



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Choral Evensong

The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

18 October 2026, 4pm

Saint Luke the Evangelist

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 Canon Jane Window, Associate Priest.

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 What shall we of - fer our good Lord,
poor no - things, for his bound - less grace?
Fain would we his great name re - cord
and wor - thi - ly set forth his praise.

²
Great object of our growing love,
to whom our more than all we owe,
open the fountain from above,
and let it our full souls o'erflow.

³
So shall our lives thy power proclaim,
thy grace for every sinner free,
till all the world shall learn thy name,
shall all stretch out their hands to thee.

⁴
Open a door which earth and hell
may strive to shut, but strive in vain;
let thy word richly in us dwell,
and let our gracious fruit remain.

⁵
O multiply the sower's seed!
and fruit we every hour shall bear,
throughout the world
thy gospel spread,
thy everlasting truth declare.

August Gottlieb Spangenberg (1704-92) tr. John Wesley (1703-91)
Together in Song 439

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

June Nixon AM (b.1942)

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 96

Chant: June Nixon

¹O sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
²Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:

be telling of his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his honour unto the heathen:
and his wonders unto all people.

⁴For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols:
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

⁶Glory and worship are before him:
power and honour are in his sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people:
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

⁸Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name:
bring presents, and come into his courts.

⁹O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

¹⁰Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King:
and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved;
and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

¹²Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it:
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

¹³For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

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

Jeremiah 8.22-9.3

Read by Nicholas Hurley

Here begins the twenty-second verse of the eighth chapter of the Prophecy of Jeremiah.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of the daughter of my people
not been restored?

¹O that my head were a spring of water
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of the daughter of my people!

²O that I had in the desert
a traveller's lodging place,
that I might leave my people

and go away from them!
For they are all adulterers,
a band of traitors.

³They bend their tongues like bows;
they have grown strong in the land for falsehood and not for truth,
for they proceed from evil to evil,
and they do not know me, says the Lord.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

THE MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in F – John Ireland (1879-1962)

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

Luke 10.1-9

Read by Canon Philip Nicholls

Here begins the tenth chapter of the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on

that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in F – Ireland

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

Nixon

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

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; 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 pray for the peace of Jerusalem – Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Concluding with

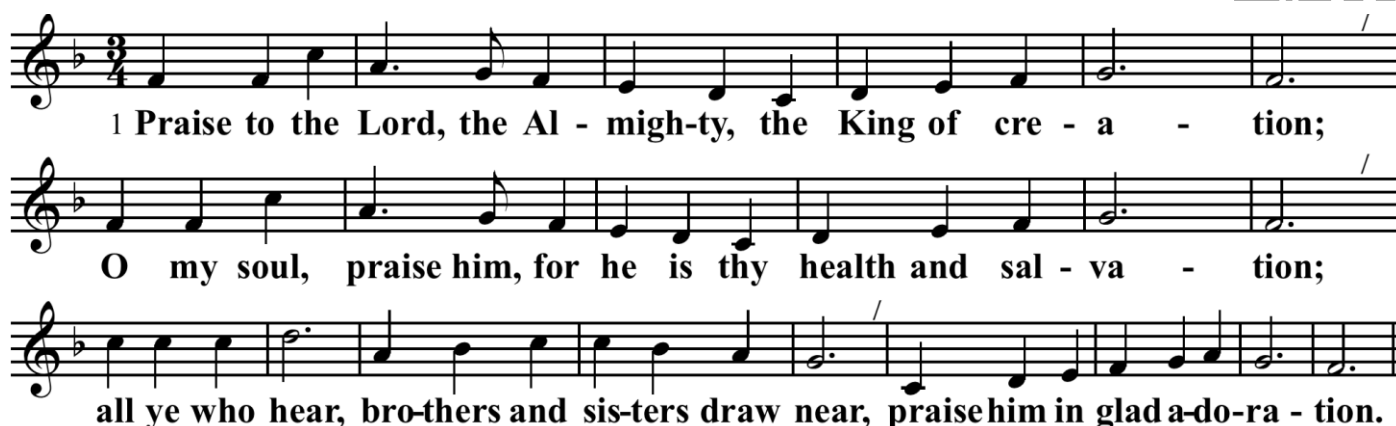
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,
evermore. Amen.

Stand to sing

THE HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh-ty, the King of cre - a - tion;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion;
all ye who hear, bro-thers and sis-ters draw near, praise him in glad a-do-ra - tion.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen how thy heart's longings have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light, chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him.
 Let the Amen sound from his people again:
 gladly for ay we adore him.**

Joachim Neander (1650–80), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) and others
Australian Hymn Book 28

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor

Stand to sing

THE DISMISSAL HYMN

1 This is the truth we hold, source of the joy we share,
 hope that can make us bold trus - ting the name we bear: that
 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen, in Christ shall all be made a - live'.

2
 This is the song of praise
 echoing down the years,
 true for the present days,
 through all our doubts and fears:
 that 'Christ has died'
 and 'Christ is risen,
 in Christ shall all be made alive'.

3
 Christ is the living bread,
 Christ is the word to speak,
 Christ is the way to tread,
 Christ is the goal to seek;
 for 'Christ has died'
 and 'Christ is risen,
 in Christ shall all be made alive'.

4
 One in the faith we share,
 out in his name we go;
 Jesus awaits us there,
 longing that all should know
 that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
 in Christ shall all be made alive'.

Basil Ernest Bridge (1927-2021)
Together in Song 469
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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

Hornpipe Humouresque: A Nautical Extravaganza for Organ –
Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019): Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

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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: Pss 110, 111; 1 Peter 3.1-7

Tues: Pss 114, 115; 1 Peter 3.8-16

Wed: Pss 121, 122, 123; 1 Peter 3.17-4.2

Thurs: Ps 118.1-18; 1 Peter 4.3-11

Fri: Pss 124, 125, 126; 1 Peter 4.12-19

Sat: Pss 130, 131, 133; 1 Peter 5

Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-13; Matthew 22.34-46

CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

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

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

Sunday 8am & 10am

PRAY WITH US

FOR THE WORLD We remember with gratitude all seafarers who have served in the Royal Australian Navy and Merchant Navy, especially those who gave their lives at sea in the service of our nation. Watch over all who sail today, keep them safe from harm, comfort their families and loved ones, and grant them strength, peace and safe passage as they carry out their vital duties. We pray for Pope Leo XIV, for your healing, following his recent lung cancer diagnosis and surgery; a full recovery and renewed strength, and that he may be protected from further illness or complications; for the students and people of Albania, who are distressed by rising education costs and concerns about corruption; for those affected by the devastating hurricane in Mexico, those who have lost their homes, livelihoods and sense of security, bring comfort to those who are displaced, strength to rebuild their lives and hope to all who face an uncertain future.

FOR COP Please pray for COP 31, taking place in Antalya (the ancient Attaleia, visited by Paul and Barnabas) in the second week of November. Pray for resolve for the international community to curb carbon emissions, and to find and fund mitigations to combat the effects and impact of a changing climate, especially for low-lying islands in the Torres Strait and Pacific.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Anglican Church of Canada (Abp Shane Parker).

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH Diocese of Perth: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishops Kate Wilmot, David Bassett and Hans Christiansen; St George's Cathedral, Dean Chris Chataway; clergy, lay ministers and people.

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Episcopal Area of Geelong, Archdeaconry of Williamstown, Deanery of Werribee (1): St Thomas' Werribee, St Stephen's Anglican Congregation — Karen Community Werribee, Sojourners Werribee, Church of the Epiphany Hoppers Crossing, Hope & Resurrection Community Church, St Eanswythe's Altona with St Clement's Laverton, St Mark's Spotswood, Holy Trinity Williamstown; Overnewton Anglican Community College.

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

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

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED The Revd Jean Frances Penman AM and David Forbes.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

- 18 Jean Florence Nicoll (Congregation) 2019
- 20 Henry Henty (Lay Canon, Member of the Cathedral Building Committee 1880s) 1912
- 21 Hubert Richard Murphy 1942
- 24 George Harvard Cranswick (2nd Bishop of Gippsland) 1954
Arthur Reginald Mace (Archdeacon, Canon) 1965

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.

Bishop Nigel's visit at *Gather* We welcome Bishop Nigel Pope as our 6.00pm preacher. Bishop Nigel was ordained in India where he served as Dean of Calcutta Cathedral. Since moving to Australia, he has been a parish minister in Geelong and Footscray and a member of our Cathedral Chapter. He was recently consecrated as the Bishop of Geelong.

Baptism, Confirmation and Reception Preparation classes have begun at 11.45am in the Canon's Vestry and continue weekly until 15 November. If you're interested, please email Canon Jane Window: jwindow@stpaulscathedral.org.au Mandarin speakers, please email Revd Simon Li sli@stpaulscathedral.org.au, and Farsi speakers, please email Revd Pedram Shirmast pshirmast@stpaulscathedral.org.au

Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 21 October, 1pm: The Classical Collective With over 30 years of musical experience, The Classical Collective is made up of three Melbourne Conservatorium alumni (Giselle Baulch, Juliarna Clark, and Hugh Fullarton), whose musical experience ranges from jazz to opera to sacred liturgical music. They will present a collection of sacred vocal solos and duets, accompanied by piano and chamber organ. The music ranges from the well-known to newly discovered gems, from Andrew Lloyd Webber to Giuseppe Verdi.

Thursdays at Two Dr Yane Damanik, Principal of Nungalinga College in Darwin, Northern Territory will be our guest speaker. Originally from the Maluku Islands located in East Indonesia in the Western Pacific Ocean, Dr Damanik trained in Mission and Christian Counselling at Kingsley Theological School in Melbourne. She has served in a variety of roles in teaching, counselling, pastoral work and community development. Dr Damanik will share about her work and vision for empowering Indigenous Christians to take on leadership roles across Australia.

Alpha 2027 We are thinking about running the Alpha Course in 2027. As a first step we are looking to see who might be interested in joining a leadership team. If you are at all interested please talk to Canon Tim Watson or Canon Peter MacPherson.
<https://alpha.org.au/>

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mon 19 October	10.15am Mentone Grammar Valedictory Service (Open to school community) 12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tues 20 October	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Wed 21 October	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: The Classical Collective 5.10pm Choral Evensong 6.30pm Firbank Valedictory Service (Open to school community)
Thurs 22 October	12.15pm Holy Communion 2pm Thursdays at Two: Dr Yane Damanik 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Fri 23 October	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Sat 24 October	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 25 October	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 Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne</i> 4pm Choral Evensong <i>Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne</i> 6pm Gather at St Paul's Sung Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne</i>