



# St Paul's Cathedral

*Together transforming our City and Diocese*

## Choral Evensong with Prayers for Peace in the Middle East

The Third Sunday After Easter

26 April 2026, 4pm

### WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We want to be a place of transformation for our city and church where all people can come to experience and know God's love in Christ Jesus. We are an international community and are delighted that you're here!

### SERVICE LEADERS

*Officiant:* The Revd Canon Chris Carolane, Canon Pastor. *Preacher:* The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne. The Cathedral Choir, directed by Canon Philip Nicholls.

### THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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

### THE INTROIT HYMN

1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, **Al - le - lu - ia!**  
Eg-ypt's chains be - hind we cast, **Al - le - lu - ia!** deep and wide  
flows the tide sever-ing us - from bon-dage past, **Al - le - lu - ia!**

**In that cloud and in that sea, *Alleluia!*  
buried and baptized were we, *Alleluia!*  
earthly night brought us light,  
shall be ours eternally. *Alleluia!***

**Then, deceitful world, adieu, *Alleluia!*  
heavenly reign in nearer view, *Alleluia!*  
Christ our love draws above,  
dead with him and risen anew. *Alleluia!***

Ronald Knox (1888-1957) alt.  
*Together in Song* 384

## THE GREETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

*The officiant welcomes the people, and acknowledges the Country on which we meet*

We meet on land that was taken, not ceded—the Sovereign Country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We give thanks for their ancestors, acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country, and pay our respects to all First Peoples here today.

## THE BIDDING

*The Dean of Melbourne, the Very Reverend Dr Andreas Loewe prays*

As we stand before God in prayer for all who are suffering, and especially in prayer for those living amid war and conflict in the Middle East—in Lebanon, Israel and Palestine, Iran and the Gulf States: we ask that the light of Christ may shine in their darkness, and that by our witness, prayer and action we may bear one another's burdens and so fulfil God's law of love.

*Galatians 6.2*

And so we pray to our crucified and risen Lord who promised to be with us in times of suffering as well as joy.

Give us the courage to make for peace and work for reconciliation:  
May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring strength  
in suffering to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.

Give us the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred:  
May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers,  
bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

Give us the courage to give up our own quarrels, strife and division:  
May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole,  
bring peace and direction as we live together as members of the same body.

Give us the courage to live for others,  
giving time, care and comfort to the sick and those in need:  
May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing,  
and the light of his presence fill their lives.

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death  
and to commend those who have died in faith to God's eternal care:  
May the risen Lord Jesus, whose feet were once nailed to the cross,  
walk alongside the dying and bereaved, and lead them and all your Church,  
through death to the gate of glory.

Give us courage, risen Lord, and do not abandon us in our desolation,  
keep your people safe in the midst of trouble, and complete your purpose for us  
through your steadfast love and faithfulness, for you are live and reign, with the  
Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### THE RESPONSES

Thomas Morley (c.1557-1602)

O Lord, open thou our lips;  
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord;  
the Lord's name be praised.

*Please be seated for the Bible readings*

#### PSALM 98

*Chant: June Nixon (b.1942)*

*Cantate Domino*

<sup>1</sup>O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

<sup>2</sup>With his own right hand, and with his holy arm:  
hath he gotten himself the victory.

<sup>3</sup>The Lord declared his salvation:  
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

<sup>4</sup>He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel:  
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

<sup>5</sup>Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands:  
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

<sup>6</sup>Praise the Lord upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets also, and shawms:

O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is:

the round world, and they that dwell therein.

<sup>9</sup>Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for he is come to judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup>With righteousness shall he judge the world: and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7.9-17

*Read in English by Nicholas Hurley and in Arabic by the Reverend Tereaza Audo*

Here begins the ninth verse of the seventh chapter of the Revelation of Saint John the Divine.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

بَعْدَ هَذَا تَظَرْتُ، فَإِذَا يَجْمَعُ عَظِيمٌ لَا يُحْصَى، مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ وَعَشِيرَةٍ وَشَعْبٍ وَلُغَةٍ. كَانُوا يَقْفُونَ أَمَامَ الْعَرْشِ<sup>9</sup>  
وَأَمَامَ الْحَمْلِ وَهُمْ يَزْتَدُونَ ثِيَابًا بَيْضَاءَ، وَيَحْمِلُونَ سَعْفَتَ نَخِيلٍ فِي أَيْدِيهِمْ،<sup>10</sup> وَيَهْتَفُونَ: «الْحَلَاصُ يَبْدُ إِلَهَنَا  
الْجَالِسُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ، وَيَبْدُ الْحَمْلِ». <sup>11</sup> فَخَرَّ كُلُّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْوَاقِفِينَ أَمَامَ الْعَرْشِ، وَالشُّيُوخِ وَالْكَائِنَاتِ الْحَيَّةِ  
:الْأَزْبَعَةِ، وَسَجَدُوا لِلَّهِ<sup>12</sup> وَقَالُوا

،أَمِينَ! الْحَمْدُ وَالْمَجْدُ وَالْحِكْمَةُ»  
،وَالشُّكْرُ وَالْإِكْرَامُ، وَالْقُدْرَةُ وَالْقُوَّةُ  
«لِإِلَهِنَا إِلَى أَبَدِ الْأَبَدِينَ، أَمِينَ»

«عِنْدَهَا سَأَلَنِي أَحَدُ الشُّيُوخِ: مَنْ هُمْ أَوْلَئِكَ الَّذِينَ يَزْتَدُونَ الْأَثْوَابَ الْبَيْضَاءَ، وَمِنْ أَيْنَ أَتَوْا؟<sup>13</sup>

«لِقَاجِبَتِهِ: سَيِّدِي، أَنْتِ تَعْلَمُ<sup>14</sup>

فَقَالَ لِي: «إِنَّهُمْ الَّذِينَ أَتَوْا مِنَ الضِّيْقَةِ الْعَظِيمَةِ. لَقَدْ غَسَلُوا أَثْوَابَهُمْ بِدَمِ الْحَمْلِ فَصَارَتْ بَيْضَاءَ. <sup>15</sup> لِيَذَلِكَ  
سَيَكُونُونَ أَمَامَ عَرْشِ اللَّهِ، وَيَعْبُدُونَهُ فِي هَيْكَلِهِ نَهَارًا وَلَيْلًا. وَالْجَالِسُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ سَيُظِلُّهُمْ، <sup>16</sup> فَلَا يَجُوعُونَ  
أَبَدًا وَلَا يَعْطَشُونَ. وَالشَّمْسُ لَنْ تُؤْذِيَهُمْ وَلَا آيَةٌ حَرَارَةٍ لَادِعَةٍ، <sup>17</sup> لِأَنَّ الْحَمَلَ الَّذِي أَمَامَ الْعَرْشِ سَيَرعَاهُمْ  
». وَيَقُودُهُمْ إِلَى يَتَابِيعِ مَاءِ الْحَيَاةِ. وَسَيَمْسُحُ اللَّهُ كُلَّ دَمْعَةٍ مِنْ عَيْنِهِمْ

Here ends the First Lesson.

*Please stand as the Choir sings*

#### THE MAGNIFICAT

*Evening Service in C – C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)*

*The Song of Mary, St Luke 1.46-55*

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 10.1-10

Read in English by Canon Laura Tsakmakis and in Farsi by the Reverend Leili Shirmast

Here begins the tenth chapter of the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

“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.

«<sup>۱</sup> آمین، آمین، به شما می‌گویم، آن که از در به آغل گوسفندان داخل نشود، بلکه از راهی دیگر بالا رود، دزد و راهزن است <sup>۲</sup> اما آن که از در به درون آید، شبان گوسفندان است <sup>۳</sup> دربان، در بر او می‌گشاید و گوسفندان به صدای او گوش فرا می‌دهند؛ او گوسفندان خویش را به نام می‌خواند، و آنها را بیرون می‌برد <sup>۴</sup> چون همه گوسفندان خود را بیرون ببرد، پیشاپیش آنها گام برمی‌دارد و گوسفندان از پی او می‌روند، زیرا صدایش را می‌شناسند <sup>۵</sup> اما هرگز از پی بیگانه نمی‌روند، بلکه از او می‌گریزند، زیرا صدای بیگانگان را نمی‌شناسند.»

<sup>۶</sup> عیسی این تمثیل را برایشان بیان کرد، اما آنان درنیافتند بدیشان چه می‌گوید.

<sup>۷</sup> پس بار دیگر بدیشان گفت: «آمین، آمین، به شما می‌گویم، من برای گوسفندان، 'در' هستم؛ <sup>۸</sup> آنان که پیش از من آمدند، همگی دزد و راهزنند، اما گوسفندان به آنان گوش فرا ندادند <sup>۹</sup> من 'در' هستم؛ هر که از راه من داخل شود نجات خواهد یافت، و آزادانه به درون خواهد آمد و بیرون خواهد رفت و چراگاه خواهد یافت <sup>۱۰</sup> دزد نمی‌آید جز برای دزدیدن و کشتن و نابود کردن؛ من آمده‌ام تا ایشان حیات داشته باشند و از آن به فراوانی بهره‌مند شوند.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

*Please stand as the Choir sings*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Evening Service in C – Stanford*

*The Song of Simeon, St Luke 2.29-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy**

**Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,**

**dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the**

**dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the**

**Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of**

**Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, and the Life**

**everlasting. Amen.**

*The Choir sings*

**THE LESSER LITANY**

Morley

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And**

**lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

## THE RESPONSES

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Remain seated as the choir sings*

## THE ANTHEM

*A Gaelic Blessing – John Rutter (b.1945)*

Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Led by the Reverend Sandy Boyce and the Right Reverend Dr Paul Barker*

*Bishop Paul:* As we gather in a time of fear and fragile hope, let us pray for the victims of the war in the Middle East, for peace in the lands our Lord walked and other near-by nations, and for the day when every tear shall be wiped away.

We pray for all who have suffered in this brutal conflict; acknowledging the dead of this war—combatants and civilians, the old and the very young—and for the orphaned, the widowed, and the bereaved who gather up their memories like a robe to be washed.

*Reverend Sandy:* We grieve before you the dead of Israel and Palestine, of Gaza and Lebanon, of Iran and the Gulf States, of Syria, Jordan and Egypt, and of every land touched by this conflict. Shepherd of souls, gather them into your pasture.

Good Shepherd: **hear our prayer.**

*Bishop Paul:* We pray for the wounded and the traumatised, for those who will carry the scars of war long after missiles and drones have fallen silent.

*Reverend Sandy:* For children who have known only the sound of sirens; for hospitals without power, and for families sheltering in ruins. Lamb of God, have mercy.

Good Shepherd: **hear our prayer.**

*Bishop Paul:* We pray for the displaced and the diaspora; for families separated by borders, by blackouts, and by silence.

*Reverend Sandy:* We pray for the Farsi-speaking congregation here at the Cathedral and elsewhere across this Diocese, for the Arabic-speaking congregation in this Diocese, and for all who wait by telephones for news of loved ones.

Good Shepherd: **hear our prayer.**

*Bishop Paul:* We pray for those whose quiet work keeps the fragile ceasefire holding: for diplomats and mediators, for aid workers and medics, for chaplains and interpreters.

*Reverend Sandy:* We pray for the ancient Churches of the region, bearing patient witness under pressure; for imams, rabbis and pastors who refuse to let faith and language be bent into weapons.

Good Shepherd: **hear our prayer.**

*Bishop Paul:* We pray for those whom Jesus names thieves and bandits: the war-mongers, the arms traders, and those who trade in fear.

*Reverend Sandy:* We pray that the profiteers of destruction, and all whose power rests on the suffering of others, may hear the voice of the Shepherd, turn, and live.

**Good Shepherd: hear our prayer.**

*Bishop Paul:* We pray for our own community, called to speak up and out against every perversion of the Gospel used to justify killing and theft.

*Reverend Sandy:* Give us courage to resist voices that dress violence in holy clothing, and ears tuned only to the accent of the Good Shepherd.

**Good Shepherd: hear our prayer.**

*Bishop Paul:* We pray for ourselves, confronted in body and spirit by a war that has come home: in our travel, our fuel, our family ties, our news feeds.

*Reverend Sandy:* Steady our hands, calm our anxieties, and make us bearers of your peace in the places where we work, worship and live.

**Good Shepherd: hear our prayer.**

*Bishop Paul:* O God of every nation, every tribe, every people and language, whose Son is both Lamb and Shepherd, both sheep and gate: hear the prayers we have offered with two voices and one heart. Wash every tear-stained robe, gather your scattered flock, and bring in that day when the noise of war shall be heard no more, and we shall sing with all the saints: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb'. **Amen.**

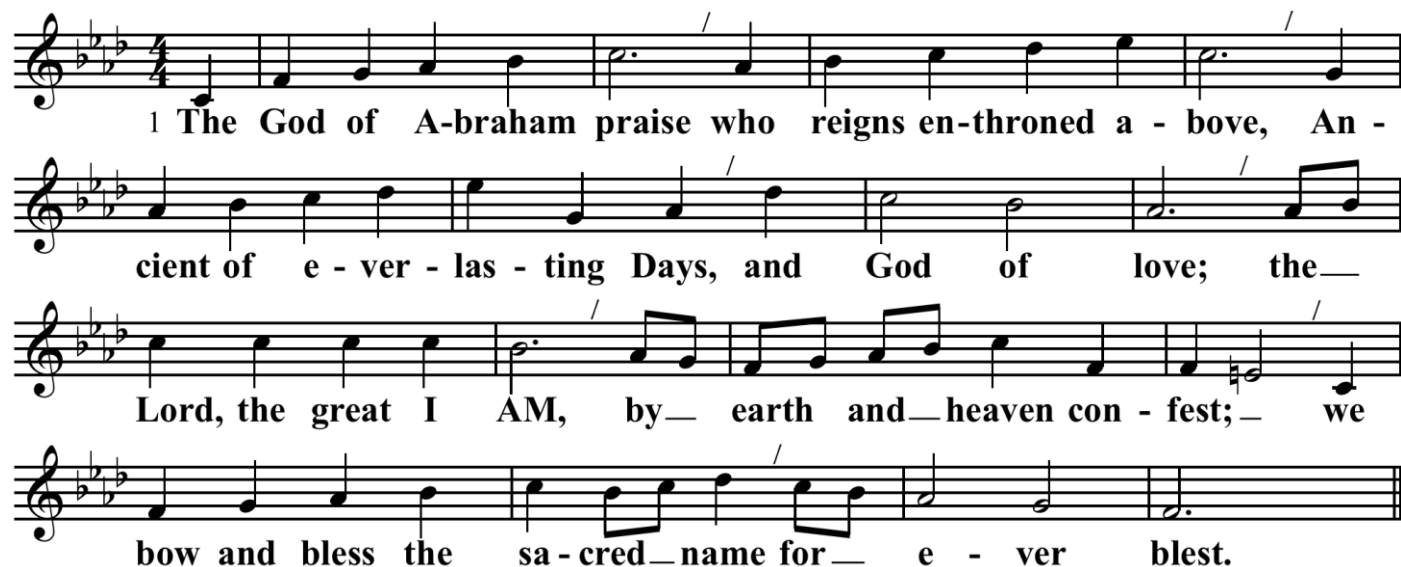
*Stand to sing*

## THE HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

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1 The God of A-braham praise who reigns en-throned a - bove, An -  
cient of e - ver - las - ting Days, and God of love; the—  
Lord, the great I AM, by— earth and— heaven con - fest;— we  
bow and bless the sa - cred— name for — e - ver blest.

<sup>2</sup>  
**The God of Abraham praise,  
 at whose supreme command  
 from earth we rise and seek the joys  
 at his right hand;  
 we all on earth forsake,  
 its wisdom, fame, and power;  
 and him our only portion make,  
 our shield and tower.**

<sup>3</sup>  
**The God who reigns on high  
 the great archangels sing,  
 and 'Holy, Holy, Holy!' cry,  
 'almighty King,  
 who was, and is the same,  
 and evermore shall be:  
 the Lord, our Father, great I AM  
 we worship Thee.'**

<sup>4</sup>  
**Before the Saviour's face  
 the ransomed nations bow,  
 o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace,  
 for ever new;  
 he shows his prints of love –  
 they kindle to a flame,  
 and sound through all the worlds above  
 the slaughtered Lamb.**

<sup>5</sup>  
**The whole triumphant host  
 give thanks to God on high;  
 'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'  
 they ever cry.  
 Hail, Abraham's God, and mine,  
 (I join the heavenly lays,)  
 all might and majesty are thine,  
 and endless praise.**

Thomas Olivers (1725-99)  
*Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 331*

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

THE SERMON

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne

*Stand to sing*

THE DISMISSAL HYMN

1 Put\_ peace in - to each\_ oth - er's hands and\_

like a trea - sure\_ hold it, pro - tect it

like a can - dle - flame, with ten - der - ness en - fold it.

<sup>2</sup>  
**Put peace into each other's hands  
 with loving expectation;  
 be gentle in your words and ways,  
 in touch with God's creation.**

<sup>3</sup>  
**Give thanks for strong yet tender hands,  
 held out in trust and blessing.  
 Put peace into each other's hands:  
 the Peace that sought and found you.**

Fred Kaan (1922-2009) alt.  
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## THE BLESSING

*Bishop Paul:*

The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace, now and forevermore: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Resurrection Fanfare* – June Nixon (b.1942)

Dr Mark Slavec, Cathedral Sub-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>).

## 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