



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer

The Sunday After Ascension Day

17 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 Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne.

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 God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1.6-14

Read by Peter Burman

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men

in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

PSALM 68.1-10, 32-35

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

God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:
those that hate him shall flee before his face.

**As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:
as wax melts before a fire, so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:
they shall rejoice with gladness.

**O sing to God, sing praises to his name:
glorify him that rode through the deserts,
him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.**

He is the father of the fatherless, he upholds the cause of the widow:
God in his holy dwelling place.

**He gives the desolate a home to dwell in,
and brings the prisoners out into prosperity:
but rebels must dwell in a barren land.**

O God, when you went out before your people:
when you marched through the wilderness,

**The earth shook, the heavens poured down water:
before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

You showered down a generous rain, O God:
you prepared the land of your possession when it was weary.

**And there your people settled:
in the place that your goodness, O God, had made ready for the poor.**

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises to the Lord,
**To him that rides upon the highest heavens, that were from the beginning:
who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:
and his might is in the clouds.

**Terrible is God who comes from his holy place:
the God of Israel who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 5

A reading from the First Epistle of Saint Peter.

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ²to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. ⁵In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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:

17.1-11

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

THE SERMON

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne

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.

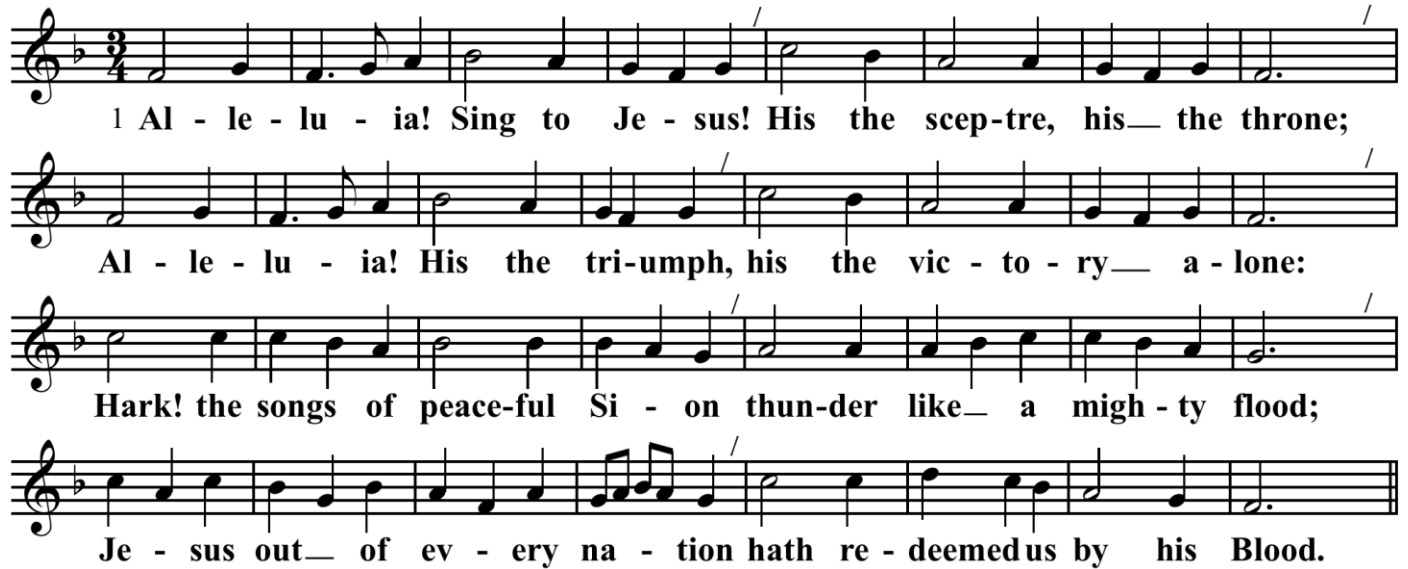
Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

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 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep-tre, his— the throne;
Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri-umph, his the vic - to - ry— a - lone:
Hark! the songs of peace-ful Si - on thun-der like— a migh - ty flood;
Je - sus out— of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his Blood.

2
Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3
Alleluia! Bread of angels
thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4
Alleluia! King eternal
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837–98)
Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised 399

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 those who shape public conversation — journalists, teachers, artists, broadcasters and leaders of social media — that truth may be spoken with humility, and public discourse marked by grace and wisdom. We pray for all living with hidden exhaustion: carers, emergency workers, hospital staff, clergy, teachers and parents under strain; that they may find rest, encouragement and renewed strength. We pray for cities where wealth exists alongside loneliness and poverty, including our own city of Melbourne; that communities may grow in kindness, compassion and care for one another. We pray for the young people of the world amid uncertainty and rapid change; that they may grow in wisdom, resilience and hope, and may come to know the love of Christ in their lives.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (Bp Nathan Ingen).

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH The Diocese of North West Australia: Bishop Darrell Parker; Holy Cross Cathedral, Dean Lachlan Edwards; clergy, lay ministers and people.

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Marningatha Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Melbourne, Deanery of Melbourne (1): St Bartholomew's Burnley, St Jude's Carlton, Chinese Mission of the Epiphany, St Philip's Collingwood, St Mark's Fitzroy, St George's Flemington, Christ Church Kensington, St Peter's Eastern Hill, Holy Trinity East Melbourne, St Mary's North Melbourne; Mentone Girls' Grammar School.

FOR OUR CATHEDRAL Our Licensed Lay Ministers; Flower Guild; Bellringers; Servers; Welcomers; Guides; Chaplains; and Story Tellers.

FOR THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED Stephen Ames, Cynthia Balderstone, Christine Bandias, Chris Carolane, Jessica Carr, Cecilia Cheng, Sandra David, Aaron Deepak, Ken and Robyn Dusting, Chris Foley, Cecilia Francis, Noelene Horton, Greg Hurworth, Gaye Loughrey, Esme Mitchell, Bill Peeler, 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, Reynaldo Ferreccio, David Richardson.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

18 William George Hindley (Priest, Canon) 1936

Ronald Frederick Stewart Crosbie (Lay Canon) 2011

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 At the 9.15am study group we will be blessed to welcome The Very Reverend Bob Key, the Anglican Communion Lead for Thy Kingdom Come. At 11.45am Sue Hawley will lead the second of two sessions on salvation in the New Testament. Both study groups meet in the David Penman Room after morning tea. Guests and visitors are very welcome.

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, has travelled from the UK to Melbourne to be part of the celebration. This afternoon 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 this special celebration. More information and resources (including a free book written by Archbishop Sarah Mullally) are available online at www.thykingdomcome.global

Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 20 May, 1pm: Tyler Zhou (Piano) Tyler Zhou was born in Melbourne and studies piano with Dr David Soo. He has received many international prizes and has performed abroad in China, Singapore, and Poland. In this recital, Tyler will perform works by J.S. Bach, Mozart, Chopin, and Ginastera, as well as lesser-known Australian works by the Melbourne-born and London-based composer John Carmichael, and a glorious waltz by the Sydney-born composer Marjorie Hesse.

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

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 on Thursday 21 May at 2pm. We give thanks for his life and pray for Margie his widow, Tom and Emma, their children, their grandchildren, and all who mourn him.

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

Reconciliation Week Evensong, Wednesday 27 May, 5.10pm This service of Choral Evensong will gather clergy and people from the Diocese and Province, including Aboriginal clergy and leaders, in prayer, song, and reflection during National Reconciliation Week. The service will celebrate the life and witness of Aboriginal Christians, honour Country, and affirm our call to walk together in justice, truth, and healing through Christ. We also farewell the Ven Canon Uncle Glenn Loughrey as he concludes in his role as the Archdeacon for Reconciliation, First Nations Recognition and Treaty. Uncle Glenn will preach.

Art as Healing: Voices Against Violence The Melbourne Anglican Preventing Violence Against Women (PVAW) Program is presenting *Art as Healing: Voices Against Violence*, an exhibition at St Paul's Cathedral's Transept Gallery from May to June 2026. To celebrate the exhibition and raise vital funds for the PVAW Program, you are warmly invited to a reception evening held at St Paul's Cathedral from 6-8.30pm on Thursday 4 June. Speakers include Helen Bolton, CEO, Respect Victoria, Reverend Ali McGrice, and Louise Juracich, survivor advocate. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn more about the PVAW Program and ways to donate and support its work. To attend, please register using the QR code.



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 84; 1 Corinthians 11.17-34

Tues: Ps 45; 1 Corinthians 12.1-13

Wed: Ps 48; 1 Corinthians 12.14-31

Thurs: Ps 50; 1 Corinthians 13

Fri: Ps 51; 1 Corinthians 14.1-12

Sat: Pss 54, 55.1-12; Acts 1.15-26

Next Sunday: Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36; 1 Corinthians 12.1-13; Mark 16.15-20

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mon 18 May	12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tues 19 May	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Wed 20 May	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Tyler Zhou (Piano) 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Thurs 21 May	2pm Requiem Mass for the Very Revd David Richardson <i>No 12.15pm Holy Communion or 5.10pm Choral Evensong</i>
Fri 22 May	9.45am Tintern Grammar Service <i>(Open to school community)</i> 12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Sat 23 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 24 May	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Robert Vun</i> 10am Choral Eucharist for the Feast of Pentecost, combined with the Mandarin Congregation <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Robert Vun</i> 4pm Choral Evensong <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Chris Carolane, Canon Pastor</i> 6pm Gather at St Paul's Sung Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Chris Carolane, Canon Pastor</i>

CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

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

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

Sunday 8am & 10am