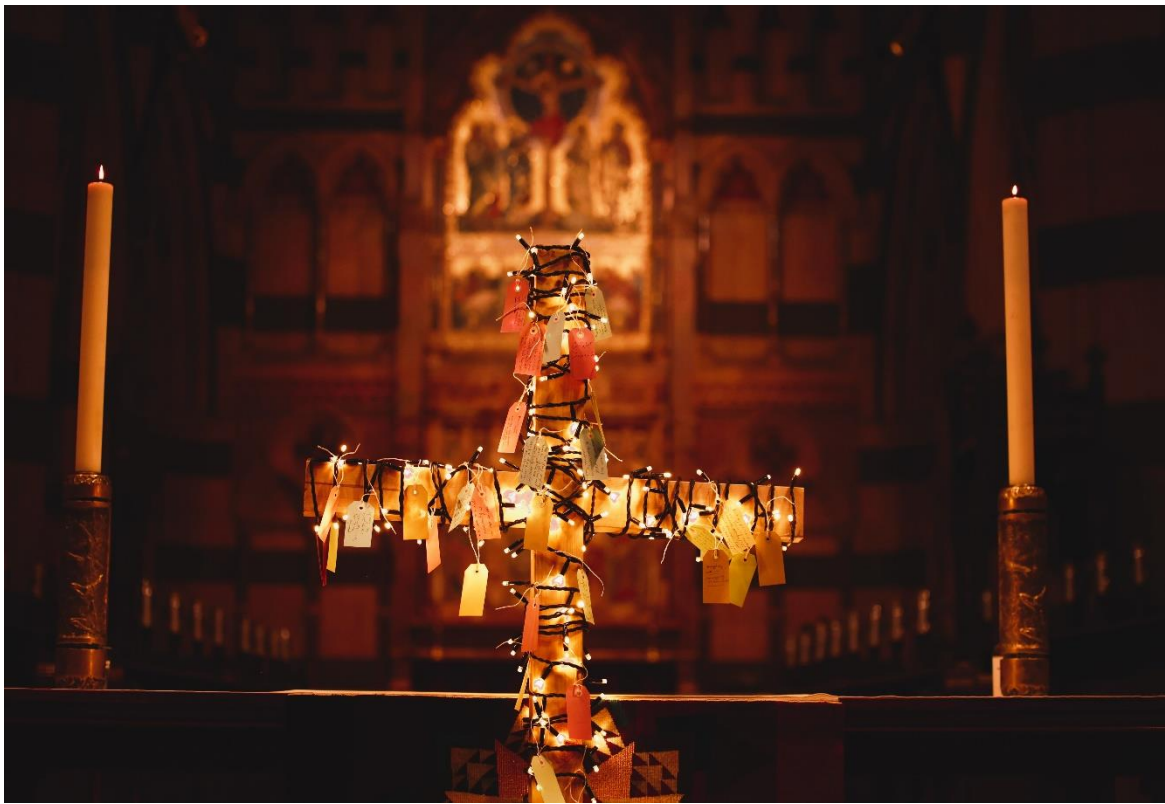


St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

# GATHER AT ST PAUL'S 6pm



Sunday 15 February 2026  
The Transfiguration

# Welcome to Gather at St Paul's

*Please stand as the clergy enter*

## Greeting and Acknowledgement of Country

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

We meet this evening on lands that were 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 we pay our respects to all First Nations people with us this evening.

Let us pray,

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Gathering Hymn – Immortal, invisible



1 Im - mor-tal, in - vi - si - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -  
ces - si - ble, hid from our eyes, most bles-sed, most glo-rious, the  
An-cient of Days, al - migh-ty, vic - to-rious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render, O help us to see,  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)  
*Australian Hymn Book 80*

# Confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations. Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Collect for the Day

O God, in the Transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children: make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# Bible Reading

2 Peter 1.16-21

*Read by His Honour Canon Paul Glass*

A reading from the Second Epistle General of Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy

ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

## Psalm 2

*Please join in saying the verses printed in bold*

Why are the nations in tumult: and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?

**The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together:**

**against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,**

‘Let us break their bonds asunder: let us throw off their chains from us.’

**He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:**

**the Lord will hold them in derision.**

Then will he speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury:

‘I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.’

**I will announce the Lord’s decree, that which he has spoken:**

**‘You are my son, this day have I begotten you.**

**‘Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:**

**the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.**

**‘You may break them with a rod of iron:**

**and shatter them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.’**

Now therefore be wise, O kings: be advised, you that are judges of the earth.

**Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:**

**lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.**

For his wrath is quickly kindled: blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

*Please stand*

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 17.1-9

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus

came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

## **Sermon**

*Please be seated*

*The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.  
**This is our faith.**  
**We believe and trust in one God,**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers**

*Please sit*

## **Peace**

*Please stand*

May the God of peace sanctify you:  
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness  
that you may be blameless before him  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

*1 Thess 5.23;3.13*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with the people next to you and remain standing for

## Offertory Hymn – Deck thyself

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1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad-ness, leave the gloo-my haunts of  
sad - ness; come in - to the day-light's splen-dour, there with  
joy thy - prai-ses ren - der un - to him whose grace un - boun-ded  
hath this won-drous ban-quet foun-ded: high o'er all the heavens he  
reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.

2  
Sun, who all my life dost brighten,  
Light, who dost my soul enlighten,  
Joy, the sweetest we e'er knoweth,  
Fount, whence all my being floweth,  
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessed food from heaven,  
for our good, thy glory, given.

3  
Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,  
let me gladly here obey thee;  
never to my hurt invited,  
be thy love with love requited:  
from this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Johann Franck (1618-1677), trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) *alt.*  
*Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 257*

## Prayer over the Gifts

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints,  
where heaven and earth unite.  
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.  
Blessed be God forever.

# Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke 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.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own language,

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser..., 我們在天上的父 ...,  
हे हमारे स्वरगिक पिता..., Bapa kami..., E to matou Matua..., 天の父よ ...,  
Ama namin..., Our Father who art ..., ...، باپ ہمارے اے ...، ...، الذي أبانا...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many, are one body: for we all share in the one bread.

## Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand*

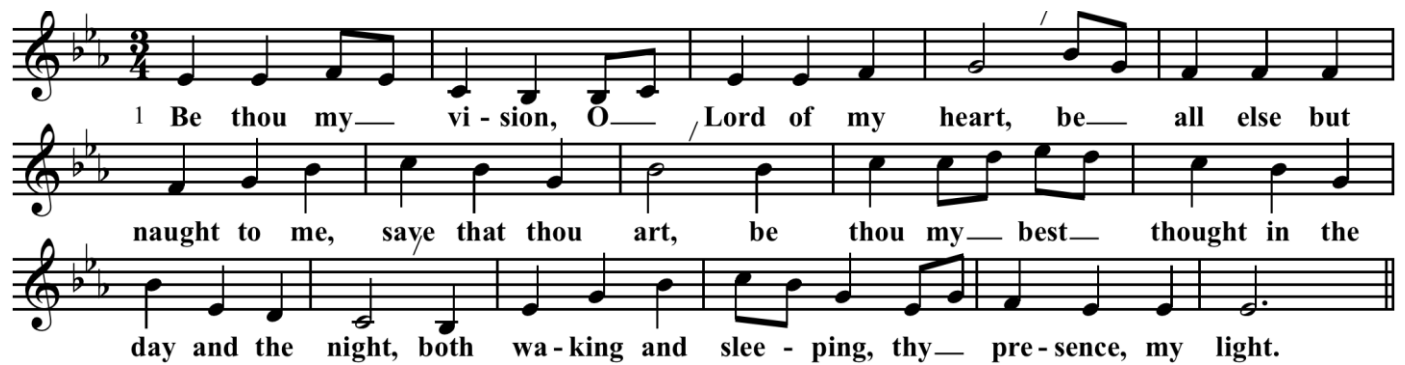
Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

## Notices

### Dismissal Hymn – Be Thou My Vision



Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
be thou my great Father, thy child let me be,  
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th century, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)  
Versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)  
*New English Hymnal* 339

## Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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## PRAY WITH US

**FOR THE WORLD** This week, we pray for Iran and the wider Middle East, where fear, conflict, and political tension weigh heavily upon daily life. We remember those living under threat of violence, those displaced from homes, those grieving loved ones, and those striving for peace amid deep division. We pray for Jewish people across the world in the face of rising antisemitism — for those who feel unsafe in their streets, schools, and places of worship. Strengthen them in hope, surround them with solidarity, and move the hearts of all people to reject hatred, prejudice, and violence in every form. We hold before you the nations and regions where extreme poverty crushes human flourishing — prosper the work of aid agencies and local leaders and help us to share more justly the resources of this earth. God of mercy, where there is war, bring peace; where there is hatred, sow love; where there is injustice, raise up courage; and where there is despair, kindle hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION** The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean (Bp Gilbert Rateloson Rakotondravelo).

**FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH** The Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Darrell Parker, Clergy & People).

**FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE** The Parish of St James' Dandenong (Graeme Peters, Oyem Amaylek, George Ladu).

**FOR OUR CATHEDRAL** Our Succentor, the Revd Lydia Thangadurai; leaders of Bible readings & intercessions; Associate Clergy, the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Ames, the Revd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacker, the Revd Dr Garry Deverell, the Revd Canon Prof. Dorothy Lee AM FAHA, the Revd Canon Philippa Lohmeyer-Collins, the Revd Canon Glenn Loughrey, the Revd Canon Peter MacPherson, the Ven Archdeacon Ray McInnes, the Revd Canon Robert Vun, and the Revd Canon Jane Window.

**FOR THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED** Stephen Ames, Cynthia Balderstone, Chris Carolane, Jessica Carr, Cecilia Cheng, Ken and Robyn Disting, Reynaldo Ferreccio, Cecilia Francis, Greg Hurworth, Lisa, Gaye Loughrey, Esme Mitchell, Mavis Payne, Alyssa Sigamoney, Skipper family, Vinson family, Lesley and Ray 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 WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK**

15 Bette Teed (Congregation) 2007

- Barbara Brinsley Darling (Bishop, Canon) 2015
- 16 Iain Charles Medgett (Lay Clerk) 1989
- 18 Edna Grace Thomas (wife of Dean Tom Thomas) 1994
- 18 Marjorie Georgina Arthur (Congregation, Anglican Historical Society) 2000
- Crawford Atchison Denman Pasco (Lay Canon) 1898
- 19 George Emery (Lay Canon) 1937
- 20 Francis Henry Joseph Archer (Lay Canon) 1958

## 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.

**Lunchtime Concert 1.15pm 18 February: Ash Wednesday Lunchtime Concert – Sarvenaz Monfaredi (Soprano) and Stephen Kerr (Organ)** Rooted in the spirit of Ash Wednesday, this program moves from reflection, sorrow, and the Passion of Christ to the hope that follows the Crucifixion. Works by J.S. Bach and Handel trace themes of repentance and sacrifice, while contemporary settings deepen the sense of inner contemplation. The final songs turn toward promise and light—calling the faithful to follow Christ, proclaim peace, and discover joy in abiding within the Lord's love.

*\* Please note the later start time, due to the Ash Wednesday Eucharist.*

**Lent Study** During Lent our Sunday morning study groups will be using the following resource: "Called to Care" by Jo Knight, CEO of Anglican Overseas Aid. Copies are now available from the Cathedral Shop. Jo will be here in person to start the series at both the 9.00am and 11.45am study groups on Sunday 22 February. If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to join in just come along and introduce yourself to the leaders. Any questions to Canon Peter MacPherson.

**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 their performance at St Paul's. 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, no questions asked. Tickets are accessible on the web via the QR code: simply select the amount you are able to pay when booking.



## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday	12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tuesday	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Wednesday	12.15pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion 1.15pm Lunchtime Concert: Sarvenaz Monfaredi (Soprano) and Stephen Kerr (Organ) 6pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday and Friday	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Saturday	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
Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> ) <i>Preacher: Ms Jo Knight</i> 10.00am Choral Eucharist <i>Preacher: Ms Jo Knight</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> 4.00pm Choral Evensong <i>Preacher: Canon Philip Nicholls, Director of Music</i> 6.00pm Gather at St Paul's Sung Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate</i>

## CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sundays during Services

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