



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Choral Evensong

The Ninth Sunday After Trinity

2 August 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 Pedram Shirmast, Assistant Priest.

Preacher: The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate.

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 God has spo-ken by his pro-phets, spo-ken his un - chan - ging word,
each, from age to age pro-clai-ming God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
In the world's des - pair and tur-moil one firm an-chor holds us fast: God—
— is king, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first, and God the last.

²
God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time began,
Light from Light, to earth
descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.

³
God is speaking by his Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then,
through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast;
God still speaks, his word
unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959) alt.
Together in Song 158
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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

Peter Godfrey (1922-2017)

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 145.14-21

Chant: June Nixon AM (b.1942)

¹⁴The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:
and thou givest them their meat in due season.

¹⁶Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

¹⁷The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.

¹⁸The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him:
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

¹⁹He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him:
he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

²⁰The Lord preserveth all them that love him:
but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

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 32.22-31

Read by Ashley Gardiner

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

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

THE MAGNIFICAT

St Paul's Service – Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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 9.1-16

Read by a Lay Canon

Here begins the ninth chapter of the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

⁶It is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all those descended from Israel are Israelites, ⁷and not all of Abraham's children are his descendants, but "it is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants. ⁹For the word of the promise is this: "About this time I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰Nor is that all; something similar happened to Rebecca when she had conceived children by one husband, our ancestor Isaac: ¹¹even before they had been born or had done anything good or bad (so that God's purpose of election might continue, ¹²not by works but by his call) she was told, "The elder shall serve the younger." ¹³As it is written,

"I have loved Jacob,
but I have hated Esau."

¹⁴What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵For 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.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

St Paul's Service – Howells

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

Godfrey

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

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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

O thou the central orb – Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
pure beam of the most high, eternal light
of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright
awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
as stars about thy throne, set in the height
of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
our nature all shall feel eternal day
in fellowship with thee, transforming day
to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Concluding with

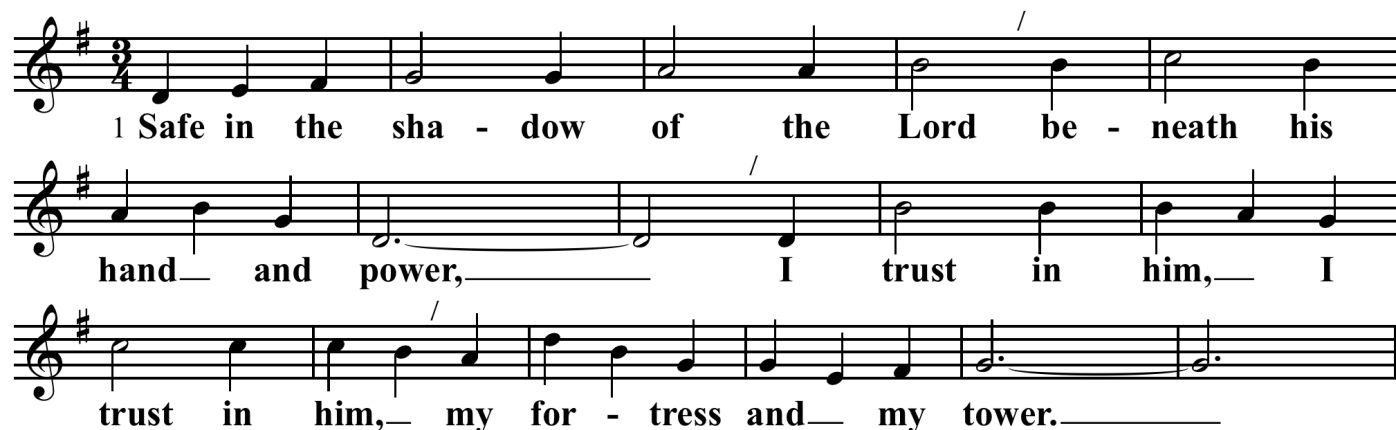
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,
evermore. Amen.

Stand to sing

THE HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

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1 Safe in the sha - dow of the Lord be - neath his
hand and power, I trust in him, I
trust in him, my for - tress and my tower.

²
My hope is set on God alone
though Satan spreads his snare,
I trust in him, I trust in him,
to keep me in his care.

³
From fears and phantoms of the night,
from foes about my way,
I trust in him, I trust in him,
by darkness as by day.

⁶
Safe in the shadow of the Lord,
possessed by love divine,
I trust in him, I trust in him,
and meet his love with mine.

⁴
His holy angels keep my feet
secure from every stone;
I trust in him, I trust in him,
and unafraid go on.

⁵
Strong in the everlasting Name,
and in my Father's care,
I trust in him, I trust in him,
who hears and answers prayer.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)
Together in Song 644
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The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate

Stand to sing

THE DISMISSAL HYMN



Lord of all— hope-ful-ness,— Lord of all joy, whose trust, e - ver
child-like, no cares could de - stroy, be there at— our wa-king and
give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Joyce Placzek ('Jan Struther') (1901-53)

Together in Song 613

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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

Slow Air No.1 – Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

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PRAY WITH US

FOR THE WORLD God of peace, we bring before you the places of our world that are torn apart by war, conflict and oppression, especially in Russia and Ukraine, and the growing tensions between Iran and the United States. We pray for all who have been displaced by violence, for those living in fear, grief or uncertainty, and for all who suffer poverty and deprivation. Guide the leaders of the nations, all who govern and administer justice, that they may seek peace with wisdom, integrity and compassion. Shape us by your Holy Spirit, that we may be instruments of your peace and justice, working for a world where righteousness and peace may flourish.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Church of the Province of Uganda (Abp Stephen Kaziimba Mugalu).

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH The Diocese of Adelaide: Archbishop Brad Billings; Bishops Tim Harris, Chris McLeod, Sophie Relf-Christopher; St Peter's Cathedral, Dean Chris McLoud; clergy, lay ministers and people.

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Our Archdeacons: Archdeacon of Essendon, Archdeacon of Maroondah, Archdeacon of Williamstown, Archdeacon of Dandenong, Archdeacon of La Trobe, Archdeacon of The Yarra; Brighton Grammar School.

FOR OUR CATHEDRAL Our Canon Pastor, the Revd Canon Chris Carolane, as he recovers from his bone marrow transplant; for the Revd Lydia Thangadurai and the Revd Pedram Shirmast as they take on his duties; our Seniors Group; pastoral ministry to the congregation; those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

FOR THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED Stephen Ames, Rowena Armstrong, Cynthia Balderstone, 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 and all those struggling with mental health challenges, addictions, loneliness, and despair that they would find hope, support, and the healing love of Christ.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

- 2 Colin Colquhoun (Lay Canon) 1942
- 3 John Cain (34th Premier of Victoria) 1957
Septimus Lloyd Chase (Priest, Canon, only Incumbent of St Paul's Church, Swanston Street) 1895
- 4 Frederick Sheppard Grimwade (Lay Canon) 1910
George Ellis Aickin (Priest, 6th Dean of Melbourne) 1937
- 5 Henry Archibald Langley (Archdeacon, Canon) 1906
Jeffrey Leonard Crouch (Good Friday Appeal Director) 1994
- 6 Alexander Leeper (Lay Canon, Warden of Trinity College) 1934
- 7 Thomas Peter Longney (Congregation) 2020
- 8 Henry Hewlett Paulet Handfield (Priest, Canon) 1900
Sir Henry Agincourt Hodges (Chancellor of the Diocese) 1919
Jenkin Collier (Benefactor) 1921
Charles Douglas Donald (Surgeon) 1979

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED the Revd George Chong

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.

Canon Pastor Update Canon Chris Carolane underwent a bone marrow transplant in mid-July, and is now recovering well at Olivia Newton John Hospital. Please continue to keep Chris and Roslyn in your prayers as they journey through this time of healing and recovery. During Chris's absence, the Revd Lydia Thangadurai, our Succentor will serve as Interim Pastor, covering the leadership of our Thursdays at Two program, and overseeing the Pastoral Care Ministry, including pastoral visits. If you require pastoral support or would like to arrange a visit, please email Lydia at: succentor@stpaulscathedral.org.au Following her return from leave, Canon Jane Window will oversee the Baptism, Confirmation and Reception Program.

Genesis Series This Sunday is the third in our five-week sermon series on Genesis 28-45. Dean Andreas preached at both morning services looking at Jacob's mysterious night of wrestling in Genesis 32. It's during this wrestling match that Jacob's name is changed to Israel. In the last two sermons of the series we will turn our attention to the character of Joseph in Genesis 37 and 45.

Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 5 August, 1pm: Ben Sheen (Organ) Ben Sheen is currently Director of Music at Jesus College Cambridge. He holds degrees from the University of Oxford and the Juilliard School, and is a prize-winning Fellow of the Royal College of Organists. He will perform Percy Whitlock's March 'Dignity and Impudence', J.S. Bach's Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV543, Joseph Jongen's Two Pieces for organ, Op.108, and Francis Jackson's Toccata, Chorale and Fugue, Op.16.

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

5:30pm Sunday 9 August: General Synod Opening Choral Eucharist We look forward to welcoming members of the General Synod of the Anglican Church from all over Australia to this service. Archbishop Ric will preside and the Primate, Bishop Mark Short, will preach. Please email Lydia (as above) if you are able to help at this important service.

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.

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 78.16-38; Romans 7.1-12

Tues: Ps 80; Romans 7.13-25

Wed: Pss 82, 84; Romans 8.1-8

Thurs: Ps 86; Romans 8.9-17

Fri: Ps 90; Romans 8.18-27

Sat: Ps 89.1-18; Romans 8.28-39

Next Sunday: Genesis 37.1-12, 17b-28; Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22; Romans 10.4-15; Matthew 14.22-36

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mon 3 August	12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tues 4 August	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Wed 5 August	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Ben Sheen (Organ) 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Thurs 6 August <i>Transfiguration</i>	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Fri 7 August	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Sat 8 August <i>St Dominic</i>	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 9 August	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter MacPherson, Canon for Preaching and Teaching</i> 10am Choral Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter MacPherson, Canon for Preaching and Teaching</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> 5.30pm Choral Eucharist for the Opening of the Nineteenth Session of General Synod <i>Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Mark Short, Primate of Australia</i>

CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

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

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