



# St Paul's Cathedral

*Together transforming our City and Diocese*

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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

15 March 2026, 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!

At this service we follow Christ's command to remember him in the breaking of the bread. During the distribution of communion, all baptised Christians are welcome to receive and eat the bread and wine; others may receive a blessing. If you would prefer neither, please remain in your seat.

### **SERVICE LEADERS**

*President and Preacher:* The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor.

*Cantor:* Canon 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**

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

*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.

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.**

*Please be seated for the readings*

## THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16.1-13

*Read by Anthony de Silva Neto*

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him

trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

### PSALM 23

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

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

**He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters.**

He will refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

**Surely your goodness and loving-kindness**

**will follow me all the days of my life:**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

### THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 5.8-14

A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

<sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention

what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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 John:

9.1-41

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

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup>They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his

eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

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

**THE SERMON**

The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor

**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.

## THE OFFERTORY

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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 *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury, *Mark*, our Primate, *Ric*, 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 HOLY 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 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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

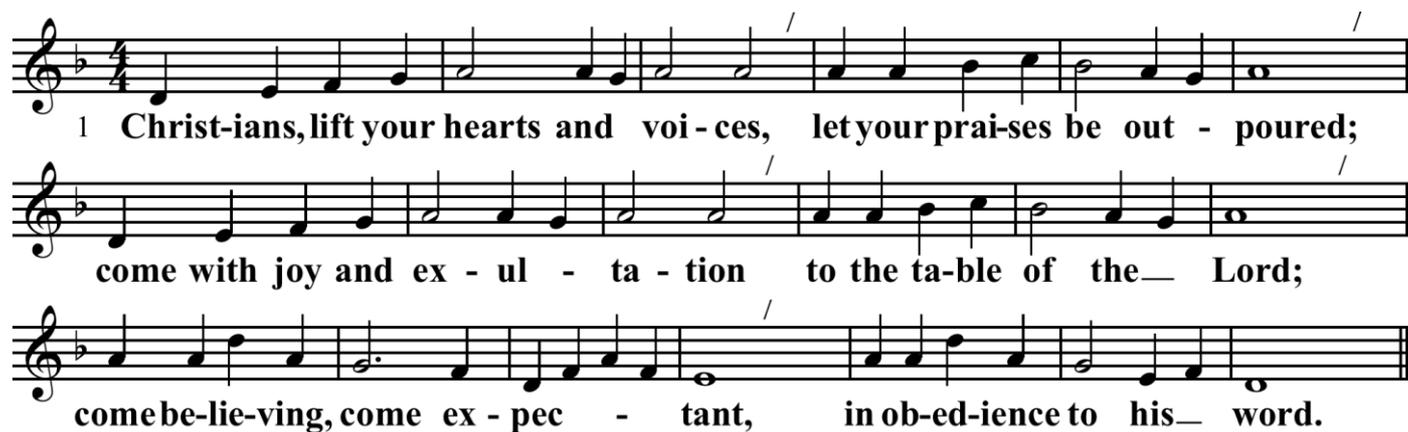
**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious 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 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 Christ-ians, lift your hearts and voi - ces, let your prai-ses be out - poured;  
come with joy and ex - ul - ta - tion to the ta-ble of the— Lord;  
come be-lie-ving, come ex - pec - tant, in ob-ed-i-ence to his— word.

2 See, presiding at his table,  
Jesus Christ our great high priest;  
where he summons all his people,  
none is greatest, none is least;  
graciously he bids them welcome  
to the eucharistic feast.

3 Lord, we offer in thanksgiving  
life and work for you to bless;  
yet unworthy is the offering,  
marred by pride and carelessness;  
so, Lord, pardon our transgressions,  
plant in us true holiness.

4 On the evening of his passion  
Jesus gave the wine and bread,  
so that all who love and serve him  
shall for evermore be fed.  
Taste and see the Lord is gracious,  
feed upon the living bread.

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*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 be seated for*

## 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** We pray for all caught in the conflicts of the Middle East—especially in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Iran, and surrounding regions—that leaders may seek wisdom and restraint, that violence may cease, and that justice and lasting peace may grow among all peoples. We remember civilians, families, aid workers, and refugees whose lives are torn apart by war. May God bring comfort to the grieving, protection to the vulnerable, and courage to those working for reconciliation. We pray for our fragile earth as it faces rising temperatures, extreme weather, and environmental loss. Give wisdom to governments, scientists, and communities to act with urgency and cooperation to safeguard the planet for future generations. We ask that God stir in all people a deeper reverence for creation and a commitment to peace, so that nations may turn from destruction and work together for the healing of the earth and the flourishing of all life.

**FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION** The Anglican Church of Kenya (Abp Jackson Ole Sapit).

**FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH** Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People).

**FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE** The Parish of St Barnabas' Glen Waverley (Maria Brand, Ginger Chen, Amanthi Lynch, Nathanael Thierry, Breannon Wilkinson).

**FOR OUR CATHEDRAL** Our Finance Manager, Patrick Kuah; Assistant to the Dean and Precentor, Joel McFadyen; Events Officer and Cathedral Secretary, Nathanael Armstrong; Operations and Compliance Officer, Stuart Tennant; Shop Supervisor, Fabio Perozzi; Admin Assistant, River Gammon; Liturgical Admin Assistant, Anthony Drakopoulos; Archivist, Dorothea Rowse; Vergers, Concierges and AV Technician; and Shop Assistants.

**FOR THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED** Stephen Ames, Cynthia Balderstone, Chris Carolane, Jessica Carr, Cecilia Cheng, David, 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 WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

- 17 Jenny Heffernan (Congregation) 1999
- 18 John Thomas Baglin (Priest, Canon) 1950  
Joseph Gordon Robinson (Lay Canon) 1963
- 19 Charles Robert Holmes (Diocesan Accountant) 1985
- 21 Christopher Nutter Thomas (Priest, Canon) 1986

## 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.

**Bible Studies** This Sunday March 15, both the 9.15am and 11.45am study groups will be led by Canon Peter MacPherson. We are looking at Chapter 4 of “Called to Care” by Jo Knight. Peter will provide a written summary of the chapter and some reflection questions so you don’t need to have a copy of the book. He will also have copies of the companion journal. Visitors and newcomers are welcome at either group. Come to the David Penman Room after morning tea. You can also download the “Called to Care” companion journal for free at <https://calledtocare.co/pages/resources>.

**Lunchtime Concert, Wed 18 March, 1pm: Ethan Zhang (Piano)** Ethan Zhang is a Year 5 student at Wesley College. In 2025, he won second prize in both the Oz Schools Instrumental Championships National Final and the Singapore International Music Competition. This performance marks his recital debut, and he will perform J.S. Bach’s Prelude and Fugue in D minor, Chopin’s Polonaise in A-flat major, Waltz in D-flat major, and Nocturne in E-flat major, and Berkovich’s Variations on a Theme by Paganini and Toccata.

**Listening In Lent, Sun 22 March, 9.00am and 11.45am** During Lent, Archbishop Ric has invited churches across the Diocese to participate in a season of prayerful listening together, to discern what God is saying about our shared life and future. On Sunday 22 March, Dean Andreas will lead two congregational “Listening in Lent” workshops after the 8am and 10am Eucharists. All are welcome to take part. To find out more: <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/listening-in-lent-resources/>

**Next Sunday 22 March** Caulfield Grammar School will be holding their foundation day service at the Cathedral. This means that there will be no 4pm Choral Evensong and the 1pm Mandarin service will be held in the Barbara Darling Room. The 6pm Gather service will be a Choral Eucharist at which the Dean will license the Revd Josephine Quinlan, Chaplain of Lowther Hall, as an Associate Minister at the Cathedral.

**Thursdays at Two, Thurs 26 March, 2pm** The next meeting of Thursdays at 2 will be held at 2.00pm on Thursday 26 March in the Barbara Darling Room. Our speaker will be Prof Peter Sherlock who will speak about his recently launched book, “Monuments of Westminster Abbey”. As always, everyone is welcome to attend, irrespective of age.

**Palm Sunday Walk for Justice** On Palm Sunday, Melbourne City Churches in Action will be running their annual Walk for Justice – this year’s theme is ‘We are Stronger Together’. Let’s stand together as Australians who have come from many lands, with the shared desire to live in peace and safety. The walk begins at 1pm on Princes Bridge, and finishes with speeches at the Red Stairs Amphitheatre around 3:30pm. All are welcome to join.

**Synod Rep Elections and Electoral Roll** We will soon be holding elections for our Synod reps, as mandated by the Archbishop. The election will be held on Sunday 26 April. Nominations for representatives will be open from 11 April, closing at 7.55am on Sunday 19 April. Any member of the electoral roll is eligible to nominate themselves. Nomination forms are available from the Cathedral Office. If the number of candidates do not exceed the number of vacancies, the nominated candidates will be declared without a vote. This also an opportunity to join the electoral roll. If you are not yet a member of our electoral roll, please ensure you contact the office for an application form before Monday 6 April. Electoral Roll applications close on EOD Wednesday 8 April. A reminder: those of you already enrolled do not have to re-enrol, though do let us know if your contact details have changed. Anyone who has been a regular worshipper over the past year, is over.

## 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 path to reconciliation outlined in the Statement from the Heart through Voice, Treaty, Truth Telling and Makarrata (Justice). 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 732 732 (1800 RESPECT) or 13 92 76 (13 YARN) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis Support.

## 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 38; Hebrews 12.1-11

**Tues:** Ps 40; Hebrews 12.12-24

**Wed:** Pss 41, 44.1-9; Hebrews 12.25-29

**Thurs:** Ps 45; Hebrews 13.1-6

**Fri:** Ps 48; Hebrews 13.7-17

**Sat:** Ps 50; Hebrews 13.18-25

*Next Sunday: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Ps 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45*

## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

- Mon 16 March  
12.15pm Holy Communion  
2.30pm English Conversation Class  
5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
- Tues 17 March  
12.15pm Holy Communion  
5.10pm Choral Evensong Farewelling Ms Anne Hywood,  
former General Secretary, Anglican Church of Australia
- Wed 18 March  
12.15pm Holy Communion  
1pm Lunchtime Concert: Ethan Zhang (Piano)  
5.10pm Choral Evensong
- Thurs 19 March  
12.15pm Holy Communion  
5.10pm Choral Evensong
- Fri 20 March  
12.15pm Holy Communion  
7.30pm University of Divinity Graduation Ceremony  
Open to School Community
- Sat 21 March  
12.15pm Holy Communion Celebrating Nowruz  
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 ۱۵:۱۲ ظهر برگزار می شود
- Sun 22 March  
8am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)  
*Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacher*  
10am Choral Eucharist  
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1pm 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  
*Preacher: The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate*  
2.30pm Caulfield Grammar Founders Day Service  
(*Open to school community*)  
6pm Gather at St Paul's Choral Eucharist  
*Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne*

### CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

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

### LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

Sunday 8am & 10am

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