



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Sung Evening Prayer

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

12 July 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!

THE SERVICE LEADERS

Officiant: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor.

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor.

Cantor: Miss Emma Warburton, Leading Musician.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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

THE GREETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

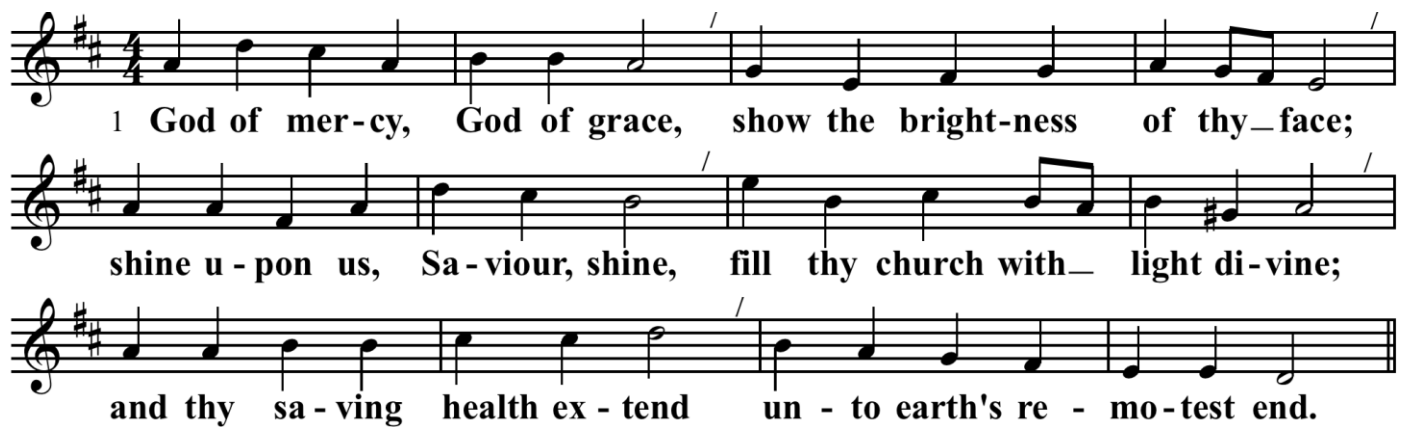
The officiant welcomes the people, and acknowledges the Country on which we meet

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.

Grace, mercy and peace,
from God the Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

THE OFFICE HYMN



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Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour king;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.

3
Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to us his blessing give,
we to God devoted live:
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)
Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 179

THE OPENING PRAYER

The day is now past and the night is at hand.
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

Father of lights, receive the prayer and praise we offer you as our evening sacrifice; make us a light for all the world, delivered by your goodness from all the works of darkness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Bible readings

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 26.1-6, 23-25

Read by Timothy James

A reading from the Book Genesis.

Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar, to King Abimelech of the Philistines. ²The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; settle in the land that I shall show you. ³Reside in this land as an alien, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will fulfill the oath that I swore to your father Abraham. ⁴I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands, and all the nations of the earth shall gain blessing

for themselves through your offspring, ⁵because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”

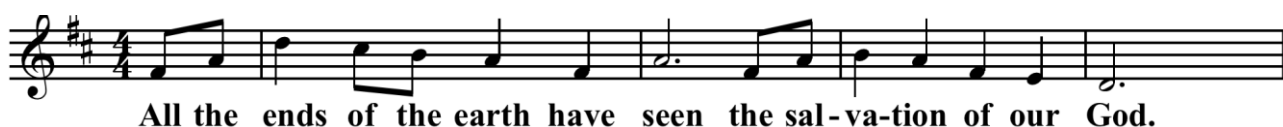
⁶So Isaac settled in Gerar.

²³From there he went up to Beer-sheba. ²⁴And that very night the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am the God of your father Abraham; do not be afraid, for I am with you and will bless you and make your offspring numerous for my servant Abraham’s sake.” ²⁵So he built an altar there, called on the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac’s servants dug a well.

Here ends the First Reading.

PSALM 65

Please sing the response after the cantor, then as indicated



¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:

to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.

²To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:

when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.

³Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself to dwell within your courts: we shall be filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

Response

⁴You will answer us in your righteousness with terrible deeds, O God our saviour: you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas;

⁵Who by your strength made fast the mountains: you that are girded with power;

⁶Who stilled the raging of the seas, the roaring of the waves: and the tumult of the peoples.

⁷Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are afraid at your wonders: the dawn and the evening sing your praises.

Response

⁸You tend the earth and water it: you make it rich and fertile.

⁹The river of God is full of water:

and so providing for the earth, you provide grain for us all.

¹⁰You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between: you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness:

and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.

Response

¹²The pastures of the wilderness run over: and the hills are girded with joy.

¹³The meadows are clothed with sheep:

and the valleys stand so thick with corn,
they shout for joy and sing.

Response

Music: Anthony Gregory Murray (1905-92)

THE SECOND READING

Romans 9.15-26

Read by Canon Professor Kate Drummond AM

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For he says to Moses,

“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

¹⁶So it depends not on human will or exertion but on God who shows mercy. ¹⁷For the scripture says to Pharaoh, “I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I may show my power in you and that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.” ¹⁸So then he has mercy on whomever he chooses, and he hardens the heart of whomever he chooses.

¹⁹You will say to me then, “Why then does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” ²⁰But who indeed are you, a human, to argue with God? Will what is moulded say to the one who moulds it, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one object for special use and another for ordinary use? ²²What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the objects of wrath that are made for destruction, ²³and what if he has done so in order to make known the riches of his glory for the objects of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—²⁴including us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the gentiles? ²⁵As he also says in Hosea,

“Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’
and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’”

²⁶“And in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’
there they shall be called children of the living God.”

Here ends the Second Reading.

THE ANTHEM *Rock of Ages (arr. in memoriam Lachlan Redd) – Antony Pitts (b.1969)
arr. Emma Warburton (b.1986) and Lachlan Redd (1974-2024)*

Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee!
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands can fulfil thy law’s demands:
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly: wash me, Saviour, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes are closed in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgement throne,
rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee!

THE HOMILY

The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings are made according to need.

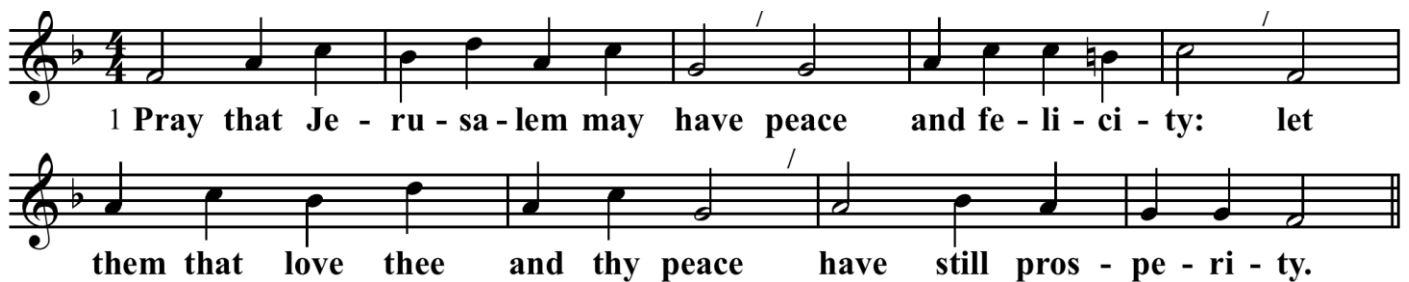
THE EVENING COLLECT

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray:
and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Stand to sing

THE DISMISSAL HYMN

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Cathedral, donate online via our website www.cathedral.org.au/donate
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**Therefore I wish that peace may still
within thy walls remain,
and ever may thy palaces
prosperity retain.**

³
**Now for my friends' and brethren's sake,
peace be in thee, I'll say;
and for the house of God our Lord
I'll seek thy good alway.**

Scottish Psalter 1650
New English Hymnal 441

THE DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

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

Let us praise the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

*Preludium – Matthias van den Gheyn (1721-1785)
Dr Mark Slavec, Cathedral Sub-Organist*

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PRAY WITH US

FOR THE WORLD Almighty God, in this Naidoc Week, we thank you for our First Nations people and clergy, and for what they teach us about justice, reconciliation, and walking with you. Guide our government and church towards stronger ties and equal opportunities for all Australians, and give our clergy patience and wisdom as we work together against all that divides us. We thank you for efforts to strengthen relationships with Pacific nations, praying for peaceful and productive cooperation. As Winterfest concludes today, we give thanks for all who contributed and supported it. Bless next week's Diocesan Conference, that it may run smoothly and fruitfully for all involved.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Abp Justin Badi Arama).

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH The Diocese of Grafton: Bishop Murray Harvey; Christ Church Cathedral, Dean Naomi Cooke; clergy, lay ministers and people.

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Maroondah, Deanery of the Hills: St Luke's Cockatoo, St Mark's Emerald, St George's Monbulk, Parish of Mount Dandenong, Upper Yarra Anglican Parish, Anglican Parish of Wandin, Seville & Mt Evelyn, Anglican Parish of Upwey/Belgrave, All Saints' (Carlotta Tye Memorial Church) Selby, St Martin's Belgrave Heights; Korowa Anglican Girls' School.

FOR OUR CATHEDRAL Our Dean, the Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe; the Cathedral Chapter and Sub-committees: Culture & Heritage, Finance & Risk Management, and Projects & Buildings.

FOR THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED Stephen Ames, Rowena Armstrong, Cynthia Balderstone, Christine Bandias, Chris Carolane, Cecilia Cheng, Ken and Robyn Dusting, Cecilia Francis, Noelene Horton, Greg Hurworth, Gaye Loughrey, Esme Mitchell, Celina Ong, Tania Perry, Skipper family, Vinson family, Lesley and Ray Way.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

- 12 Robert Potter (Priest, Canon) 1908
Lachlan Crombie Redd (Cathedral Sub organist) 2024
- 14 John Isaac Hayward (Thoracic Surgeon) 1999
Clive Tadgell AO (Lay Canon, former Chancellor) 2022
- 15 Ormond Victor Dimmitt (Congregation) 1987
Doris Hill (Congregation) 2002

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.

Guest Preacher We welcome guest preacher Rev Canon Helen Dwyer to our morning services. Helen is the chaplain to Grimwade House at Melbourne Grammar. She is a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, serving on the Cathedral Chapter. She is a proud Ngarrindjeri woman and is one of the Diocese's Aboriginal clergy, helping lead and advise on Indigenous ministry and reconciliation.

Bible Studies The 9.15am Bible study will be discussing the sermon. The 11.45am study continues with its Genesis preparations. This Sunday the study will consider God's purpose in making a covenant with Abraham. The Abrahamic covenant lies at the very heart of the Bible and is the basis upon which God said "I will be your God and you will be my people." Both studies take place in the David Penman Room and newcomers are always welcome.

Genesis Series At the morning services from July 19-Aug 16 we will have five weeks looking at Genesis 28-45. The series will include famous passages like Jacob's ladder, Jacob marrying Rachel, Jacob wrestling with God, Joseph's betrayal by his brothers and the final, tearful reconciliation in Egypt. We will read stories of deception, love, family dysfunction, suffering, exile, reconciliation and surprising blessing. Jacob is fearful and manipulative; Joseph experiences betrayal and injustice; brothers carry guilt and jealousy; families struggle with favouritism and division. Yet through all of it, God remains faithful to his covenant promises. The five Sunday morning sermons will be augmented by five Sunday morning Bible studies especially written for the series. If you haven't started already, we encourage you to begin reading Genesis. Any questions to Canon Peter MacPherson.

Lunchtime Concert, Friday 17 July, 1pm: *Passions* – Jenny Lu (Piano) and James Littlewood (Bass Trombone) Pianist Jenny Lu and bass trombonist James Littlewood present a sacred program of love, devotion, and spiritual longing, including J.S. Bach's 'Mache dich, mein Herze, rein' from the *St Matthew Passion*, Jean-Michel Defaye's *Deux danses*, William Grant Still's *Romance*, and Robert Denham's *Withering Grass*, inspired by Isaiah 40:6–8. It reflects on life's fleeting nature, 'all flesh is grass', and the enduring divine, weaving hope through passion and stillness.

School Holidays The choir will be on leave until Sunday 19 July.

Bellringers The St Paul's Cathedral Bellringers rang a quarter peal for the Provincial Choral Eucharist of the cathedral on Sunday 28th of June. The Bellringers are always recruiting and would love to speak to anyone interested in taking lessons. Contact Tower Captain Paige on 0400 064 741.

Diocesan Ministry Conference, 14–16 July On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 July, a 9am Eucharist will be held each day which is open to the public; you are very welcome to attend. Otherwise the Cathedral will be closed all day, as we are hosting the Diocesan Ministry Conference for 400 clergy and lay ministers. There will be no 12.15pm Lunchtime Eucharist or 5.10pm Choral Evensong on these days.

Baptism Confirmation and Reception Choral Eucharist will be held at 4pm next Sunday 19 July. 1 candidate will be baptised, 13 will be baptised and confirmed, and 2 received into the Anglican church by Bishop Alison Taylor and our own clergy. Please come along to this multi-lingual service to support the candidates from our Farsi, Mandarin and English congregations. PLEASE NOTE there will not be a 6pm service next Sunday.

TWO CATHEDRAL EOFY FUNDRAISING APPEALS

Farsi Ministers and ECC We are so pleased that Revds Pedram and Leili Shirmast have joined us on a shared full-time load. We need to raise funds for their stipend and to enable Pedram to lead our ECC program during Canon Chris Carolane's sick leave. The total cost of funding these ministries for the next twelve months will be roughly \$150,000. Tax deductible donations can be made via the Melbourne Anglican Foundation:
<https://melbourneanglicanfoundation.au/donate-migrants-refugees-settlement-fund/> choosing 'St Paul's Cathedral' or the Office. We much value your support!



Halo Heaters Isn't it lovely and warm in the front part of the nave thanks to our new Halo Heaters? We are now hoping to connect the next four heaters towards the entrance of the Cathedral and also place Halos into the Macartney and Ascension Chapels. We are raising a total of \$750,000 to upgrade our electrical infrastructure. Again, tax deductible donations can be made via the Melbourne Anglican Foundation: <https://melbourneanglicanfoundation.au/donate-melbourne-anglican-cultural-organisation/> choosing 'Light Up St Paul's Cathedral' or the Office. Thank you for your gifts!



ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Our friends at St Jude's Carlton are raising funds to replace the organ which was destroyed in the terrible church fire in 2014. Costs are \$250,000 and tax-deductible donations can be made through the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation, by navigating to "St Jude's Carlton Organ Appeal".

OUR ADVOCACY FOR JUSTICE

First Nations Justice We want to see a more just settlement for all Indigenous People. Our Governing Body, the Cathedral Chapter, supports the path to reconciliation outlined in the Statement from the Heart through Voice, Treaty, Truth Telling and Makarrata (Justice). We provide resources so that we can educate ourselves and value respectful and informed debate on this important issue.

Refugee Justice We want to see a strong, supportive and diverse society. That's why we campaign for refugees and seek to build greater public awareness about asylum seekers. We provide free cultural and language classes, and work to be a safe place where migrants and refugees can make new friends and rebuild their lives.

Climate Justice We want to see greater and quicker action to mitigate the climate crisis we face. We're an inaugural member of Victoria's Climate Pledge, TAKE2, and work to reach net zero as soon as possible. That's why we use only energy from renewable sources and take continued action to reduce our waste and emissions.

Safe Kids and Families We strongly condemn any form of abuse - in church, at our workplace, or in the home - and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable people. Our staff and volunteers complete training and relevant checks. If you have any concerns about child safety, please ring 1800 135 246 (Kooyoora Professional Standards). If you face family violence and need help, please ring 1800 732 732 (1800 RESPECT) or 13 92 76 (13 YARN) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis Support.

READ THE BIBLE WITH US

You may like to use these readings, which the Cathedral Clergy and staff use for daily prayer, as part of your personal devotions throughout the week.

Mon: Ps 35.1-17; Galatians 5.1-15

Tues: Ps 34; Galatians 5.16-26

Wed: Ps 37.1-17; Galatians 6.1-10

Thurs: Ps 38; Galatians 6.11-18

Fri: Ps 40; Romans 1.1-15

Sat: Pss 41, 44.1-9; Romans 1.16-25

Next Sunday: Genesis 28.10-19a; Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mon 13 July	12.15pm Holy Communion
Tues 14 July	9am Holy Communion Cathedral closed from 10am
Wed 15 July	9am Holy Communion Cathedral Closed from 10am
Thurs 16 July	9am Holy Communion Cathedral Closed from 10am
Fri 17 July	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: <i>Passions</i> – Jenny Lu (Piano) and James Littlewood (Bass Trombone)
Sat 18 July	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 19 July	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor</i> 10am Choral Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor</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 Eucharist with Holy Baptism, Reception and Confirmation <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter MacPherson, Canon for Preaching and Teaching</i>

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

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