



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Holy Communion **according to the Book of Common Prayer**

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
12 November 2023, 8 am

WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, 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!

SERVICE LEADERS

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Robert Vun, Canon Missioner; *Cantor:* Mr Philip Nicholls, Director of Music.

ORDER OF SERVICE

*All stand for the procession. Please join saying those parts of the service printed in **bold type**, and in singing the Communion Hymn.*

THE GREETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The president welcomes the people, and acknowledges the Country on which we meet.

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 respects to all First Peoples here today.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for

THE FIRST READING

Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25

Read by Joy Burman

A reading from the book of Joshua.

²⁴Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

¹⁴Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region

beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

¹⁶Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' ²¹And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!' ²²Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' ²³He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.' ²⁴The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78.1-7

Please join in saying the verses of Psalm 78 printed in bold.

1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people:

incline your ears to the words of my mouth;

**2 For I will open my mouth in a parable:
and expound the mysteries of former times.**

3 What we have heard and known: what our forebears have told us,

**4 We will not hide from their children,
but declare to a generation yet to come:
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.**

5 He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in Israel:

which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,

**6 That future generations might know, and those yet unborn:
that they in turn might teach it to their children;**

7 So that they might put their confidence in God:

and not forget his works, but keep his commandments.

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

⁹Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; ¹⁰and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, ¹¹to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, ¹²so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one.

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Please stand for

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew: 25.1-13
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹ But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to

us.”¹² But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.”¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Revd Canon Robert Vun, Canon Missioner

THE NICENE CREED

We stand and together affirm the faith of the church as we say:

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

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The following sentences are read:

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

St Matthew 5.16

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth; where rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

St Matthew 6.19

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets.

St Matthew 7.12

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20.35

The people are seated as the altar is prepared. The president gives thanks for the offering:
All things come of thee, O Lord: **and of thine own do we give thee.**

Please sit or kneel for

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church:

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy Holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness and peace; and so to direct all kings and rulers, that under them thy people may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto thy servant *Charles* our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, especially to thy servants *Justin*, Archbishop of Canterbury, *Geoff*, our Primate, *Philip*, our Archbishop, and *Andreas*, our Dean, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Guide and prosper, we pray thee, those who are labouring for the spread of thy Gospel among the nations, and enlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning; that the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of thy truth.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy Holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [*specific intercessions may be added here*]. And we

commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them everlasting light and peace.

And here we give thee most high praise and hearty thanks for all thy Saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and lights of the world in their several generations; and we pray, that rejoicing in their fellowship, and following their good examples, we may be partakers with them of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St Matthew 11.28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2.1*

Please stand for

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.**

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

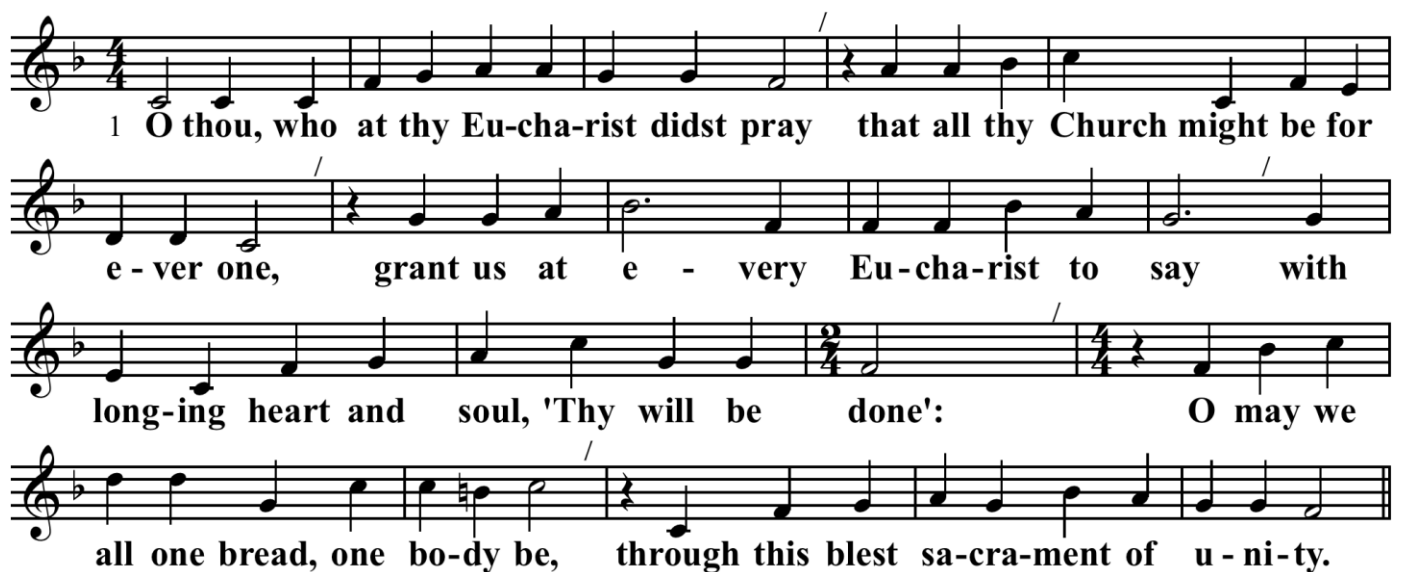
Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion. A welcomer will direct you. We have returned to sharing the common cup for those who would like to receive wine. You are welcome to receive only bread, or a blessing instead. Gluten free wafers are available.

During the distribution of Communion, please join in singing

THE COMMUNION HYMN



1 O thou, who at thy Eu-cha-rist didst pray that all thy Church might be for
e - ver one, grant us at e - very Eu-cha-rist to say with
long-ing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done': O may we
all one bread, one bo-dy be, through this blest sa-cra-ment of u - ni-ty.

**For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.**

William Henry Turton (1856–1938)
Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 265

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do

all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Please stand

THE GLORIA

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE NOTICES

Please stand for

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.**

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PRAY WITH US

FOR THE WORLD — THIS WEEK WE FOCUS ON EUROPE Our prayers for our environment continue as Europe is expecting to mark 2023 the hottest on record, driven by carbon emissions and an El Niño weather event, and a year of heatwaves, floods and fires, reflected in record human suffering. We continue to pray for safety and solutions for all migrants, especially those crossing the Mediterranean, and for Italian authorities who seek to manage the implications and prevent illegal migration while welcoming those with a right to protection. The G7 countries have pledged continued support for Ukraine, and sanctions against Russia, and our hopes and prayers for a solution to the war are on-going.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola (The Most Revd Carlos Simao Matsinhe).

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee).

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE The Anglican Parish of Jika Jika Preston (Michael Hopkins, Fan Zhang); Angliss Health Services.

FOR 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.

FOR THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED Laurie Mahoney, Elizabeth Britten, Patsy King, Robyn and David Forbes, Lesley and Ray Way, Brian Clark, Ken and Robyn Dusting, Lynne Gray, Bill Woodhouse and Family, Tom Pearce, Janet Marsden, Andrew, David Worland, the Vinson Family, Helen Dwyer, Maujini Chella.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MINDS OCCURS THIS WEEK

- 12 Lawrence Edgar Styles (Priest, Canon) 2011
- 13 William Chalmers (Bishop, Canon) 1901
- 14 Sir James Kerr Merritt (Lay Canon) 1942
- 15 Lachlan Alexander McLagan (Congregation, Benefactor) 2013
- 16 Frederick Attwood (Congregation) 2006
- Stuart Barton Babbage (Priest, 10th Dean of Melbourne) 2012

NOTICES

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.

Communion At our 8am service, there is no intinction available. At the 10am service, those wishing to receive wine by intinction of the bread should proceed to the communion rail on the eagle lectern side. If you wish to receive the common cup, proceed to the communion rail on the pulpit side. If you require a gluten free wafer, or a prayer of blessing, please tell the priest distributing the bread. If you would prefer to not receive the wine, please indicate this to the servers with the chalice.

Children's Church at the Cathedral During our 10am service, children are welcome to join us for a learning and activity time for children 0-7 years in the Barbara Darling Room. If you have any questions about our children's ministry, please speak to the Precentor or email precentor@stpaulscathedral.org.au

Uni Students Coffee & Fellowship Every Sunday after the 10am service in the Café on Level 2 of the Cathedral Offices.

Philippians Bible Study Series We welcome everyone to an exciting eight Sundays of Bible Study on the Book of Philippians after the morning Services. Philippians is a favourite Epistle that directs us to rejoice in the Lord, to live in peace, to seek unity and to imitate the humility of our Saviour. For the 10.00 am Service, please be at the Penman Room by 11.45 am. Looking forward to seeing you afterwards.

Chinese Alpha is happening at the Canon's Vestry at 11.45am (after Sunday's Morning Tea). Please invite all who can speak Mandarin to come and join this exciting course. Enquiries to Canon Robert at rvun@stpaulscathedral.org.au

Wednesday Lunchtime Concert November 15 | Lee Jones (jazz guitar) Lee Jones is a British jazz guitarist and composer who relocated to Melbourne in 2022. Lee will perform a selection of standards, American songbook repertoire, and original arrangements/compositions for solo jazz guitar. This concert will pay special tribute to the great late guitarist Barney Kessel, featuring two works in honour of his centenary, alongside music by Rodgers and Hart, Antonio Carlos Jobim, and Ray Noble.

Australian Collaboration Cambodia (ACC) A team will be going to Cambodia in January 2024 to work on a number of projects that ACC have been involved in over a number of years. To help raise funds for the project work (all participants on the team pay for their own expenses) a fund raising lunch will be held on Sunday 19 November at 11.45am in the Barbara Darling room. A delicious, two-course meal

(\$20.00/ticket) will be served, so please come, as there will be only 60 seats available. There will also be a silent auction.

The Anglican Historical Society will present the annual James Grant Memorial Lecture at Holy Trinity, East Melbourne (corner Clarendon and Hotham streets) on Wednesday, 15 November, commencing at 7pm. The lecturer will be Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC. All are welcome to attend. For further information, contact the Secretary, Roger Meyer at roger.meyer@bigpond.com

Gather for Christmas On Thursday 30th November at 6.30pm the Uni Students & Young Adults are hosting a Christmas event open to everyone - put the date in your diary and come along! We would also value your help for the event. You can help by: volunteering on the night; donating old, unused Christmas cards and Postcards for use on a prayer stall; donating old Christmas ornaments and yarn for use on a craft stall; and if you are musically gifted, you can volunteer to perform some live music on the night. There is a box in the Barbara Darling Room where you can put donations during morning tea after the Sunday services, and if you are musically gifted or would like to volunteer on the night, please talk directly with Amy or Tom Footson to discuss how you might be able to get involved! (afootson@stpaulscathedral.org.au)

Congregation Consultations will be held on December 3 in the Barbara Darling Room following the 8am service at 9am. and at 11.45am following the 10am service.

Uni Students & Young Adults Alpha 2024 Alpha has been a really exciting ministry here at St. Paul's Cathedral. Many people were baptised and confirmed following the last Alpha that was run, and we currently have Chinese Alpha running after the 10am service on Sundays! In January, we'll be running another Alpha course at 6pm on a Sunday. If you would like to volunteer on Alpha either as welcomers, to help cook the meal, to help lead conversations on tables, or in any other way, please email Amy on afootson@stpaulscathedral.org.au or catch Amy at the 10am service on Sunday (You do not have to be a university student or young adult to volunteer and help!)

OUR ADVOCACY FOR JUSTICE

First Nations Justice We want to see a more just settlement for all Indigenous People. Our Governing Body, the Cathedral Chapter, supports the establishment of a First Nations Voice to Parliament. We provide resources so that we can educate ourselves and value respectful and informed debate on this important issue,

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 strongly condemn any form of abuse—in church, at our workplace, or in the home—and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable people. 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 (1800 Respect).

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 35.1-17; Matthew 22.34-46

Tues: Ps 34; Matthew 23.1-15

Wed: Ps 37.1-17; Matthew 23.16-28

Thur: Ps 38; Matthew 23.29-39

Fri: Ps 40; Matthew 24.1-14

Sat: Ps 41; Matthew 24.15-31

Next Sunday: *Judges 4.1-10; Ps 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30*

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday	2.30pm English Conversation Corner 12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Wednesday	12.15pm Holy Communion 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Thursday & Friday	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) — <i>Preacher: The Precentor</i> 10.00am Choral Eucharist — <i>Preacher: The Precentor</i> 11.45am Study & Fellowship Groups 4pm Choral Evensong — <i>Preacher: Mr Phillip Nicholls</i>

CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sundays during Services

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

Sunday 8am & 10am

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