



St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

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ANGLICAN
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The Consecration of

The Ven Megan Penuel Curlis-Gibson

BBioMedSci, MDiv, GradDip (Bible and Ministry)

The Revd Canon Nigel Llewellyn Pope

BA (Hons.), BD

The Revd Canon Lui Ben Wong

BMin (Hons.), GradCert

as Bishops

Saturday, 19 September 2026, 10.30 am

Archbishop of Melbourne: The Most Reverend Dr Ric Thorpe

Dean of Melbourne: The Very Reverend Dr Andreas Loewe

Precentor: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson

Deacon: The Reverend Andrew Murray

Subdeacon: The Reverend Lydia Thangadurai



MEGAN CURLIS-GIBSON – BISHOP OF MERRI. Megan Curlis-Gibson is a Melbourne girl who came to faith as a teenager through the ministry of St Hilary's Kew. She discovered a passion for helping others understand God's Word in deep and relevant ways, and to experience God's presence personally through his indwelling Holy Spirit in the community of Christ's people. While studying medicine at Monash University, she sensed a call to explore ordination in the Anglican Church and, after training at Ridley College, was ordained deacon and priest in 2006.

Over 20 years of ordained ministry, Megan has served in parishes large and small: as Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity Doncaster, Congregational Minister at St Hilary's Kew, and Vicar of St Stephen's Warrandyte. While caring for her young daughter, Megan worked as a locum priest and supported online theology students through Ridley College, before serving as Chaplain at Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School. From 2019 until this year, she was the Vicar of Deep Creek Anglican Church, a growing multicultural and multigenerational parish. She served as Area Dean of Whitehorse, a member of Archbishop in Council and a director of the Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation and most recently, Archdeacon of Kew. Her ministry focuses on careful listening, collaborative working, and strategic energy to enable the church to lift up Jesus as the hope of the world.

Megan and Phil have been married for 26 years and consider themselves partners in a life of ministry and authentic faith in Jesus. They live among the gum trees in Research with their teenage daughter Phoebe. Megan will serve as Assistant Bishop for the Merri region. Her pectoral cross will be presented by The Revd Angela Cook, The Revd Maria Brand and The Revd Karen Winsemius, her episcopal ring by her mother Sue Curlis and sister Erin Beer, and her Pastoral Staff by Phil and Phoebe.



NIGEL POPE – BISHOP OF GEELONG. The Revd Canon Nigel Pope has served in ordained ministry for more than two decades across the Church of North India and the Anglican Church of Australia.

Originally from Kolkata, India, Nigel served in the Diocese of Calcutta in parish, diocesan and wider church roles, including as Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, Kolkata. Since coming to Australia in 2018, he served as Vicar of St Paul's, Geelong, and, since October 2023, as Vicar of St John's Footscray.

There, he led a season of revitalisation, nurturing a diverse and growing multicultural congregation, and developing ministries of hospitality, pastoral care, mission and community engagement.

Nigel's ministry has been shaped by a deep love for Christ and his Church, and by a conviction that the Gospel is most faithfully proclaimed through presence, friendship, hospitality and service. He has a particular passion for multicultural ministry, mission among those on the margins, and the renewal of local congregations. Within the Diocese of Melbourne, he has served on Archbishop in Council, the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral, the Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation, and in a number of diocesan committees and ministries. Nigel is married to Candida (Candy), and they have two children, Rebecca and Joshua.

He will serve as Assistant Bishop for the Geelong Episcopate Area. His sister Vanessa Caesar will present his pectoral cross, his wife Candy his episcopal ring, and his daughter Rebecca his pastoral staff.



BEN WONG – BISHOP OF NUNAWADING. Ben was born in China, grew up in Hong Kong and came to Melbourne to study in 1989. In 2003, he responded to God's call to full-time ministry and began theological study at the Bible College of Victoria (now Melbourne School of Theology). He began serving as a Lay Minister at Holy Trinity Doncaster in 2006 and was ordained as a priest in 2009.

Prior to his consecration, Ben was Vicar of TIMA Anglican Parish, a parish comprising four churches, and Canon to the Archbishop for Multicultural Ministry. Ben's passion in ministry is church planting and discipleship. Much of his ministry has focused on planting new congregations, revitalising existing churches, developing multicultural ministry, and raising up the next generation of disciples and leaders.

He is passionate about seeing people come to faith in Jesus, grow as disciples, and churches become healthy communities equipped for mission. Ben is married to Ivy, who is also an Anglican priest, and they have a daughter, Joyce.

Ben will serve as the Assistant Bishop for the Nunawading region. He will be presented with his pectoral cross by Mr John Dyson and Mrs Ellen Li, his episcopal ring by Mrs Rosemary Jones and Mrs Linda Sheng, and his pastoral staff by The Revd Paul Hughes and The Revd Dr Timothy Lau.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORDINATION SERVICE

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES The Rt Revd Geoff Smith led the retreat for the Bishops-designate and, with The Most Revd Dr Bradly Billings, the Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell and the Rt Revd Dr Alison Taylor AM, is presenting the candidates to the Archbishop as Metropolitan of Victoria, who exhorts them and presents them to the people.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD We will sing a Psalm and hear readings from the Acts of the Apostles and the gospel of St Matthew. Today's sermon is preached by the Archbishop.

THE PRAYERS We pray especially at this time for God's presence among us as the candidates are ordained and sing the litany for ministry. We sing *Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire* to ask for their equipping with all the needful gifts of grace for ministry as bishops by the Holy Spirit.

THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND ANOINTING During the Prayer of Ordination, the Archbishop thanks God for Christ, our Shepherd and High Priest, and gives thanks that God calls women and men to ministries of the Church of God. The Archbishop is joined by Bishops from across Australia in laying hands on each candidate to invoke the Holy Spirit to equip them for ministry. This laying-on of hands is the principal ritual gesture of ordination, after which each candidate is anointed with the Oil of Chrism.

THE SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY After the Archbishop has prayed for Megan, Nigel and Ben to be made bishops, they receive their pectoral cross and episcopal ring. They are given the Holy Scriptures to signify the ministry of a witness to the resurrection. At the end of the service, they are given a pastoral staff to send them out into their new ministries as a chief shepherd in the church.

THE EUCHARIST The Ordination Service is always set within the Eucharist, also known as the Lord's Supper, or the Holy Communion.

THANKS

We are most grateful to all those who are assisting today, especially the Staff and Volunteers of the Cathedral, the Bellringers, Musicians, Flower Guild, Servers, Vergers and Welcomers.

The Cathedral Bells are rung before and after the service.

Music before the service Prelude and Fugue in D, BWV532 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Mrs Roslyn Carolane, Assistant Organist

Please stand for

THE PROCESSION

The Cathedral Choir
Crucifer and Taperers
Servers

Theological Students and Religious
Clergy of the Diocese of Melbourne
Area Deans
Members of Archbishop in Council
Diocesan Officers of Melbourne and Notary Public

Visiting Archdeacons
Archdeacons of the Diocese

Verger
Clerical Presenters of Episcopal Insignia

The Rt Revd Geoffrey Smith, retreat conductor, presenting all candidates

The Venerable Megan Curlis-Gibson with her other presenters:

The Rt Revd Dr Alison Taylor AM, The Revd Paul Perini,
The Revd Dr Tim Johnson, Mr Bob Browne and Ms Rachel McConnell

The Revd Canon Nigel Pope with his other presenters:

The Most Revd Dr Bradly Billings, The Revd Philip Trowse,
The Revd Rebecca Mading, Ms Catherine Guttenbiel and Mr Paul Handley

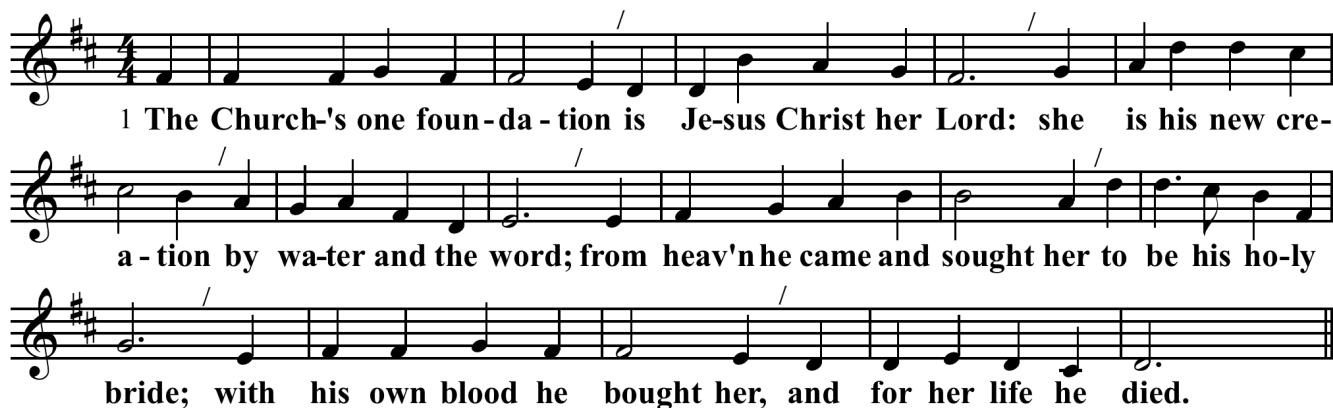
The Revd Canon Ben Wong with his other presenters:

The Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell, The Revd Gavin Ward,
The Revd Dr Teresa Lau, Mrs Bev Turner and Mr Wilson Yu

Clergy and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral
Visiting Deans
Bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia
Assistant Bishop of Melbourne
Diocesan Bishops of the Province of Victoria

The Precentor
The Sub-Deacon
The Deacon

The Dean's Verger
The Dean
The Archbishop



2
Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

3
Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4
Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5
Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel John Stone (1839–1900) alt.
Australian Hymn Book 385

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND WELCOME

The Dean introduces the service and makes the Acknowledgement of Country:

Jesus assures us: 'You did not choose me but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last'. *St John 15.16*

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 GREETING

The Archbishop greets the congregation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you:
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

The Deacon says

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. *2 Timothy 1.7*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Archbishop absolves the people

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

1 In the dark - ness, we were wait - ing with-out hope,
— with-out light. 'Till, from hea - ven you — came run - ning, there was mer -
cy in — your eyes. To ful - fil — the law — and pro - phets to a Vir -
gin came the Word. From a throne — of end - less glo - ry, to a cra -
Chorus dle in — the dirt. —
Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spi - rit, three in one.
God of Glo - ry, Ma - je - sty. Praise for e - ver to the King of Kings.

2
To reveal the kingdom coming,
and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation,
you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering,
you saw to the other side,
knowing this was our salvation —
Jesus, for our sake you died.

Chorus

3
And the morning that you rose,
all of heaven held its breath,
till that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs,
and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come
to the Father are restored.

4
And the Church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old
shall not kneel, shall not faint;
by his blood and in his name,
in his freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ
who has resurrected me.

Chorus

Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, and
Jason Ingram. Reproduced by permission

Congregation please be seated

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES TO BE CONSECRATED BISHOP

The Presenters introduce the candidates to be consecrated Bishop

Ric, bishop in the Church of God,
we present to you Megan Penuel Curlis-Gibson, Nigel Llewellyn Pope
and Ben Lui Wong to be consecrated bishop.

The Archbishop says Let the Authority for Consecration be read.

The Registrar of the Diocese of Melbourne, Pauline Caruana, reads the Authority

The Archbishop says Let the solemn promises be made.

The Bishops-designate say in turn

I, Megan Penuel Curlis-Gibson,

I, Nigel Llewellyn Pope,

I, Ben Lui Wong,

They continue together

firmly and sincerely believe the Catholic Faith. I give my assent to the doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia as expressed in The Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons and The Articles of Religion as acknowledged in the Constitution, and I believe that doctrine to be agreeable to the Word of God. I declare my assent to the Fundamental Declarations of the Anglican Church of Australia as set out in the Constitution. In public prayer and administration of the sacraments I will use the form prescribed in *The Book of Common Prayer, A Prayer Book for Australia* or a lawfully authorised form and none other.

The Bishops-designate say in turn

I, Megan,

I, Nigel,

I, Ben,

They continue together

do solemnly and sincerely declare my assent to be bound by the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia and the Constitution of the Province of Victoria and of this Diocese of Melbourne and by the canons, statutes, ordinances and rules, however described, from time to time of the synod of the Diocese of Melbourne and of the General Synod and the Provincial Synod or Council which have force in the Diocese of Melbourne.

Holding a copy of the Holy Scriptures, the Bishops-designate say in turn

I, Megan,

I, Nigel,

I, Ben,

They continue together

do swear true and canonical obedience to the Archbishop of Melbourne and his lawful successors in all things lawful and honest, so help me God.

As the Bishops-designate sign the declarations, and commitment to Holiness in Life—witnessed by the Notary Public Dr Ian Gibson, Chancellor Michael Dowling, and the Registrar—Quentin Pope sings ‘Make me a servant’ by Kelly Willard.

The Bishops-designate turn and face the congregation.

The Archbishop addresses the congregation:

Dear friends in Christ, you have heard testimony given that Megan, Nigel and Ben have been duly and lawfully appointed to be bishops in the Church of God, and have witnessed them make the Assents and taken the Oaths required by the Canons of this Anglican Church of Australia.

We ask you to declare: do you accept Megan, Nigel and Ben to minister as bishops?

By the grace of God, we do.

Will you then uphold and support Megan, Nigel and Ben as bishops?

By the grace of God, we will.

Is it your will that they should be consecrated?

It is.

The Archbishop addresses Bishop-designate Megan Curlis-Gibson, saying:

Megan, do you trust that you are called by God to the office and work of a bishop in the Church of God?

Archdeacon Megan Curlis-Gibson responds

I, Megan, believe I am called to this ministry.

The Archbishop addresses Bishop-designate Nigel Pope, saying:

Nigel, do you trust that you are called by God to the office and work of a bishop in the Church of God?

Canon Nigel Pope responds

I, Nigel, believe I am called to this ministry.

The Archbishop addresses Bishop-designate Ben Wong, saying:

Ben, do you trust that you are called by God
to the office and work of a bishop in the Church of God?

Canon Ben Wong responds

I, Ben, believe I am called to this ministry.

The Archbishop asks

Megan, Nigel and Ben, the people have affirmed their trust in you by assenting to your appointment. Will you endeavour to fulfil this trust, in obedience to Christ?

The Bishops-designate respond together I will, by the grace of God.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in your Church. Bless Megan, Nigel and Ben now called to the order of bishops. So fill them with your truth, and clothe them with holiness, that they may faithfully serve, and as pastors diligently preach your word, and rightly teach your people, to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All please sit for the Bible reading and the Psalm

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 20:17-33

Read by The Revd Ivy Wong

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

From Miletus Paul sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him.¹⁸ When they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia,¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me. ²⁰ I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance

toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. ²² And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. ²⁴ But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace.

²⁵ "And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. ²⁹ I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified.

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

PSALM 133

Please sing the response after the cantor, then as indicated



¹Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity.

²It is fragrant as oil upon the head that runs down over the beard: fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe.

Response

³It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

⁴For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for evermore.

Response

Music: Plainchant

Please stand as the Deacon leads

Alleluia, alleluia.

‘I am the good shepherd’, says the Lord.

‘I know my own and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father’. **Alleluia.**

See John 10.14, 15

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28.18-20

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came and said to the disciples, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age’.

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

Please sit for

THE SERMON

The Most Revd Dr Ric Thorpe
Archbishop of Melbourne

Silence may be kept. Please stand to confess the Christian faith in the words of

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The congregation sits.

The Archbishop takes his place in the ordination chair of Bishop Charles Perry.

THE PRAYERS

The Archbishop prays

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus spent the whole night in prayer before he chose and sent out the twelve apostles. Likewise, the apostles prayed before they appointed Matthias to be one of their number, as did the church at Antioch before commissioning Paul and Barnabas for their mission. Let us therefore follow their examples, and offer our prayers to God as we prepare to consecrate Megan, Nigel and Ben to be bishops in the Church of God.

All kneel or sit for a period of silent prayer

The Precentor leads

THE LITANY FOR MINISTRY

God the Father: have mercy on us.

God the Son: have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit: have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God: have mercy on us.



We humbly pray that you will hear us, good Lord:

Grant to your people the forgiveness of sins, growth in grace,
and the fruit of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**



Send your peace to the world which you have reconciled to yourself by the ministry of your Son Jesus. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Heal the divisions of your Church, that all may be one, so that the world may believe. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lead the members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in true and godly living. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Raise up faithful and able ministers for your Church, that the Gospel may be known to all people. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with compassion, clothe them with humility, and move them to care for all your people. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Inspire all bishops, priests, and deacons with your love, that with all your people they may hunger for truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bless your servants Megan, Nigel and Ben, now to be admitted to the Order of Bishops. Pour your grace upon them, that they may faithfully fulfil the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your name.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Sustain by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit all who are called to the ordained ministries of your Church, and encourage them to persevere to the end. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gather us with all your saints into your eternal kingdom.
Lord, hear our prayer.

The Archbishop concludes the prayers

Eternal God and Father, you have promised to hear those who pray in the name of your Son: Grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EXHORTATION

The Archbishop addresses the candidates to be consecrated bishop

A bishop is called to maintain the Church's witness to the resurrection of Christ, to protect the purity of the gospel, and to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

As a chief minister and pastor in Christ's Church,
you are to guard its faith, unity and discipline,
and promote its mission in the world.

You are to ensure that God's word is faithfully proclaimed,
Christ's sacraments duly administered,
and Christ's discipline applied justly, with mercy.
You are to lead and guide the priests and deacons under your care,
and be faithful in the choosing and ordaining of ministers.

You are to watch over, protect and serve the people of God,
to teach and govern them, and to be hospitable.
You must, therefore, know and be known by them,
and be a good example to all.

These are the duties of a bishop,
and they are weighty.

Are you willing to perform them?

Each candidate responds in turn

I, Megan, am willing: may God guide and help me.

I, Nigel, am willing: may God guide and help me.

I, Ben, am willing: may God guide and help me.

THE EXAMINATION

The Scriptures and ancient canons of the Church require that we should not be hasty in the laying on of hands to admit anyone to an office of government in the Church. Therefore, in order that this congregation may understand your intention, and so that your public profession may strengthen your resolve, answer clearly these questions, which I ask you in the name of God and of the Church.

Are you convinced that the holy Scriptures contain all doctrine necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? Will you instruct from them the people committed to your care, teaching nothing as essential to salvation which cannot be demonstrated from the Scriptures?

Candidates I am convinced, and will do so, with God's help.

Archbishop Will you then be faithful in prayer, and diligent in the study of the holy Scriptures, so that you may be equipped to teach and encourage with sound doctrine?

Candidates I will, seeking to discern the mind of Christ by the Spirit of God.

Archbishop Will you proclaim the gospel to all, especially those among whom you live? Will you lead those in your care to obey our Saviour's command to make disciples of all nations?

Candidates I will, gladly bearing witness to Christ in the power of God.

Archbishop Will you administer with mercy the discipline of this Church? Will you correct and set aside teaching that is contrary to the mind of Christ, both privately and publicly urging all to live according to God's Word?

Candidates I will, striving to apply the law of Christ with God's grace of God.

Archbishop Will you put aside all ungodly and worldly behaviour, and live modestly, in justice and godliness, so that by your life and example you may commend Christ's truth?

Candidates I will, seeking in all I do to demonstrate the love of God.

Archbishop Will you maintain and promote quietness, peace and love among all people? Will you correct and discipline, according to the authority you have by God's word? Will you strive to build up the body of Christ in unity, truth and love?

Candidates I will, commending to all the peace of God.

Archbishop Will you be faithful in ordaining and commissioning others for ministry? Will you encourage those committed to your care to fulfil their ministry?

Candidates I will, in all things striving to set forward the kingdom of Christ.

Archbishop Will you show compassion to the poor and the stranger, be gentle with the abused and needy, and defend those who have no helper?

Candidates I will, striving to be merciful in the name of Christ.

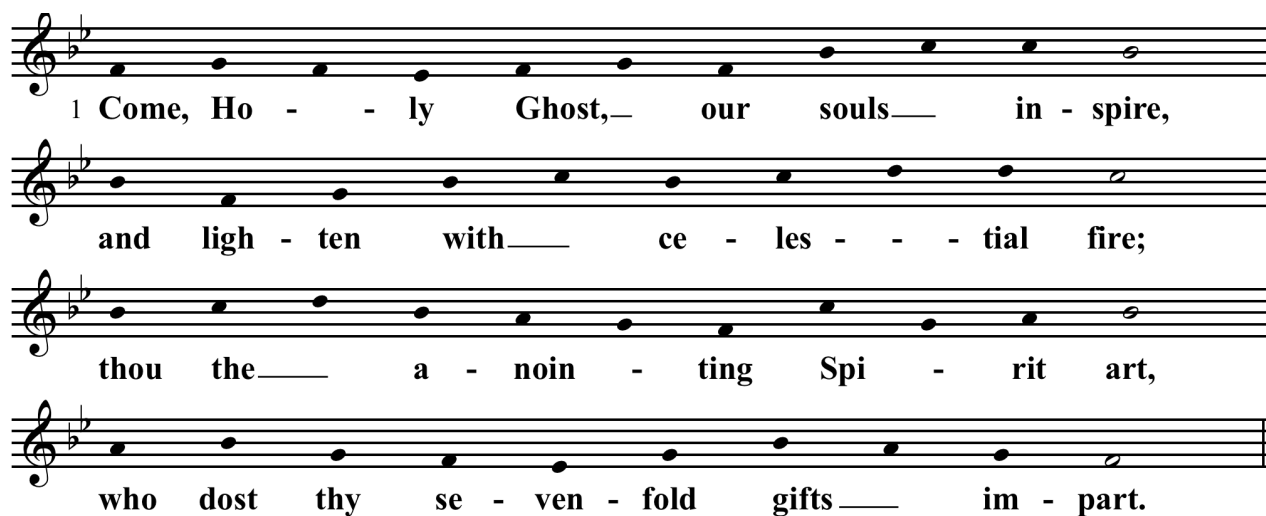
The Archbishop invites the people to pray

Let us now pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

All kneel or sit and pray in silence.

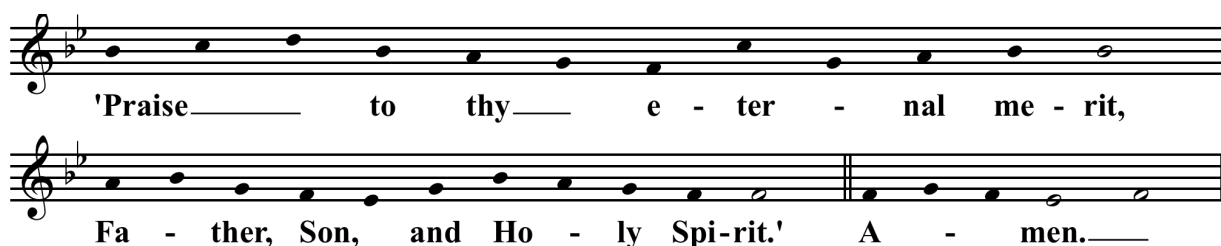
All sing

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS (COME, HOLY GHOST)



1 Come, Ho - - ly Ghost, — our souls — in - spire,
and ligh - ten with — ce - les - - - tial fire;
thou the — a - noin - ting Spi - rit art,
who dost thy se - ven - fold gifts — im - part.

- 2 Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight:
- 3 Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.
- 4 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, with both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:



'Praise — to thy — e - ter - nal me - rit,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi-rit.' A - men. —

Words: Rhabanus Maurus (c. 800) tr. J. Cosin (1594-1672)
Music: Mode VIII

Co-consecrating bishops join the Archbishop at the place of consecration.

THE CONSECRATION PRAYER

The candidates kneel before the Archbishop, who prays

Blessed are you, Lord our God!
You have given us your only Son to be the Apostle
and High Priest of our faith,
and the Shepherd of our souls.

Exalted as Lord of all,
he poured out the Spirit and gave gifts to your people,
making some to be apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
and to build up the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks
that you have called Megan, Nigel and Ben,
whom we consecrate in your name
to the ministry of a bishop in your Church.

*The Archbishop and bishops present lay hands
on the head of bishop-designate Megan, the Archbishop saying*

Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant Megan
whom we set apart by the laying on of our hands,
for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

The Archbishop anoints Megan.

Megan, may God, who anointed the Christ
with the Holy Spirit at his baptism,
anoint and empower you to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
to set free those who are oppressed
and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

See Isaiah 61.1,2, Luke 4.17-19

*The Archbishop and bishops present lay hands
on the head of bishop-designate Nigel, the Archbishop saying*

Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant Nigel
whom we set apart by the laying on of our hands,
for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

The Archbishop anoints Nigel.

Nigel, may God, who anointed the Christ
with the Holy Spirit at his baptism,
anoint and empower you to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
to set free those who are oppressed
and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

*The Archbishop and bishops present lay hands
on the head of bishop-designate Ben, the Archbishop saying*

Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant Ben
whom we set apart by the laying on of our hands,
for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

The Archbishop anoints Ben.

Ben, may God, who anointed the Christ
with the Holy Spirit at his baptism,
anoint and empower you to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
to set free those who are oppressed
and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

*When hands have been laid on all to be consecrated bishop,
the Archbishop continues*

Fill your servants, merciful God, with grace and power,
that they may always be ready to proclaim the good news of salvation.
Fill their heart with love of you and your people,
that they may feed and tend the flock of Christ.

Give them humility, and defend him from all evil,
that they may exercise without reproach the office of bishop,
using its authority to heal, and not to hurt, to build up, and not destroy.

Accept our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit belong glory and honour,
worship and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Consecrating bishops return to their seats.

THE CHARGE OF THE BISHOPS

Members of family and friends present a pectoral cross and episcopal ring for Megan, Nigel and Ben to the Archbishop, who gives them to the new bishops.

Megan, Nigel and Ben, put on this cross
as the sign of the passion and death of Christ,
and wear this ring to remind you
of the bonds of God's enduring love.

The Archbishop presents each with the Bible

Megan, Nigel and Ben, receive this Bible.
Study it well, and expound its teaching.
In it are contained the words of eternal life.
Take them for your rule, and declare them to the world.
Remember your commitment to Christ and his Church.

All stand. The Archbishop welcomes the newly-consecrated bishops

Guard the truth that has been entrusted to you
by the Holy Spirit who lives in us.
We welcome you as shepherds of Christ's flock.
Build up the Church in unity and love,
that the world may believe. *see 1 Timothy 6.20; 2 Timothy 1.14*

All join in singing

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, ye creatures here below, praise him above, ye heaven-ly host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third system.

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow, praise
him, ye crea - tures here be - low, praise him a - bove, ye
heaven-ly host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*Standing with the newly-consecrated bishops,
the Archbishop greets the people*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,
not counting our trespasses against us
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5.19

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMNS

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Verses



1 Beau-ty for brok-en-ness, hope for des-pair, Lord, in the suf-fer-ing,
2 Shel-ter for fra-gile lives, cures for their ills, work for the crafts-men,
this is our prayer. Bread for the chil-dren, jus-tice, joy, peace,
trade for their skills; land for the dis-pos-sessed, rights for the weak;
sun-rise to sun-set your king-dom in-crease. *Repeat for verse 2*
voi-ces to plead the cause of those who can't speak. *To refrain*

Refrain



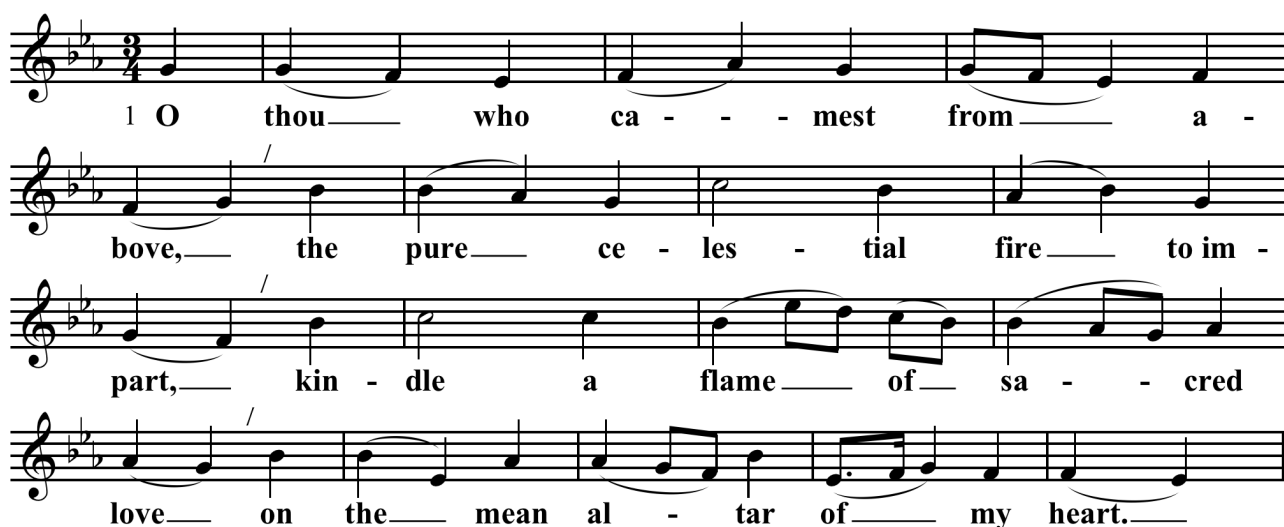
God of the poor,— friend of the weak, give us com-pas-sion we
pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like— rain.
Come change our love— from a spark— to a— flame.—

3
 Refuge from cruel wars,
 havens from fear,
 cities for sanctuary,
 freedoms to share,
 peace to the killing-fields,
 scorched earth to green;
 Christ for the bitterness,
 his cross for the pain.

5
 Lighten our darkness,
 breathe on this flame
 until your justice burns
 brightly again;
 until the nations
 learn of your ways,
 seek your salvation
 and bring you their praise. *Chorus*

4
 Rest for the ravaged earth,
 oceans and streams,
 plundered and poisoned,
 our future, our dreams.
 Lord, end our madness,
 carelessness, greed;
 make us content with
 the things that we need. *Chorus*

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
Together in Song 690
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2
 There let it for thy glory burn
 with inextinguishable blaze
 and trembling to its source return,
 in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3
 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
 to work, and speak, and think for thee;
 still let me guard the holy fire,
 and still stir up thy gift in me,

4
 ready for all thy perfect will,
 my acts of faith and love repeat,
 till death thy endless mercies seal,
 and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)
Australian Hymn Book 486i

The Archbishop prays

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation: through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings to your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God forever.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son

our Saviour Jesus Christ

who came not to be served, but to serve,

and to give his life as a ransom for many.

He taught your word with boldness,

and offered himself to you in perfect obedience.

He cared for all as the good shepherd and laid down his life for his sheep.

By his death and rising to new life

he brought new life to your people.

In baptism you have united us to him,

and brought us out of darkness into light.

And now we give you thanks that your Son sent his apostles

to be heralds of your kingdom;

you made them witnesses to his resurrection,

that through them the gospel of salvation might be carried

into all the world and those who have not seen might yet believe.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,

we give thanks and lift our voices

to proclaim the glory of your name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

Communion Service in F – Harold Darke (1888–1976)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;
do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

The Subdeacon introduces the following acclamation, said by all:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us,
so we pray, each in our own language,

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser..., Πάτερ ἡμῶν..., 天の父よ ...,
हे हमारे स्वरगिक पिता..., Bapa kami..., E to matou Matua..., 我們在天上的父 ...,
Ama namin..., Our Father who art ..., ،... بآپ ہمارے اے... ،... الَّذِي أَبَانَا...

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Choir and robed clergy will be directed to the High Altar, those in the front section of the Nave to the Nave Altar, and those in the back section of the Nave to the rear of the Cathedral. At the Nave Altar, the new Bishops will be administering the Common Cup. At each location you will be guided by the Stewards and be asked to queue to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The Band leads, 'Beautiful name' by Brooke Ligertwood and Ben Fielding, 'I speak Jesus', by Abby Benton, Carlene Prince, Dustin Smith, Jesse Reeves, Kristen Dutton, Raina Pratt, and 'Holy forever' by Chris Tomlin.

The Cathedral Choir sings *Ubi caritas*, by Maurice Duruflé (1902-86).

Where there is charity and love God is there.

God gathers us in unity in the love of Christ.

In this let us rejoice and be glad. Let us love and revere the living God.

And with a sincere heart let us love one another.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

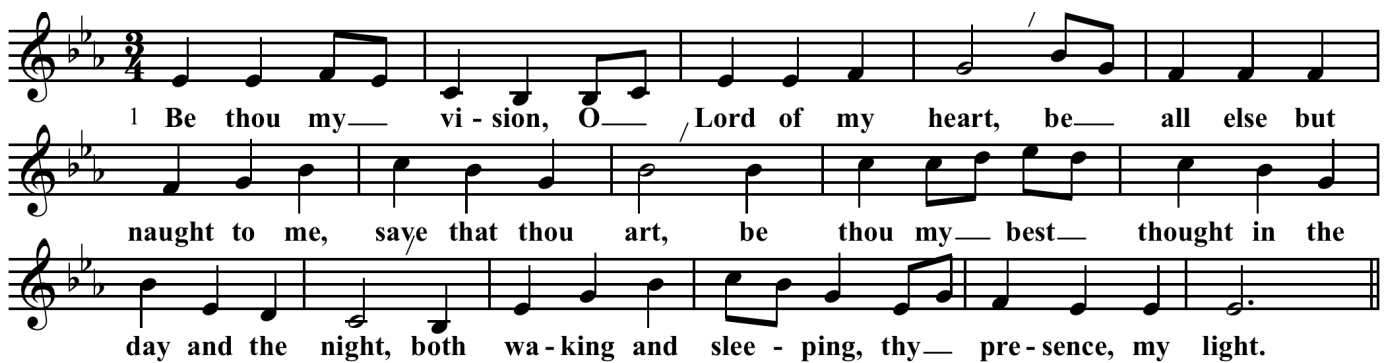
Please stand

Heavenly Father, whose ascended Son gave gifts of leadership and service to the Church: strengthen us who have received this holy food to be good stewards of your manifold grace; through him who came not to be served but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Make us faithful witnesses of the Lord Jesus and his resurrection, that at his coming we may go out with great joy to meet him, and be found worthy to worship you with all your saints for ever. Amen.

Remain standing to sing

THE DISMISSAL HYMN



Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
be thou my great Father, thy child let me be,
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earthly vain praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th century, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
Versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)
New English Hymnal 339

THE BLESSING

God who has called you is faithful.

May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word. **Amen.**

May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE GIVING OF THE PASTORAL STAFF

Members of family and friends of Bishops Megan, Nigel and Ben bring a pastoral staff each to The Most Revd Dr Bradly Billings, the Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell and the Rt Revd Dr Alison Taylor AM who present them to new bishops.

The Archbishop says

Megan, Nigel and Ben,
receive this staff as a sign of your pastoral office.
Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, and not a wolf.
Encourage the faithful, support the weak, heal the sick,
bind up the broken, restore the outcast, seek the lost.

Build up the body of Christ,
so that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear,
you may receive the unfading crown of glory,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Remain standing for

THE PROCESSION

Exiting through the Great West Doors

Crucifer and Taperers
The Dean's Verger
The Dean and The Assistant Bishop of Melbourne
The newly-consecrated Assistant Bishops
with their episcopal Presenters
The Archbishop
The Deacon
The Sub-deacon
The Precentor
Banner
Bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia
Archdeacon Simon Koeford

Exiting through the Cathedral corridor

The Cathedral Choir
Banner
Verger
Clerical and Lay Presenters
Clergy of St Paul's Cathedral
Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral
Archdeacons
Visiting Deans
Banner
Diocesan Officers and Notary Public
Members of Archbishop in Council
Area Deans
Clergy of the Diocese of Melbourne
Theological Students and Religious

Please be seated for the remainder of

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata from the Symphony No. 5, Op. 42 – Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

*The Archbishop and new Bishops, with consecrating Bishops and Dean,
assemble on the steps outside the Great West Door for an official photograph.*

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THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sun 20 September	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Ames</i> 10am Sung 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 Evensong <i>Preacher: The Revd Dr Alex Ross</i> 6pm Gather at St Paul's Sung Eucharist <i>Preacher: His Honour Canon Paul Glass</i>
Mon 21 September	12.15pm Holy Communion <i>St Matthew the Apostle</i>
Tues 22 September	12.15pm Holy Communion
Wed 23 September	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Westgarth Ensemble
Thurs 24 September	12.15pm Holy Communion 2pm Thursdays at Two: The Revd Canon Dr Rhys Bezzant
Fri 25 September	<i>AFL Grand Final Public Holiday:</i> <i>Cathedral Open 11am to 4pm</i> 12.15pm Holy Communion
Sat 26 September	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Farsi Fellowship کلیسای جامع پوولس 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.

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