



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Choral Evensong

The Second Sunday in Lent

1 March 2026, 4pm

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

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor.
The Cathedral Choir, directed by Canon Philip Nicholls.

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please join in singing the hymns and saying the responses printed in **bold** type.*

THE INTROIT HYMN

1 O Kind Cre - a - tor, bow thine ear to mark the
cry, — to know the tear be - fore — thy throne of mer - cy
spent in this — thy ho - ly fast of Lent.

2
Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee,
thou knowest our infirmity;
pour out on all who seek thy face
abundance of thy pardoning grace.

3
Our sins are many, this we know;
spare us, good Lord, thy mercy show;
and for the honour of thy name
our fainting souls to life reclaim.

⁴
Give us the self-control that springs
from discipline of outward things,
that fasting inward secretly
the soul may purely dwell with thee.

⁵
We pray thee, Holy Trinity,
one God, unchanging Unity,
that we from this our abstinence
may reap the fruits of penitence.

Latin, ascr. St Gregory (540-604) tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931)
New English Hymnal 60

THE GREETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Amen.**

The officiant 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 RESPONSES

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

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 be seated for the Bible readings

PSALM 119.9-16

Chant: June Nixon AM (b.1942)

⁹Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way:
even by ruling himself after thy word.

¹⁰With my whole heart have I sought thee:

O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

¹¹Thy words have I hid within my heart: that I should not sin against thee.

¹²Blessed art thou, O Lord: O teach me thy statutes.

¹³With my lips have I been telling: of all the judgements of thy mouth.

¹⁴I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies:
as in all manner of riches.

¹⁵I will talk of thy commandments: and have respect unto thy ways.

¹⁶My delight shall be in thy statutes: and I will not forget thy word.

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 2.23-3.8a

Read by a Lay Clerk

Here begins the twenty-third verse of the second chapter of the Book Exodus.

After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. ²⁴God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

THE MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in E Minor – Stanley Vann (1910-2010)

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

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 26.36-56

Read by Canon Laura Tsakmakis

Here begins the thirty-sixth verse of the twenty-sixth chapter of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve

legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in E Minor – Vann

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.

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 Choir sings

THE LESSER LITANY

Tomkins

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.

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.

THE 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

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive all the sins of those who 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.

Remain seated as the choir sings

THE ANTHEM

God so loved the world – John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world might be saved.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Concluding with

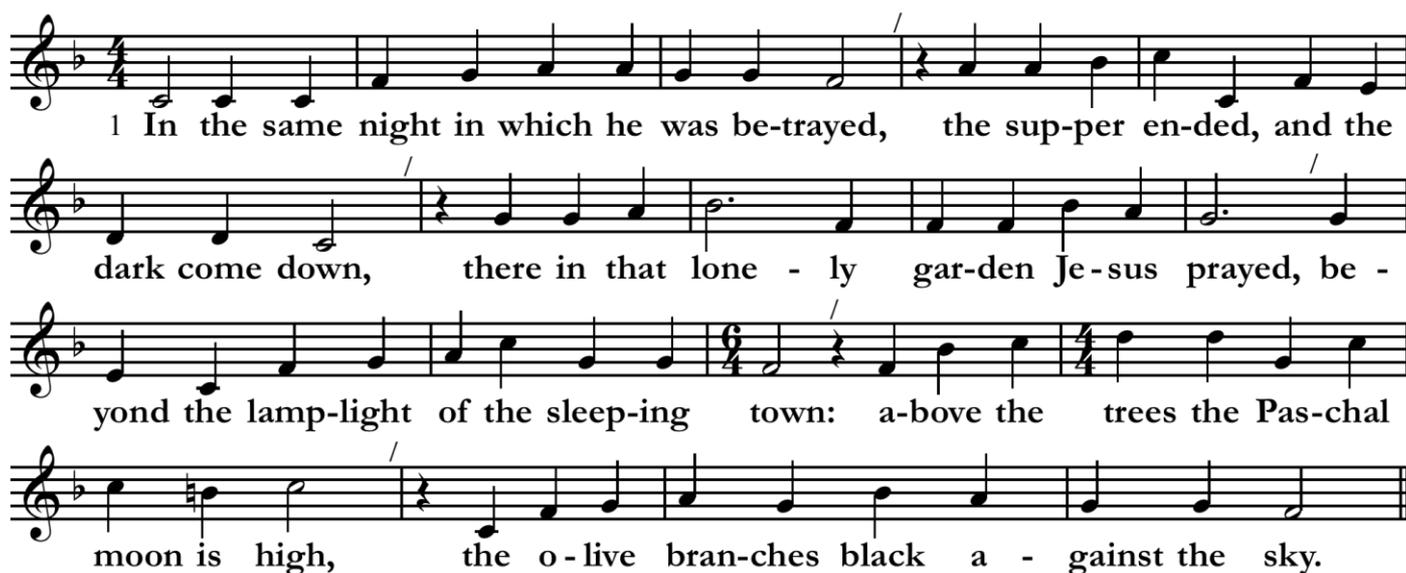
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,
evermore. Amen.

Stand to sing

THE HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

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1 In the same night in which he was be-trayed, the sup-per en-ded, and the
dark come down, there in that lone - ly gar-den Je-sus prayed, be -
yond the lamp-light of the sleep-ing town: a-bove the trees the Pas-chal
moon is high, the o-live bran-ches black a - gainst the sky.

2
What agony of spirit bowed his head
lies far beyond our
human heart to frame;
yet 'Not my will but yours' at last he said,
as lights and torches
through the garden came:
so Judas ends what love of self began,
and with a kiss betrays the Son of Man.

3
The hour is come:
the power of darkness reigns.
See, like a lamb, the Lord is led away.
Of twelve disciples only one remains
to wait the dawning of the final day:
alone before his captors Jesus stands,
while in the courtyard
Peter warms his hands.

4
 Turn, Lord, and look: for many a cock has crowed;
 we too betray, forsake you, or deny.
 For us, like Peter, bitter tears have flowed,
 lost in the dark, no language but a cry;
 a cry of weakness, failure and despair:
 Lord, in your mercy, stoop to hear our prayer.

Timothy Dudley Smith (b.1926)
Together in Song 801
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The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor

Stand to sing

THE DISMISSAL HYMN

1 Glo-ry to thee, my God, this night for all the bles-sings of the light: keep
 me, O keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine own al - migh-ty wings.

2
 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
 the ill that I this day have done;
 that with the world, myself, and thee,
 I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

4
 O may my soul on thee repose,
 and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
 sleep that may me more vigorous make
 to serve my God when I awake.

3
 Teach me to live, that I may dread
 the grave as little as my bed;
 teach me to die, that so I may
 rise glorious at the awful day.

5
 When in the night I sleepless lie,
 my soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
 let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
 no powers of darkness me molest.

6
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken (1637–1711)
Australian Hymn Book 468

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, now and forevermore: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV727 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

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PRAY WITH US

FOR THE WORLD We pray for the Church throughout the world — that in this season of repentance and renewal we may walk with Christ toward the cross with courage, humility, and deeper trust. We pray for nations in conflict and unrest — especially places torn by war, political instability, and fear — that leaders may seek wisdom, justice, and the costly work of peace. We uphold before God, refugees, displaced people, and those fleeing violence or climate crisis — that they may find safety, welcome, and dignity among the nations. We remember communities burdened by poverty, famine, and inequality — that the world's resources may be shared more justly and compassion may triumph over indifference. We pray for our fragile planet — that during this season of self-examination we may repent of careless consumption and become faithful stewards of God's creation.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Bp David Eisho Uehara).

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

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE The Parish of St Mark's Fitzroy (Ken Goodger); Hospital Chaplaincy (Co-ordinator & Chaplains).

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

FOR THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED Stephen Ames, Cynthia Balderstone, Chris Carolane, Jessica Carr, Cecilia Cheng, Ken and Robyn Dusting, Helen Dwyer, Reynaldo Ferreccio, Cecilia Francis, Greg Hurworth, Gaye Loughrey, Esme Mitchell,

Mavis Payne, Alyssa Sigamoney, Skipper family, Vinson family, Lesley and Ray Way, Simon Way, Whittaker family and those struggling with mental health challenges, addictions, loneliness, and despair that they would find hope, support, and the healing love of Christ.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED Roger Prowd (Priest), Mangal Raj Anthonappa.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

- 3 Owen Thomas Lloyd Crossley (Canon, 4th Bishop of Auckland) 1926
- 4 Sir Harry Chauvel (Lay Canon) 1945
Felicity Anne Curry (Congregation) 1963
John Edward Bromby (Priest, Canon, Locum tenens, St Paul's Church) 1889
- 5 Belinda Wong-Barker (Chorister) 2021

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 Cathedral office 9653 4333. 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.

Lent Study You are invited to participate in the Cathedral's Lent Bible Studies. You can choose to come at either 9.15am or 11.45am on Sundays. We meet in the David Penman Room. There is a core of regulars but we very much welcome newcomers, even if you can only come for one Sunday. This Lent we will be going through "Called to Care" by Jo Knight, CEO of Anglican Overseas Aid. Copies are available from the Cathedral shop for the discounted price of \$22. If you are new to the Cathedral, please feel free to come along and introduce yourself.

Lunchtime Concert, Wed 4 March, 1pm: Josh Hooke (piano) Originally from country Victoria, Josh completed a PhD in Music Performance in 2023 at The University of Melbourne under professors Ian Holtham and Paul Kildea, and is currently the Kenneth Moore Memorial Music Scholar at Janet Clarke Hall, The University of Melbourne. He will perform Mozart's Fantasia in C minor, K. 475, Chopin's Nocturne in F minor, Op. 55, No. 1, and a selection of Chopin's Études, Op. 10.

King's Singers, Wed 4 March, 7pm The King's Singers have set the gold standard in a cappella singing for over 50 years. This Grammy Award winning ensemble returns to Melbourne for one performance only on 4 March 2026 at 7pm. The Cathedral is delighted to host the King's Singers for a Lenten programme of Renaissance sacred music, specially chosen for this performance. We're also pleased to inform you that the promoters of this concert, Classical Music Australia, are offering tickets on a **Pay What You Can** basis to ensure the widest possible access, allowing concert-



goers to choose a price that suits their circumstances. Tickets are accessible on the web via the QR code: simply select the amount you are able to pay when booking.

Together for the City Prayer Night, Tues 3 March, 7pm Join us at St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 3 March, 7pm as we gather for the next Together for the City prayer night. These nights are an opportunity to gather with people from God's church all over Melbourne in informal prayer and worship to pray for our Diocese, our city and for many to come to know Jesus. Everyone is welcome as we seek to bring people of all traditions together in prayer for God's church to be at work across our Melbourne and Geelong. If you'd like to know more, you can contact the Precentor, Canon Tim Watson.

Book Launch Thurs 5 March 6pm You are warmly invited to the launch of Cathedral congregation member and lay clerk Peter Sherlock's new book *The Monuments of Westminster Abbey: Power and Memory in Early Modern Britain* after Evensong at 5.10pm. This is the first critical history of the Abbey's 16th- and 17th-century monuments, in which Professor Sherlock reflects on what it means to remember the dead in the sacred space of one of the world's most famous buildings. The book will be launched by Professor Catherine Kovesi (University of Melbourne) and copies will be available for sale for \$60 on the night (or direct from Peter). Please register here: <http://bit.ly/4kJJty3>

Haydn's *The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross*, Sat 7 March, 4pm Queen's College is proud to present a performance of Joseph Haydn's *The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross* at St Paul's Cathedral. Join us for this rare and wonderful work. The Choir of Queen's College, directed by our former conducting scholar Will Fellows, will present a reflective choral journey between the movements of Haydn's extraordinary Lenten work in the heart of Melbourne.



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: Pss 5, 6; Hebrews 7.11-25

Tues: Ps 9; Hebrews 7.26-8.6

Wed: Pss 11, 12; Hebrews 8.7-13

Thurs: Pss 15, 16; Hebrews 9.1-10

Fri: Ps 18.1-31; Hebrews 9.11-22

Sat: Ps 19; Hebrews 9.23-10.4

Next Sunday: Exodus 17.1-7; Ps 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mon 2 Mar	12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tues 3 Mar	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong 7pm Together for the City Prayer Night
Wed 4 Mar	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Josh Hooke (Piano) 5.10pm Choral Evensong 7pm King's Singers Concert (<i>Ticketed event</i>)
Thurs and Fri	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Sat 7 March	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Farsi Fellowship کلیسای جامع پولس رسول ملبورن پذیرای فارسی زبانان عزیز می باشد و جلسات پرستشی به زبان فارسی، هر هفته شنبه ها ساعت ۱۲:۱۵ ظهر برگزار می شود 4pm Haydn's <i>The Seven Last Words of Christ</i> (<i>Ticketed event</i>)
Sun 8 March	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor</i> 10am Choral Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor</i> 1.00pm Mandarin Service 圣保罗大座堂有一个中文群体在每个星期日下午一点正崇拜 <i>Preacher: The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate</i> 4pm Choral Evensong <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor</i> 6pm Gather at St Paul's Sung Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter MacPherson, Canon for Preaching and Teaching</i>

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