



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Choral Evensong

The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

16 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 Canon Daniel Lowe, Associate Director ISCAST.

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 Let all cre - a - tion dance in en - er - gies sub - lime, as
or - der turns to chance, un - fol - ding space and time, for na - ture's
art in glo - ry grows, and new - ly shows God's mind and heart.

²
God's breath each force unfurls,
igniting from a spark
expanding starry swirls,
with whirlpools dense and dark.
Though moon and sun
seem mindless things,
each orbit sings: 'Your will be done.'

³
Our own amazing earth,
with sunlight, cloud and storms
and life's abundant growth
in lovely shapes and forms,
is made for praise,
a fragile whole, and from its soul
heaven's music plays.

⁴
Lift heart and soul and voice:
in Christ all praises meet
and nature shall rejoice
as all is made complete.
In hope be strong,
all life befriend and kindly tend
creation's song.

Brian Arthur Wren (b.1936)
Together in Song 187
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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

Richard Webster (b.1952)

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.

PSALM 67

Chant: James Nares (1722–93)

¹God be merciful unto us, and bless us:
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;
²That thy way may be known upon earth:
thy saving health among all nations.
³Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.
⁴O let the nations rejoice and be glad:
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
⁵Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.
⁶Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
⁷God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.
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 2.15-22

Read by Timothy James

Here begins the fifteenth verse of the second chapter of the Book Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

THE MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in F – George Dyson (1883-1964)

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 11.17-28

Read by Canon Philip Nicholls

Here begins the seventeenth verse of the eleventh chapter of the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted among the others to share the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember: you do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹You will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰That is true. They were broken off on account of unbelief, but you stand on account of belief. So do not become arrogant, but be afraid. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²²Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen but God's kindness toward you, if you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³And even those of Israel, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

²⁵I want you to understand this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not claim to be wiser than you are: a hardening has come upon part of Israel

until the full number of the gentiles has come in. ²⁶And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,

“Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.”

²⁷“And this is my covenant with them,
when I take away their sins.”

²⁸As regards the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but as regards election they are beloved for the sake of their ancestors.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in F – Dyson

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

Webster

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, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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

The Lord bless you and keep you – John Rutter (b.1945)

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. Amen.

Numbers 6.24-26

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.

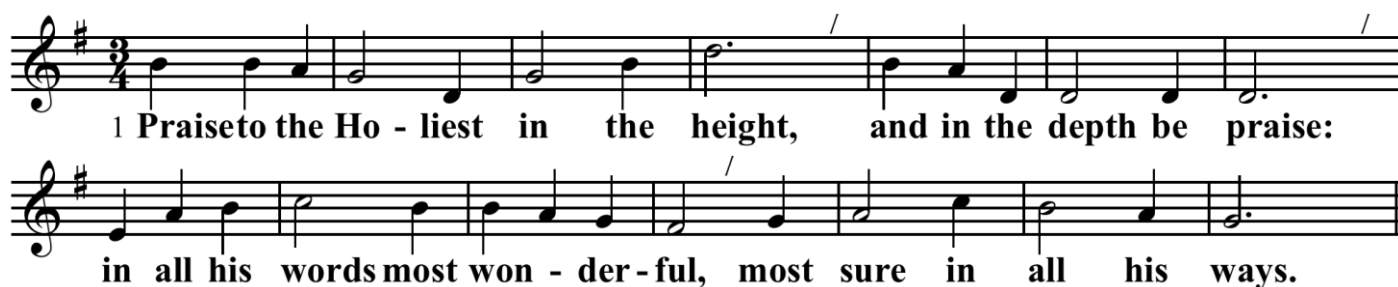
Stand to sing

THE HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

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2
O loving wisdom of our God,
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

3
O wisest love, that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive, and should prevail;

4
and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

5
O generous love, that he who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo,

6
and in the garden secretly,
and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

7
Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801-90)
Australian Hymn Book 79i

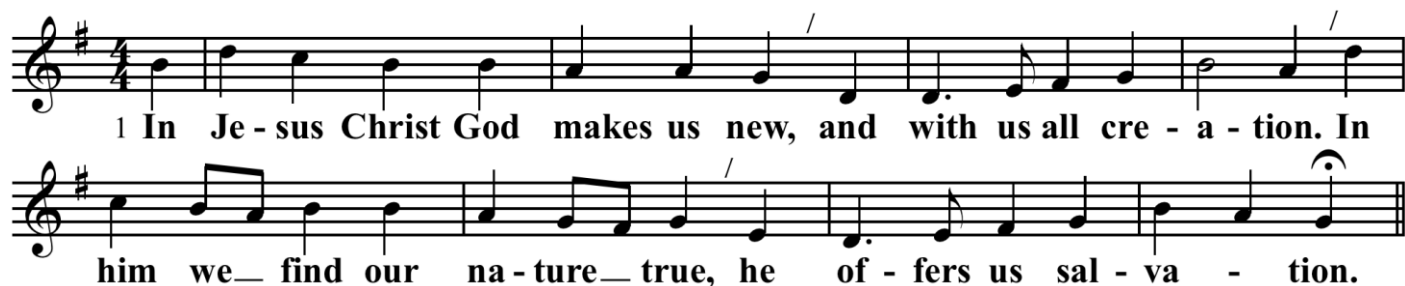
The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Revd Canon Daniel Lowe, Associate Director ISCAST

Stand to sing

THE DISMISSAL HYMN



2
His cross makes God's
forgiveness sure,
our reconciliation.
God's world made whole for evermore,
we join in celebration!

3
The Spirit's fruits are love and peace,
embracing every nation.
From Law too harsh
God brings release,
for sadness, consolation.

4
To you, O God, so patient, kind,
beyond imagination,
we offer gifts of heart and mind,
ourselves, in consecration.

George Garnsey (b.1936)
Together in Song 836
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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

Postlude in D minor, Op.105 - Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
Dr Mark Slavec, Cathedral Sub-Organist

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PRAY WITH US

FOR THE WORLD We pray for those facing the aftermath of flooding and continuing flood emergencies in Southern India, for swift delivery of assistance, for provision of housing and daily needs, and for emotional strength and energy to deal with the clean-up. We pray for those affected by the recent earthquake in Colombia, for those living with the fear of aftershocks, for rescue teams searching for survivors, provision of medical aid and food supplies. We pray for wisdom for those managing Ebola outbreak in the Republic of Congo. In the face of ongoing war in Ukraine, we earnestly pray for peace, and for political, diplomatic and grassroots efforts to bring about a lasting peace agreement. We give thanks that General Synod has approved funding for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bishops.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Church in Wales (Abp Cherry Vann).

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH The Diocese of North Queensland: Bishop Keith Joseph; St James' Cathedral, Dean Jeffrey Akoai; clergy, lay ministers and people.

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Marningatha Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Kew, Deanery of Whitehorse: St John's Blackburn, St Alfred's Blackburn North, Emmanuel Anglican Iranian Congregation, Anglican Parish of Box Hill, St George's East Ivanhoe, St James' Ivanhoe, Holy Trinity Doncaster, St David's East Doncaster, St Philip's Deep Creek, TIMA Anglican Parish; Mentone Grammar School.

FOR OUR CATHEDRAL Our Interim Building and Finance Manager, Patrick Kuah; Executive Assistant to the Dean, Joel McFadyen; Project Manager, David Greentree; Events Officer and Cathedral Secretary, Nathanael Armstrong; Operations and Compliance Officer, Stuart Tennant; Interim Commercial Manager, Fabio Perozzi; Admin Assistant, River Gammon; Liturgical Admin Assistant, Anthony Drakopoulos; Archivist, Dorothea Rowse; Vergers, Concierges and AV Technician; and Shop Assistants.

FOR THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED Stephen Ames, Rowena Armstrong, Cynthia Balderstone, Chris Carolane, Cecilia Cheng, Ken and Robyn Dusting, Cecilia Francis, Glen Gersch, Noelene Horton, Greg Hurworth, Gaye Loughrey, Esme Mitchell, Celina Ong, 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

- 16 Frank Gaunson (Lay Canon) 1964
- 17 Tom William Thomas (Priest, 11th Dean of Melbourne) 1999
George Edward Porter (Benefactor of Reredos, High Altar) 1906
- 18 Augustine Bithray Rowed (Priest, Canon) 1940
- 19 Albert Bayne McPherson (Priest, 11th Precentor) 2011
- 20 Eric Gross (Congregation) 2003

- George William Torrance (Choir Trainer 1880s) 1907
21 Deborah Clout (Congregation) 1998
Patsy Turner (Lay Canon) 2025
22 George Mottram Guest (Bell Ringer) 1938

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 This Sunday both the 9.15am and 11.45am study groups looked at Genesis 45 with the Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor. This was our final study in the Genesis series. Please come to the David Penman Room after morning tea. Newcomers are always welcome.

Guest Preacher We welcome the Revd Canon Daniel Lowe as our 4.00pm & 6.00pm preacher. Daniel is Associate Director of ISCAST (Christianity and Science in Conversation) and was previously school chaplain at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School in Gippsland for 20 years. Daniel is with us as part of Science Week.

Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 19 August, 1pm: Anderson Mokyi (Countertenor) and Isaac Mouskovias (Piano) Melbourne countertenor Anderson Mokyi, former Head Chorister of the Cathedral Choir at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, presents Mozart's radiant *Exsultate, jubilate*, K.165. A recipient of the AMEB Gold Award, winner of the American Protégé International Vocal Competition, and Youth Ambassador for Victorian Opera, Anderson brings exceptional vocal agility, expressive artistry, and refined musicianship to this celebrated sacred masterpiece, capturing the brilliance, elegance, and joy of Mozart's timeless composition.

Thursdays at Two, Thursday 27 August, 2pm The Archbishop's wife Mrs Louie Thorpe will be our next speaker. Please join us in the Barbara Darling Room to hear her speak, followed by afternoon tea.

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

10th Anniversary of the Girls Choir, 23 August, 4pm Please join us at Choral Evensong as we give thanks and celebrate the 10 years since our Cathedral Girls Choir was created. The Revd Josephine Quinlan will preach. Please join us after the service for refreshments. There will be no 6pm service on the 23 August.

Vocation Sunday, 30 August For Vocation Sunday our very own Cathedral Curate, the Revd Simon Li will preach at 8am, 10am and 1pm service, then at 6pm service Student minister, Virginia McDonald, Disability Inclusion Officer, Diocese of Melbourne will preach on August 30, 2026.

Choral Evening Prayer for St Phoebe Day, Sunday 30 August, 4pm The Revd Dr Robyn Whittaker from Pilgrim Theological College, Associate Professor of New Testament Studies and Director of The Wesley Centre for Theology, Ethics, and Public Policy, will be the preacher at the Choral Evening Prayer for Saint Phoebe Day on August 30, 2026.

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.

Canon Pastor Update Canon Chris Carolane underwent a bone marrow transplant in mid-July, and is now recovering well at home. 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.

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 106.1-24; Romans 11.13-24

Tues: Ps 107.1-22; Romans 11.25-36

Wed: Pss 110, 111; Romans 12.1-8

Thurs: Pss 114, 115; Romans 12.9-21

Fri: Pss 121, 122, 123; Romans 13

Sat: Ps 118.1-18; Romans 14.1-12

Next Sunday: Exodus 1.8-2.10; Psalm 124; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mon 17 August	12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tues 18 August	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Wed 19 August	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Anderson Mokyi (Countertenor) and Isaac Mouskovias (Piano) 5.10pm Chaplains in Anglican Schools Choral Eucharist
Thurs 20 August	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Fri 21 August	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Sat 22 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 23 August	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) <i>Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne</i> 10am 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 Canon Robert Vun</i> 4pm Choral Evensong <i>Preacher: The Revd Josephine Quinlan</i>

CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

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

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

Sunday 8am & 10am