



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Choral Evensong

The Eighth Sunday After Trinity

26 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 Simon Li, Assistant Curate.

Preacher: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor.

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 O blest Cre - a - tor of the light, who ma - kest
day — with ra - diance bright, and o'er — the for - ming world didst
call the light — from cha - os first of all.

²
Whose wisdom joined in meet array
the morn and eve,
and named them day:
night comes with all its darkling fears;
regard thy people's prayers and tears.

³
Lest, sunk in sin
and whelm'd with strife,
they lose the gift of endless life;
while, thinking but the thoughts
of time,
they weave them chains
of guilt and crime.

⁴
But grant them grace
that they may strain
the heavenly gate and prize to gain:
each harmful lure aside to cast,
and purge away each error past.

⁵
O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
who with the Spirit and with thee
doth live and reign eternally.

Latin, c. 8th cent. tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
New English Hymnal 150ii

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 RESPONSES

John Sanders (1933-2003)

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 119.129-136

Chant: June Nixon AM (b.1942)

¹²⁹Thy testimonies are wonderful:
therefore doth my soul keep them.
¹³⁰When thy word goeth forth:
it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.
¹³¹I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath:
for my delight was in thy commandments.
¹³²O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me:
as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.
¹³³Order my steps in thy word:
and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.
¹³⁴O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men:
and so shall I keep thy commandments.
¹³⁵Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant:
and teach me thy statutes.
¹³⁶Mine eyes gush out with water:
because men keep not thy law.

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

Genesis 29.31-30.24

Read by Nicholas Hurley

Here begins the thirty-first verse of the twenty-ninth chapter of the Book Genesis.

When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ³²Leah conceived and bore a son, and she named him Reuben, for she said, "Because the Lord has looked on my affliction, surely now my husband will love me." ³³She conceived again and bore a son and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also," and she named him Simeon. ³⁴Again she conceived and bore a son and said, "Now this time my husband will be joined to me, because I have borne him three sons"; therefore he was named Levi. ³⁵She conceived again and bore a son and said, "This time I will praise the Lord," therefore she named him Judah; then she ceased bearing.

¹When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister, and she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!" ²Jacob became very angry with Rachel and said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" ³Then she said, "Here is my maid Bilhah; go in to her, that she may bear upon my knees and that I too may have children through her." ⁴So she gave him her maid Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her. ⁵And Bilhah

conceived and bore Jacob a son. ⁶Then Rachel said, "God has judged me and has also heard my voice and given me a son"; therefore she named him Dan.

⁷Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. ⁸Then Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed," so she named him Naphtali.

⁹When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children, she took her maid Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. ¹⁰Then Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son. ¹¹And Leah said, "Good fortune!" So she named him Gad. ¹²Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. ¹³And Leah said, "Happy am I! For the women will call me happy," so she named him Asher.

¹⁴In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes." ¹⁵But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?" Rachel said, "Then he may lie with you tonight for your son's mandrakes."

¹⁶When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night. ¹⁷And God heeded Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. ¹⁸Leah said, "God has given me my hire because I gave my maid to my husband," so she named him Issachar. ¹⁹And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son. ²⁰Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good gift; now my husband will honour me, because I have borne him six sons," so she named him Zebulun. ²¹Afterwards she bore a daughter and named her Dinah.

²²Then God remembered Rachel, and God heeded her and opened her womb.

²³She conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach,"

²⁴and she named him Joseph, saying, "May the Lord add to me another son!"

Here ends the First Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

THE MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in C – Bryan Kelly (b.1934)

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.

Please be seated for the Bible reading

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 10.5-15

Read by His Honour Canon Paul Glass

Here begins the fifth verse of the tenth chapter of the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in C – Kelly

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

Sanders

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

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Rejoice in the Lord alway – anon.

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.

Let your softness be known to all men: the Lord is e'en at hand.

Be careful for nothing, but in all prayer and supplication

let your petition be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God which passeth all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesu. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Concluding with

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

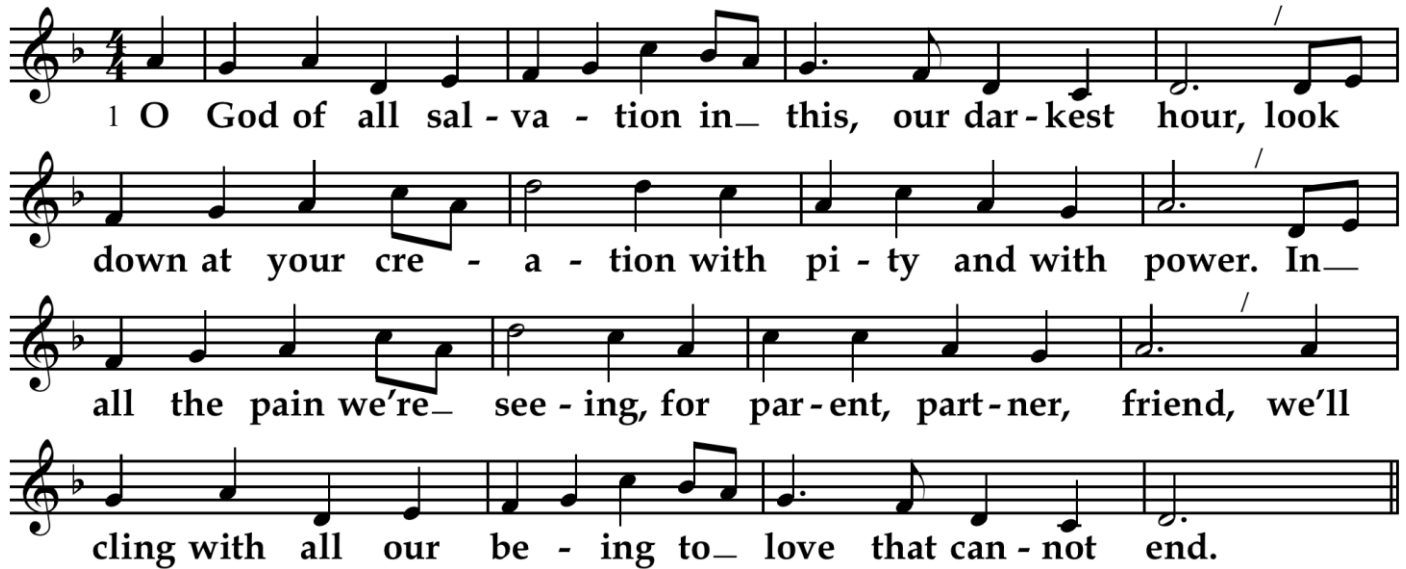
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Stand to sing

THE HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

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2
O God, your loving passion
is deeper than our pain,
look down, and in compassion
bring us to life again.
When we are found despairing,
when all seems lost to sin,
we'll hear your voice declaring
that love alone will win.

3
O God, when hate grows stronger,
with fear to pave its way,
the cry, 'Lord, how much longer?'
with broken hearts we pray.
In all that is dismaying
in humankind's freewill,
we'll join our voices, praying
that love will triumph still.

4
O God, whose love will never
be silenced, stalled or stilled,
set us to work wherever
there's bridges to rebuild.
We'll take our life's vocation
to make, like heav'n above,
in this and every nation
a kingdom built on love.

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The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor

Stand to sing

THE DISMISSAL HYMN



1 Lord, thy church on earth is see-king thy re-new-al from a-bove;
teach us all the art of spea-king with the ac-cent of thy love.
We would heed thy great commis-sion: 'Go now in-to ev-ery place -
preach, bap-tize, ful-fil my mis-sion, serve with love and share my grace'.

2
Freedom give to those in bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin.
Give new hope, new strength
and courage,
grant release from fears within.
Light for darkness; joy for sorrow;
love for hatred; peace for strife;
these and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.

3
In the streets of every city
where the bruised
and lonely dwell,
let us show the Saviour's pity,
let us of his mercy tell;
to all lands and peoples bringing
all the richness of thy word,
till the world, thy praises singing,
hails thee Christ, Redeemer, Lord.

Text: Hugh Sherlock (1905-98)
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THE BLESSING

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

Andante tranquillo, 2nd movt of Organ Sonata No.3, Op.65 – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847): Dr Mark Slavec, Cathedral Sub-Organist

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PRAY WITH US

FOR THE WORLD Almighty God, we pray this week for relief in a world continuing to be scarred by conflict. Lead nations caught up in war and violence away from the terrible cost in human lives, homes, communities, and resources, and turn them instead towards diplomacy, dialogue, and peace. May the wealth spent on war be redirected to relieve the burdens of those living in poverty and deprivation. Strengthen our confidence and trust in your purposes, even when they are beyond our understanding. Help us to continue to care with faith, courage, and conviction. We also pray for the people of the United Kingdom as they welcome a new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham. Give him wisdom and clarity of vision as he begins to lead the country and appoints ministers to form government. Grant him sincere concern for all those entrusted to his care, and an enduring determination to serve well.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Abp Maimbo Mndolwa).

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.

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 and St Michael's Yarrambat; Anglican Kindergartens.

FOR OUR CATHEDRAL The Revd Canon Robert Vun, our Bible study & Discipleship Groups; the Revd Peter MacPherson, Canon for Preaching and Teaching; the Revd Canon Christopher Carolane and the students and teachers of our English Conversation Classes.

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

28 July Sue Pacey (Bell Ringer) 2021

29 Howard Frederick Dillon (Priest, Canon) 2009
Gerald Charles Davis (Congregation) 2022

31 Charles James Griffith (Chancellor) 1863

Charles William Haddon Barnes (Lay Canon, Diocesan Registrar) 1973

1 August Keith Turner (Lay Canon) 1968

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 Sui Ting Tse in loving memory of his wife Mabel Tse.

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. The five Sunday morning sermons will be augmented by five Sunday morning Bible studies especially written for the series. This Sunday is the second in our five-week series on Genesis 28-45. The Revd Leili Shirmast preached at both morning services looking at the marriage of Jacob to Leah and Rachel from Genesis 29. If you haven't started already, we encourage you to begin reading Genesis. Any questions to Canon Peter MacPherson.

Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 29 July, 1pm: Alex Forbes (Piano) Originally from Adelaide, Alex Forbes has completed his AMusA, studying with Diana Weekes, and has won prizes in various competitions, including the Adelaide Eisteddfod. He has performed for 3MBS radio, as well as Recitals Australia and Flinders Street Baptist Church in Adelaide. He will perform Chopin's Polonaise-Fantaisie, Op. 61, and Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 27 in E minor, Op. 90. These works display the composers' mature style and contain a great depth of expression.

Congregational Meetings Dean Andreas will lead congregational meetings on August 23rd after each of the morning services.

Get to Know You At the two morning Bible studies on August 30, Dean Andreas will lead a "Get to Know You" session. The idea is that he will interview three people at each session (six people in total) asking them to tell some of their story: how they became a Christian and how their faith shapes their lives today. If you would like to volunteer to be interviewed please speak to the Dean or one of the other clergy.

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 063 741.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mon 27 July	12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tues 28 July	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Wed 29 July <i>Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus</i>	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Alex Forbes (Piano) 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Thurs 30 July	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Fri 31 July <i>St Joseph of Arimathea</i>	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Sat 1 August	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 2 August	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) <i>Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne</i> 10am Hiroshima Peace Day Choral Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne</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: The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate</i> 6pm Gather at St Paul's Sung Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate</i>

CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

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

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

Sunday 8am & 10am