁶That same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, as well as their supervisors, ⁷'You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as before; let them go and gather straw for themselves. ⁸But you shall require of them the same quantity of bricks as they have made previously; do not diminish it, for they are lazy; that is why they cry, "Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God." ⁹Let heavier work be laid on them; then they will labour at it and pay no attention to deceptive words.' ¹⁹The Israelite supervisors saw that they were in trouble when they were told, 'You shall not lessen your daily number of bricks.' ²⁰As they left Pharaoh, they came upon Moses and Aaron who were waiting to meet them. ²¹They said to them, 'The LORD look upon you and judge! You have brought us into bad odour with Pharaoh and his officials, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.'

²²Then Moses turned again to the LORD and said, 'O LORD, why have you mistreated this people? Why did you ever send me? ²³Since I first came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has mistreated this people, and you have done nothing at all to deliver your people.' ⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: Indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land.'

Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand for the

MAGNIFICAT

The Song of Mary, St Luke 1.46-55

Magnificat anima mea, Dominum.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

My Lord and Saviour is my song,
he fills my spirit with delight;
to raise me up his arm is strong,
the lowly precious in his sight.

The proud beguiled by dreams of power,
divided and degraded lie.
He casts them down from throne and tower,
and stoops to lift the humble high.

My name shall live from age to age
and every tongue his servant bless.
For mercy is their heritage,
whose hearts the Holy One confess.

He feeds the hungry at his board
and sends the rich unfilled away.
And, mindful of his promised word,
has answered Israel's prayers today.

With all the elders of our race
and those unborn who seek this birth,
I sing the glory of his race
and bring eternity to earth.

Margaret Rizza (b.1929)

Please be seated

SECOND READING

Read by a Lay Clerk

Matthew 27.1-10

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³ When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' ⁵Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.' ⁷After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand for

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon, St Luke 2.29-32

Lumen ad revelationem gentium: illumina tenebras nostros Domini.
A light to lighten the gentiles: illuminate our darkness, O Lord.

Lord, set your servant free,
fulfil your ancient vow;
and peaceful let the parting be
which seals that promise now.

From here the child of light,
the world's salvation lies
and on the nations lost in night
I see his dawn arise.

A radiance unconfined
to change of time or place;
he is the hope of humankind,
the glory of our race.

Margaret Rizza (b.1929)

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.**

LESSER LITANY

June Nixon

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel

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 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.

COLLECTS

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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.

Please be seated as the choir sings the

ANTHEM

Were you there? – arr. Mia Makaroff (b.1970)
including text from Psalm 14

How long, O Lord, wilt thou forget me for ever? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?...

[How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart, all the day? My flesh trembles for fear of thee, and I am afraid of thy judgements, O Lord. How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord, my God! Lighten my eyes lest I sleep the sleep of death: lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed over him'; lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.]

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?...
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?...

[But I have trusted in thy steadfast love. My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt so bountifully with me. Worship the Lord and tremble before him all the earth.]

Please sit or kneel for the

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.

Please stand for the

HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

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1 All de - pends on our pos - ses - sing God's free grace and con - stant
bles-sing, though all earth-ly wealth de - part. They who trust with faith un -
sha-ken by their God are not for-sa-ken, and will keep a daunt-less heart.

2
He who to this day has fed me
and to many joys has led me
is and ever shall be mine.
He who always gently schools me
and who daily guides and rules me
will remain my hope divine.

3
When with sorrow I am stricken
hope anew my heart will quicken,
all my longing shall be stilled.
To God's loving kindness tender
soul and body I surrender,
for on him alone I build.

4
Well he knows what best to grant me:
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never;
as God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to him my way.

5
If my days on earth he lengthen,
God my faltering steps
will strengthen:
all my trust in him I place.
Things of earth are not abiding,
like a stream away are gliding;
safe I anchor in his grace.

Anon. *Gesang-Buch*, Nuremberg 1676 trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) alt.
Together in Song 556

The preacher will invite you to be seated for

THE SERMON

Mr Philip Nicholls
Lay Minister & Director of Music

Please stand to sing the

DISMISSAL HYMN

1 God gives us a fu - ture, dar - ing us to go
in - to dreams and dan - gers on a path - un - known.
We will face to - mor - row in the Spi - rit's power,
we will let God change us, for new life starts now.

2

**We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God’s new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.**

3

**Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God’s life, and
find our future there.**

Elizabeth J. Smith ((b.1956)
Together in Song 687
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THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: 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

Après un Rêve – Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
Mr Mark Slavec, June Nixon Assistant Organist

PRAY WITH US

THE WORLD As our prayers focus on Africa this week, we ask for wisdom in the management of, and protection for people in Equatorial Guinea battling an outbreak of Marburg Virus (similar to Ebola). We pray for the people of Nigeria as they approach elections on February 25, that misinformation would not be given credence, and God would guide the outcome towards national growth and against ethnic-religious conflict. We pray for unity in the Orthodox Church in Ethiopia, following a rift brought about by the bishops, and for an end to violence between supporters and antagonists. We continue to pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine as winter presents a fresh range of challenges along with shortages, heartbreak and corruption. We pray for much needed shelter and food for those impacted by the Turkey-Syria earthquake, and we ask that in the despair felt by all, God will bring hope and people will seek him. In the north island of New Zealand, we pray for good strategies for recovery, and God’s strength and encouragement for those facing the clean up after two flooding events and an earthquake and its aftershocks.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Anglican Church of South America.

THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH The Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk, Clergy & People); National Bishop’s Conference.

DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE St Paul’s Geelong (Nigel Pope); Defence Force Chaplains.

OUR CATHEDRAL Our Canon Pastor, the Revd Canon Jane Window; our Seniors Group; pastoral ministry to the congregation; those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED Trevor Whittaker, Guen-Soo, Rajan Jabemoney, Patsy King, Robyn and David Forbes, Lesley and Ray Way, Ken and Robyn Disting, Rumi McInnes, Brian Clark, Geoff Savage, Wendy Downing, Jasper Tesdorpf, Geraldine, Bill Patullo, David and family, John and Jennie, Nancy Paterson, Dorothy Wiltshire, Joan Woodhouse, Janet Marsden, Sara, Ibrahim, Ishaq and Ishmael, Andrew, Henri-Felix Vinson, Darryl.

YEAR'S MINDS

- 19 Charles Robert Holmes (Diocesan Accountant) 1985
- 21 Christopher Nutter Thomas (Priest, Canon) 1986
- 22 Edwin John Martin (Congregation, Welcomer) 1985
Sir Dallas Brooks (19th Governor of Victoria) 1966
John Falkingham (Priest, Canon) 2005
- 23 Thomas Henry Armstrong (Canon, 1st Bishop of Wangaratta) 1930
- 24 Martin Devine (Server) 2022
- 25 Marjorie Alice Green (Benefactor) 2003

NOTICES

Welcome! We are delighted you have joined our service. If you have any questions and would like to speak to a staff member, please phone the office 9653 4333 during office hours or get in touch via our website: www.cathedral.org.au. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out a *Welcome Card* available from the back of the Cathedral, so we can keep in touch with you.

Wednesday Lunchtime Concert • 1pm featuring Josh Hooke (piano). A program exploring the infinite tonal possibilities of the piano, featuring Schumann's *Arabesque in C major*, Chopin's *Ballade No. 1 in G minor*, Boyd's *Market Gardens and Musicians*, and Ginastera's *Danzas Argentinas*. Admission by donation.

Lay Synod Elections We are pleased to announce that Robyn Teed and Paul Glass have been elected as our Synod Representatives, with Jenny Liggett as Alternative Representative.

Cathedral Seniors Group meets on Friday 24 March at 2.00pm in Barbara Darling Room. The speaker will be the Revd Jeremiah Paul, Priest in Charge of St Michael and St Luke Anglican Church in Dandenong, and also a budding Astronomer. Jeremiah will speak on the topic "*When I Consider the Heavens*" – A Young Astronomer's View.

Join our Volunteer Guides! Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you value the beauty and history of our Cathedral? The Cathedral Guides provide a friendly and welcoming presence for those who visit the Cathedral and lead groups on tours sharing its history and architecture. If you would be interested to join this ministry, please let the Precentor know: precentor@stpaulscathedral.org.au

Donations towards Easter Flowers You are welcome to make a donation towards the Easter Day Flower arrangements in memory of a loved one. Please give your donation in an envelope marked *Easter Flowers* with you loved one's name on it to one of the clergy, or arrange a direct transfer with a note labelling it as a flower donation and email Andrew Victorsen avictorsen@stpaulscathedral.org.au with your loved one's name.

Holy Week & Easter Services Copies of our Term Card with services times and information are available at the back of the Cathedral and on our website.

Prevention of Violence Against Women All are welcome to join the training day run the Diocese for prevention of violence against women on Saturday 29 April from 9.30am – 4pm in the Barbara Darling Room here at the Cathedral. Please speak to the Canon Pastor if you have any questions.

READ THE BIBLE WITH US

You may like to use these readings, which the Cathedral Clergy and staff use for daily prayer, as part of your personal devotions throughout the week.

Mon: Ps 1; Ephesians 6.1-4

Tues: Ps 50; Luke 18.15-30

Wed: Ps 51; Luke 18.31-43

Thurs: Pss 54;55.1-12; Luke 19.1-10

Fri: Pss 56; 57; Luke 19.11-279

Sat: Ps 85; Hebrews 2.5-18

Next Sunday: Ezekiel 37.1-14, Ps 13023, Romans 6.6-11, John 11.1-45

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday	2.30pm English Conversation Corner 5.10pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday	1.00pm Lunchtime Concert
Friday	2.00pm Seniors Meeting
Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Preacher: Canon Stephen Ames</i> 10.00am Choral Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Precentor</i> 11.45am Study & Fellowship Groups 4.00pm Lady Day Choral Eucharist <i>Preacher: Bishop Kate Prowd</i>

Daily Services

Holy Communion: 12.15pm Monday – Friday

Choral Evensong: 5.10pm Tuesday – Friday

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