



# St Paul's Cathedral

*Together transforming our City and Diocese*

## **Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

26 April 2026, 10 am

**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:* The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor; *Preacher:* The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate; *Deacon:* The Revd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacher, Associate Priest; *Sub-deacon:* The Revd Canon Peter MacPherson, Canon for Preaching and Teaching; the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral, directed by Canon Philip Nicholls.

**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 we cannot answer, please always leave a message and someone will get back to you – these messages are checked seven days a week and urgent pastoral concerns will be addressed in a timely way. 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 this service we follow Christ's command to remember him in the breaking of the bread. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive and eat the bread and wine. A welcomer will direct you. At the main altar rail, the common cup will be used. In the two side aisles, Communion is by intinction: the priest will dip the bread in the wine and place it into your hand. Please tell the priest if you would like to receive only bread, a gluten free wafer, or a blessing instead. If you require neither communion nor a blessing, please remain in your seat.

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

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE INTROIT HYMN



1 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, 'Come un-to me and rest; lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down thy head u - pon my breast:' I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a res - ting-place, and he has made me glad.

<sup>2</sup>  
I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

<sup>3</sup>  
I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-89)  
*Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard* 247

## THE GREETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*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 PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**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.**

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.**

*Please remain standing as the choir sings*

## THE GLORIA

*The Woods Service – June Nixon AM (b.1942)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep: send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Cathedral Children's Church leaves for child appropriate teaching and activities in the Barbara Darling Room. Parents, please sign your children in to this activity.*

*Please be seated for*

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **THE FIRST READING**

Acts 2.42-47

*Read by Craig Gray*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

### **PSALM 23**

*Chant: John Goss (1800-80)*

*Sung by the choir*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup>He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He will refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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**

1 Peter 2.1-10

*Read by Canon Laura Tsakmakis*

A reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand, and repeat the acclamation after the Cantor, then as indicated*



**Alleluia.** Your way was in the sea, your path in the great waters: and your footsteps were not seen. **Alleluia.** You led your people like sheep: by the hand of Moses and Aaron. **Alleluia.**

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

10.1-10

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus

used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

<sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE SERMON

The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate

THE NOTICES

## THE HOLY BAPTISM

THE PREPARATION

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Today we obey that command.

Children are baptised in response to God’s all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their child for baptism. Before this congregation, the parents and godparents must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring Jayden up in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time Jayden should make his own response to God and be prepared for confirmation.

So we welcome you Jayden with your family and friends. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God’s love and faithfulness for ever.

THE PRESENTATION

*The minister says to the parents and godparents*

I invite Jayden’s sponsors to present him now.

*Parents and Godparents: **We present Jayden to be baptised.***

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Jayden for baptism?

*Parents and Godparents: **I will.***

Are you willing to answer on his behalf?

*Parents and Godparents: **I am.***

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love,  
will you encourage him in the life and faith of the Christian community?  
*Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.*

## THE DECISION

Before God and this congregation, I invite you to affirm that you turn to Christ  
and reject all that is evil, and so I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

*Parents and Godparents: I turn to Christ.*

Do you repent of your sins?

*Parents and Godparents: I repent of my sins.*

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

*Parents and Godparents: I reject them all.*

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

*Parents and Godparents: I renounce all that is evil.*

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God  
with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

*Parents and Godparents: I will with God's help.*

*The Priest says to the congregation*

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

*Congregation: We will.*

*The Priest says*

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that Jayden may be so buried with Christ in baptism that  
the new nature may be raised up in him: May the fruit of your Spirit grow and  
flourish in him. **Amen.**

Give to Jayden's parents, Kanu and Queen, and his godparents Foster, Nnenna,  
Elvis and Bukola, the desire to share with him what you have revealed in your  
holy gospel. May they know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the  
fellowship and service of his Church. May they proclaim, by word and example,  
the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

As members together of the Body of Christ, we pray for God's church throughout  
the world, and particularly for those worshipping communities and people who

have asked for our prayers. We give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith, those we have loved but see no longer. Lord, grant your peace to this world for which Jesus died, and hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The Priest stands at the font and begins the thanksgiving.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for your son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that you have called your servant Jayden to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that Jayden who is baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May he die to sin, rise to newness of life and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

I now ask you all to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith:**

**We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*As Jayden is brought to the water the minister says*

Ifechukwu Jayden Chinemere, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The minister makes a cross on Jayden's forehead.*

Jayden, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

*Congregation:* **Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,  
look for his coming in glory.**

#### **AFTER BAPTISM**

*A candle is presented as a sign of the light of Christ. The minister says*

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

*Congregation:* **Shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

God has called you into his Church:

*Congregation:* **We therefore receive and welcome you as members with us of the body of Christ, as children of the one heavenly Father and as an inheritor of the Kingdom of God.**

*The newly baptised is greeted with applause.*

#### **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Please stand*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

*The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace, and remain standing to sing*

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

*A collection is received. We rely entirely on your gift. Please be generous. If the ushers can't reach you, please use the donation towers around the Cathedral, donate online via our website [www.cathedral.org.au/donate](http://www.cathedral.org.au/donate) using the QR code, or by EFT BSB: 083-088, Account: 53-728-8315*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to-rious King:  
who hath washed us in the tide flow-ing from his pier-ced side;  
praise we him whose love di-vine gives the guests his blood for wine,  
gives his bo - dy for the feast, Love the Vic-tim, Love the Priest.

2  
Where the paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

3  
Mighty victim from on high  
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
thou hast conquered in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light.  
Now no more can death appal,  
now no more the grave enthral:  
thou hast opened Paradise,  
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4  
Easter triumph, Easter joy,  
sin alone can this destroy;  
from sin's power do thou set free  
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory and of praise,  
risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
holy Father, praise to thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.

Latin, tr. Robert Campbell (1814-68)  
*New English Hymnal* 104

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God forever.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world. And now we give you thanks that you raised him in triumph from the dead. By his death, he has destroyed death and by his rising to life again has restored us to eternal life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings*

## THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*The Woods Service – June Nixon*

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.

*The priest continues with the words of institution*

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'  
After supper he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

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

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship 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 ..., Πάτερ ἡμῶν...  
हे हमारे स्वरगिक पिता..., Bapa kami..., E to matou Matua..., 天の父よ ...,  
ای پدر ما که در آسمانی،... الَّذِي أَبَانَا...، بمارے اے...**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING 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.

#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Come, let us celebrate the feast.

## THE MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### THE AGNUS DEI

*The Woods Service – June Nixon*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us your peace.

### THE ANTHEM

*Most glorious Lord of life – William Harris (1883-1973)*

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin, and having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didest die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity.

And that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought; Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

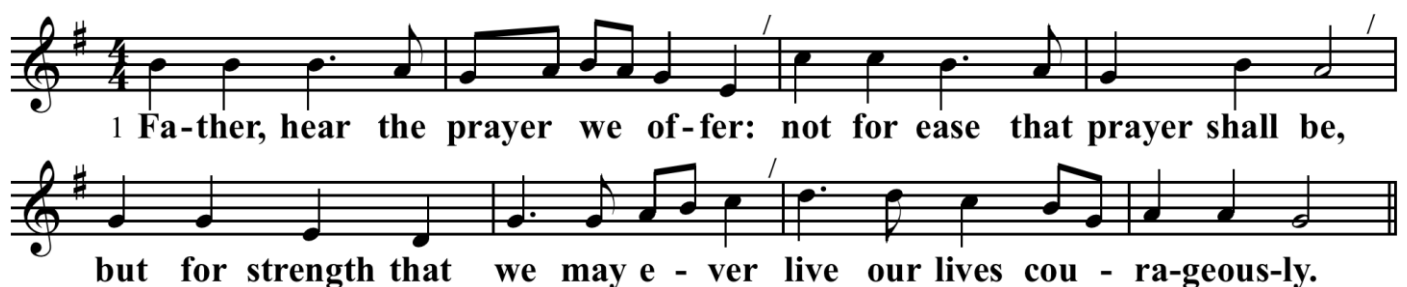
*Please stand*

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith, that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*All visitors are warmly invited to join the regular congregation for Morning Tea after the service in the Barbara Darling Room—if you don't know where to go, please ask.*

### THE DISMISSAL HYMN



1 Fa-ther, hear the prayer we of-fer: not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may e - ver live our lives cou - ra-geous-ly.

<sup>2</sup>  
Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.

<sup>3</sup>  
Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.

<sup>4</sup>  
Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.

Maria Willis (1824-1908)  
*New English Hymnal* 357

#### THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; 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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Procession* – June Nixon: Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

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## PRAY WITH US

**FOR THE WORLD** In this week in which the world remembered “Earth Day”, we give thanks for the beauty of creation and pray that we and all people will work towards the right use of, and preservation of resources of the earth. We pray for a world in which every person is seen, valued, and respected. In times of division and misunderstanding, grant us humility, compassion, and the grace to recognise your image in one another. We pray for all who work to protect and restore health across the world. Strengthen those who care for the sick, guide public health efforts, and bring healing and hope to all in need.

**FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION** The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Abp Henry Ndukuba).

**FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH** The Diocese of Willochra: Bishop Jeremy James; St Peter and St Paul Cathedral, Dean Mark Hawkes; clergy, lay ministers and people; Anglican Kindergartens.

**FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE** Oodthenong Episcopate, Archdeaconry of the Yarra, Deanery of the Yarra/Plenty: Anglican Parish of Banyule, St Peter’s Bundoora, St Margaret’s Eltham, All Saints’ Greensborough, St Matthew’s Panton Hill with St Andrew’s St Andrews, Christ Church Whittlesea with St Peter’s Kinglake, St Matthias’ Mernda, St John’s Diamond Creek with St Katherine’s St Helena.

**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, John Beze, Chris Carolane, Jessica Carr, Cecilia Cheng, David, Aaron Deepak, Ken and Robyn Dusting, Helen Dwyer, Reynaldo Ferreccio, Cecilia Francis, Greg Hurworth, Gaye Loughrey, Esme Mitchell, Mavis Payne, Colin Roberts, Alyssa Sigamoney, Skipper family, Lauren Tenace, 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

- 27 April Richard Sherwood (Priest, 4<sup>th</sup> Precentor) 1970
- 28 Janet, Lady Clarke (Benefactor) 1909
- 29 Joseph Reed (2<sup>nd</sup> Cathedral Architect) 1890  
George Yacoub (1<sup>st</sup> Cathedral Administrator) 2018
- 30 Dame Mabel Brookes 1975  
Doris Blee (Congregation) 1980
- 1 May Francis Grey-Smith (Lay Canon, Treasurer) 1900
- 2 Betty Hollyer (Congregation) 1987

## 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** The 9.15am study group will be discussing the sermon with the morning preacher, Rev Simon Li. The focus is John 10:1-10 in which Jesus describes himself as both a shepherd and a gate. At the 11.45am study John Morshead will begin a two-week focus on the Old Testament. Study 1, April 26 **WHAT IS THE BIBLE ABOUT?** looks at the nature of scripture and an overview of the types of literature that we find in the Old Testament. Study 2, May 3 **GOD'S BIG PICTURE** looks at the unity or common thread that runs through the whole Old Testament, following the story line from Genesis to the start of the New Testament. Both study groups meet in the David Penman Room after morning tea. Newcomers and visitors welcome.

**Lunchtime Concert, Thursday 30 April, 1pm: Jasmine Lai (Piano)** 19-year-old Jasmine Lai is a multi-awarded young composer-pianist. She studies piano with Glenn Riddle and is currently a second-year student at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music. Jasmine has recently been awarded scholarships from the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music and the Theme and Variations Foundation. She will perform Chopin's *Étude in C minor, Op. 25, No. 12*, Haydn's *Piano Sonata in B-flat major, Hob. XVI 41 (mvt. I)*, Liszt's *Les Cloches de Genève*, and Bacewicz's *Piano Sonata No. 2*.

**Guest Preachers, Sunday 3 May** At our 8am and 10am services next week, we join Anglican Churches around Australia in marking Domestic Violence Sunday: our preacher is the Right Revd Genieve Blackwell, Bishop of the Oodthenong Episcopate and chair, General Synod Families and Culture Commission; we also welcome the Revd Tracy Lauerson, Families and Culture National Program Manager. At our 4pm and 6pm services, our guest preacher is Joel Field, Strategic Relationship Manager for Prison Fellowship in Victoria. Joel has spent many years in pastoral ministry, and counts it a privilege to partner with churches in sharing the hope of Christ with inmates and families, seeing lives transformed by His grace.

**Multi-Faith Holocaust Memorial Service, Tuesday 5 May, 7pm** Join us at the Miriam Performing Arts Centre at Our Lady of Sion College, Box Hill 3128, for a multi-faith Holocaust Memorial Service on the eve of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) to remember, reflect and commit to justice. Against a backdrop of rising antisemitism — including the tragic targeting of Jewish community members at Bondi Beach — and growing Islamophobia and racism, the service calls us to work together in mutual trust and respect for a more compassionate and just world. School groups are warmly encouraged to attend. Kosher supper from 6.30 pm;

Memorial Service 7.00 pm; Concludes 8.15 pm. Register online: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1562689>

**Sharwood Lecture, Wed 20 May, 7.30pm** The St Paul's Cathedral community is cordially invited to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Sharwood Lecture in Church Law at Trinity College on 20 May (7:30pm). This year's lecturer will be our former archbishop The Rt Revd Dr Philip Freier, whose lecture is entitled "Constitutional Anglicanism and the Synodal Governance Journey." Admission is free but bookings are essential: [www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/whats-happening/events/2026-sharwood-lecture](http://www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/whats-happening/events/2026-sharwood-lecture)

**Cathedral Synod Representatives** Nominations for the new Synod closed last Sunday. As a legislative body, Synod is modelled on the Westminster parliament, with three 'Houses': the House of Bishops, the House of Clergy, and the House of Laity. Three congregational members nominated for three vacancies in the House of Laity. All were duly appointed. In the coming Synod our lay representatives are Bronwyn Clark and Robyn Teed, with Jerome David serving as alternate. Two further members of the House of Laity represent St Paul's in Synod: Philip Nicholls, a member of the Provincial Council, and Peter Sherlock, a member of the Council of the Diocese. They are joined by the Cathedral clergy who are members of Synod's House of Clergy. Thank you to our outgoing Synod representatives Canon Paul Glass and Jenny Liggett.

**Transition from Fossil Fuel Treaty** There's currently no international framework specifically designed to manage a fair transition away from fossil fuels: the landmark Paris Agreement does not mention coal, oil or gas. That gap may soon be addressed: the first global summit on a fossil fuel phase-out treaty will be held in Colombia this week, 28-29 April. Among those calling for a Treaty are GreenFaith, the World Council of Churches, the Laudato Si Movement, Ummah for Earth, Soka Gakkai, and the Vatican. The idea for a formal Treaty originated in the Pacific, championed especially by Tuvalu and Vanuatu, nations whose existence is threatened by rising seas. Dean Andreas has signed the petition, and you can also add your voice to advocate for a Transition Treaty by signing the online petition (<https://bit.ly/3Qe2k9z>).

## 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 140; 1 Corinthians 3.18-4.5

**Thurs:** Pss 148, 149; 1 Corinthians 6.1-11

**Tues:** Pss 143, 146; 1 Corinthians 4.6-21

**Fri:** Pss 1, 2; 1 Corinthians 6.12-20

**Wed:** Ps 145; 1 Corinthians 5

**Sat:** Pss 5, 6; 1 Corinthians 7.1-11

*Next Sunday: Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5, 17-18; 1 Peter 2.11-25; John 14.1-14*

## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mon 27 April	12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tues 28 April	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Wed 29 April	1.45pm Korowa Anglican Girls' School Service (Open to school community) 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Thurs 30 April	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Jasmine Lai (Piano) 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Fri 1 May	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Sat 2 May	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
Sun 3 May	8am Holy Communion ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> ) <i>Preacher: The Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell, Bishop of Oodthenong</i> 10am Choral Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell, Bishop of Oodthenong</i> 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 <i>Preacher: The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate</i> 4pm Choral Evensong <i>Preacher: Mr Joel Field, Prison Fellowship in Victoria</i> 6pm Gather at St Paul's Sung Eucharist <i>Preacher: Mr Joel Field, Prison Fellowship in Victoria</i>

### CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

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

### LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

Sunday 8am & 10am