



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer

The Fifth Sunday After Easter

10 May 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.

THE SERVICE LEADERS

President and Preacher: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor.

Cantor: Canon Philip Nicholls, Director of Music.

THE 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.

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17.22-31

Read by Nicholas Hurley

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he

allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

PSALM 66.7-19

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

O bless our God, you peoples: and cause his praises to resound,

Who has held our souls in life: who has not suffered our feet to slip.

For you have proved us, O God: you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net: you laid sharp torment on our loins.

You let our enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water:
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

I will come into your house with burnt-offerings: and I will pay you my vows,

The vows that opened my lips: that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.

**I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts,
with the sweet smoke of rams:**

I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.

Come then and hear, all you that fear God:

and I will tell what he has done for me.

I called to him with my mouth: and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished wickedness in my heart: the Lord would not have heard me.

But God has heard me: he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Praise be to God:

who has not turned back my prayer, or his steadfast love from me.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3.8-22

A reading from the First Epistle of Saint Peter.

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on

the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. ¹⁰For

“Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. ¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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:

14.15-21

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and

those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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 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 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.

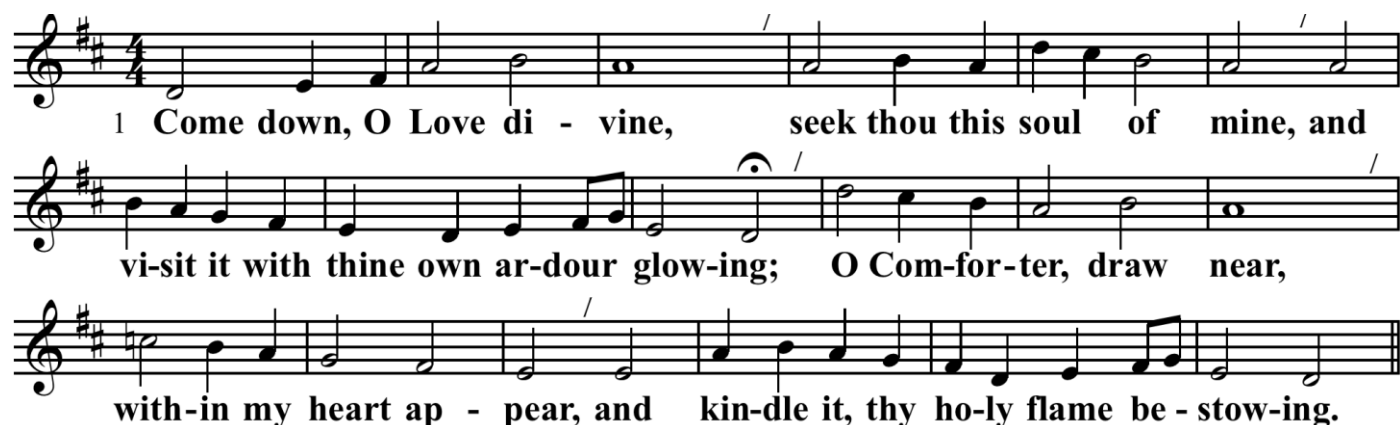
Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

THE 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 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine, and
vi-sit it with thine own ar-dour glow-ing; O Com-for-ter, draw near,
with-in my heart ap - pear, and kin-dle it, thy ho-ly flame be - stow-ing.

2
O let it freely burn
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat
consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.

3
Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness
become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

4
And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Bianco da Siena (d.1434), tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-90)
Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 156i

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 stand

THE GLORIA

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. 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 people throughout the world who are seeking to know and worship God, that they may come to know the one true God through Jesus Christ. We thank God that Jesus is the prince of peace and continue to pray that peace may come to reign in all places where there is war, violence and unrest, especially remembering the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, and Myanmar. Grant wisdom to world leaders, protection to civilians, comfort to those who mourn, and courage to all who work for justice and reconciliation. We pray that the Strait of Hormuz may be permanently reopened quickly, and we uphold all people who are facing economic uncertainty, rising living costs, and shortages of food and fuel. Strengthen those who are struggling to provide for their families, and guide governments and communities to act with compassion, fairness, and generosity toward the vulnerable.

MOTHER'S DAY Blessings on all the mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and mother-figures. We thank you for giving life and nurture and for your love and patience. We thank you for your prayers and Christian witness. You are a great blessing to your families, your church and the wider community. May God fill you afresh with his Spirit and peace.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Church of Pakistan (United) (Bp Azad Marshall).

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH The Bishop to the Defence Force: Bishop Grant Dibden; Chaplains and ADF personnel.

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Frankston, Deanery of Mornington Peninsula: Holy Trinity Hastings, St Peter's Mornington with St Martin's Mount Martha, St Andrew's Somerville, St John's Sorrento with St Andrew's Rye, St John the Evangelist Flinders with St Mark's Balnarring, St George's Red Hill, All Saints' Rosebud with St Katherine's McCrae, St Mark's Dromana; Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School.

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, Aaron Deepak, Ken and Robyn Dusting, Reynaldo Ferreccio, Chris Foley, Cecilia Francis, Greg Hurworth, Gaye Loughrey, Esme Mitchell, Alyssa Sigamoney, Skipper family, Vinson family, Lesley and Ray Way, Whittaker family and those struggling with mental health challenges, addictions, loneliness, and despair that they would find hope, support, and the healing love of Christ.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED Mavis Payne, David Richardson.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

12 Lawrence Ernest Turnbull (Priest, Founder of Healing Ministry) 2012

13 Marie Heywood Southby (Congregation) 1962

Henry Hugh Girvan (Priest, 6th Precentor) 2002

Neil Gordon Molloy (Priest, Canon) 2003

15 Sir William John Clarke (Benefactor) 1897

16 Henry Moor (Registrar) 1877

Sir Stanley George Savige (Congregation, Founder Legacy Australia) 1954

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.

Flower Donations The flowers today were donated by Ann Darby in loving memory of her mother Kathleen Lilian Frances Darby.

Feel Cozy In Here? The Dean blessed the Halo Heaters at Choral Evensong on Thursday, the front two of which are now on and working well!

Bible Studies This Sunday the 9.15am study group will be discussing the morning sermon with the preacher, Rev Lydia Thangadurai. The 11.45am study group will be led by Sue Hawley for the first of a two-week series on the topic of salvation in the New Testament. Both groups meet in the David Penman Room after morning tea. Visitors are very welcome even if you can only come for this week.

Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 13 May, 1pm: *From Dawn to Dusk* – Emily Martin (Soprano) and Isaac Mouskovias (Piano) Acclaimed American soprano Emily Martin is currently the Ellen P. Williams Associate Professor of Music and Director of the Bucknell Voice Lab at Bucknell University, Pennsylvania. Beginning with Schubert's *Gretchen am Spinnrade*, this program traces the musical lineages of influence between composers. Schubert influenced Clara Schumann's lieder; Aaron Copland absorbed lessons from French composers, Powell transformed African-American spirituals; and Previn channelled the legacy of Strauss, Schoenberg, and the German tradition.

Service of Thanksgiving, Thursday 14 May 2.30pm We give thanks to God for the life of Mavis Payne, who pioneered and led the Windows Storytelling ministry at St Paul's Cathedral over the last ten years. A service of thanksgiving for Mavis's life will be held at St Alfred's Anglican Church, 107 Springfield Rd, Blackburn North on Thursday May 14 at 2.30pm. Livestream at youtube.com/live/lgf39x9tpcc. In lieu of flowers you are invited to support the Window Storytelling ministry at St Paul's. To give, go to cms.org.au/window-storytelling

Thy Kingdom Come, 14-24 May 2026 marks the 10th anniversary of Thy Kingdom Come – a worldwide ecumenical prayer movement from Ascension to Pentecost praying for people to come to know Jesus. The Very Revd Bob Key, Anglican Communion Lead for Thy Kingdom Come, is travelling from the UK to Melbourne to be part of the celebration. On Ascension Day, Thursday 14 May at 6pm, we will launch the 2026 season of Thy Kingdom Come with a Choral Eucharist at which Bob Key will preach. Then on Sunday 17 May at 4pm, St Paul's is hosting a Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event which will be live-streamed internationally on the TKC web site. Please join us for these two special celebrations. More information and resources (including a free book written by Archbishop Sarah Mullally) are available online at www.thykingdomcome.global

Sharwood Lecture, Wed 20 May, 7.30pm The St Paul's Cathedral community is cordially invited to attend the 7th 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

Pentecost Multilingual Service and Lunch, 10am Sunday 24 May
On Pentecost Sunday, our 10am Choral Eucharist and 1pm Mandarin Service will be combined to celebrate our multicultural Cathedral community. The service will be followed by lunch in the Barbara Darling Room. Please book online using the QR code. If cost is an issue for you, or if you can't access the online booking form, please talk to one of the clergy.



Baptism, Confirmation and Reception into the Anglican Church The next service of baptism, confirmation and reception will be held at 4.00pm on Sunday 19 July. Anyone who is interested in preparing for baptism, confirmation or reception are invited to attend preparation classes commencing on Sunday 24 May at 11.45am in the Canon's Vestry. Classes will be held each subsequent Sunday at the same time and place. If you are interested, please see or contact the Canon Pastor, Canon Chris Carolane at ccarolane@melbourneanglican.org.au

Passing of The Very Revd David Richardson AO OBE CstJ, 13th Dean of Melbourne
We mourn the loss of David Richardson, former Dean, who sadly passed away this week. His funeral will take place at St Paul's Cathedral at a time to be confirmed. We give thanks for his life and pray for Margie his widow, Tom and Emma, their children, their grandchildren, and all who mourn him.

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: Pss 28, 29; 1 Corinthians 10.1-11

Tues: Ps 31; 1 Corinthians 10.12-22

Wed: Ps 35.1-17; John 15.1-11

Thurs: Ps 110; John 14.12-29

Fri: Ps 37.1-17; 1 Corinthians 10.23-11.1

Sat: Ps 38; 1 Corinthians 11.2-16

Next Sunday: Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 5; John 17.1-11

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

- Mon 11 May
12.15pm Holy Communion
2.30pm English Conversation Class
5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
- Tues 12 May
12.15pm Holy Communion
5.10pm Choral Evensong
- Wed 13 May
12.15pm Holy Communion
1pm Lunchtime Concert: *From Dawn to Dusk* – Emily Martin and Isaac Mouskovias
5.10pm Choral Evensong
- Thurs 14 May
12.15pm Holy Communion
6pm Ascension Day Choral Eucharist
Preacher: The Very Revd Bob Key
- Fri 15 May
12.15pm Holy Communion
5.10pm Choral Evensong
- Sat 16 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 ۱۵:۱۲ ظهر برگزار می شود
5pm Victoria Chorale Concert
(Ticketed event)
- Sun 17 May
8am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne
10am Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism
Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne
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
4pm 'Thy Kingdom Come' Beacon Event
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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