St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Choral Evensong

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Trinity
8 November 2026, 4pm

WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We want to be a place of transformation for our city and church where all people can come to experience and know God's love in Christ Jesus. We are an international community and are delighted that you're here!

THE SERVICE LEADERS

Officiant: The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate.
Preacher: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor.
The Cathedral Choir, directed by Canon Philip Nicholls.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please join in singing the hymns and saying the responses printed in **bold** type.*

THE INTROIT HYMN



2
In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

3
Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

4
In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north,
all Christlike souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

William Arthur Dunkerley ('John Oxenham') (1852-1941) alt.
Together in Song 459ii

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

William Byrd (c.1543-1623)

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 63

Chant: June Nixon AM (b.1942)

[1]O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.
[2]My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee:
in a barren and dry land where no water is.
[3]Thus have I looked for thee in holiness:
that I might behold thy power and glory.
[4]For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself:
my lips shall praise thee.
[5]As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner:
and lift up my hands in thy Name.
[6]My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness:
when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.
[7]Have I not remembered thee in my bed:

and thought upon thee when I was waking?
[8]Because thou hast been my helper:
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
[9]My soul hangeth upon thee:
thy right hand hath upholden me.
[10]These also that seek the hurt of my soul: they shall go under the earth.
[11]Let them fall upon the edge of the sword:
that they may be a portion for foxes.
[12]But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall be commended:
for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

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 Judges 2.7-19

Read by Nicholas Hurley

Here begins the seventh verse of the second chapter of the Book of Judges.

The people served the Lord all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the Lord had done for Israel. [8]Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of one hundred ten years. [9]So they buried him within the bounds of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. [10]Moreover, that whole generation was gathered to their ancestors, and another generation grew up after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.

[11]Then the Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals, [12]and they abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; they followed other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were all around them and bowed down to them, and they provoked the Lord to anger. [13]They abandoned the Lord and served Baal and the Astartes. [14]So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers who plundered them, and he sold them into the power of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. [15]Whenever they marched out, the hand of the Lord was against them to bring misfortune, as the Lord had warned them and sworn to them, and they were in great distress.

[16]Then the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the power of those who plundered them. [17]Yet they did not listen even to their judges, for they lusted after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their ancestors had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the Lord; they did not follow their example. [18]Whenever the Lord raised up judges for

them, the Lord was with the judge, and he delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge, for the Lord would be moved to pity by their groaning because of those who persecuted and oppressed them. [19]But whenever the judge died, they would relapse and behave worse than their ancestors, following other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They would not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

THE MAGNIFICAT *Collegium Regale* – 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 Matthew 24.21-35
Read by Canon Emeritus Michael Shand KC AM

Here begins the twenty-first verse of the twenty-fourth chapter of the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

For at that time there will be great suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. [22]And if those days had not been cut short, no one would be saved, but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. [23]Then if anyone says to you, 'Look! Here is the Messiah!' or 'There he is!'—do not believe it. [24]For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. [25]Take note, I have told you beforehand. [26]So, if they say to you, 'Look! He is

in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look! He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. [27]For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. [28]Wherever the corpse is, there the eagles will gather.

[29]"Immediately after the suffering of those days

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from heaven,
and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

[30]"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. [31]And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

[32]"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [33]So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [34]Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [35]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS *Collegium Regale* – 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 Byrd

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, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; 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 King Shall Rejoice in thy strength, O Lord* – G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

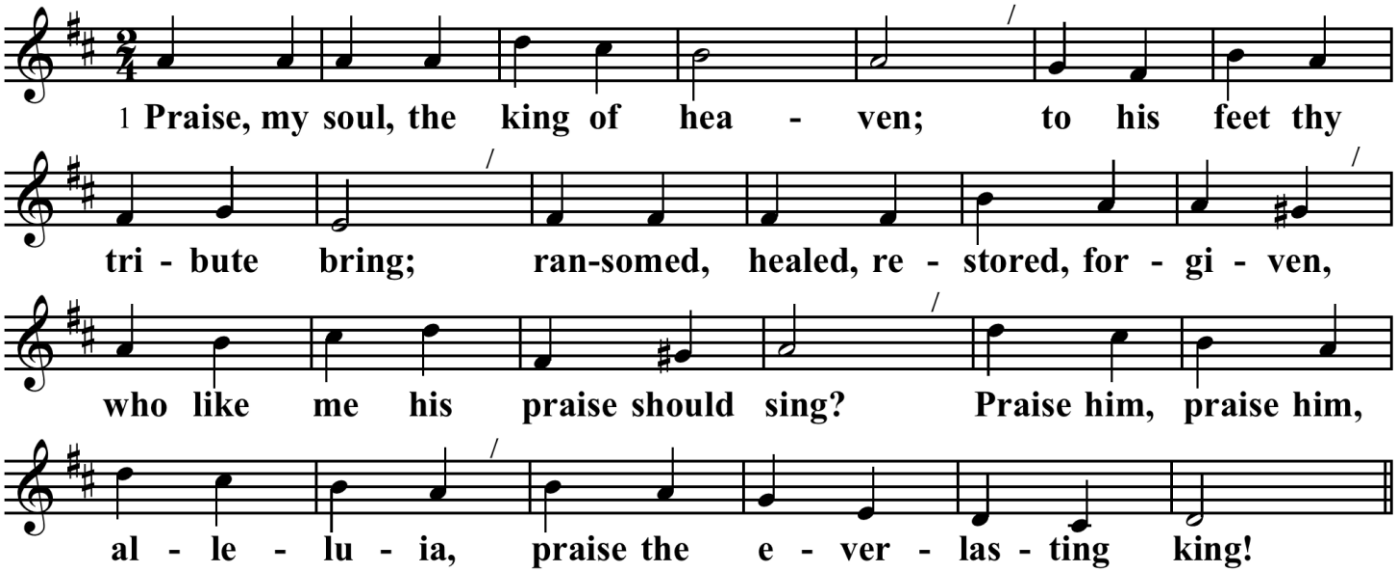
Concluding with

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
Praise him for his grace and favour
to our people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3
Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
praise him, praise him, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows!

4
Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, alleluia,
praise the high eternal one!

5
Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace

Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847) alt.
Australian Hymn Book 68

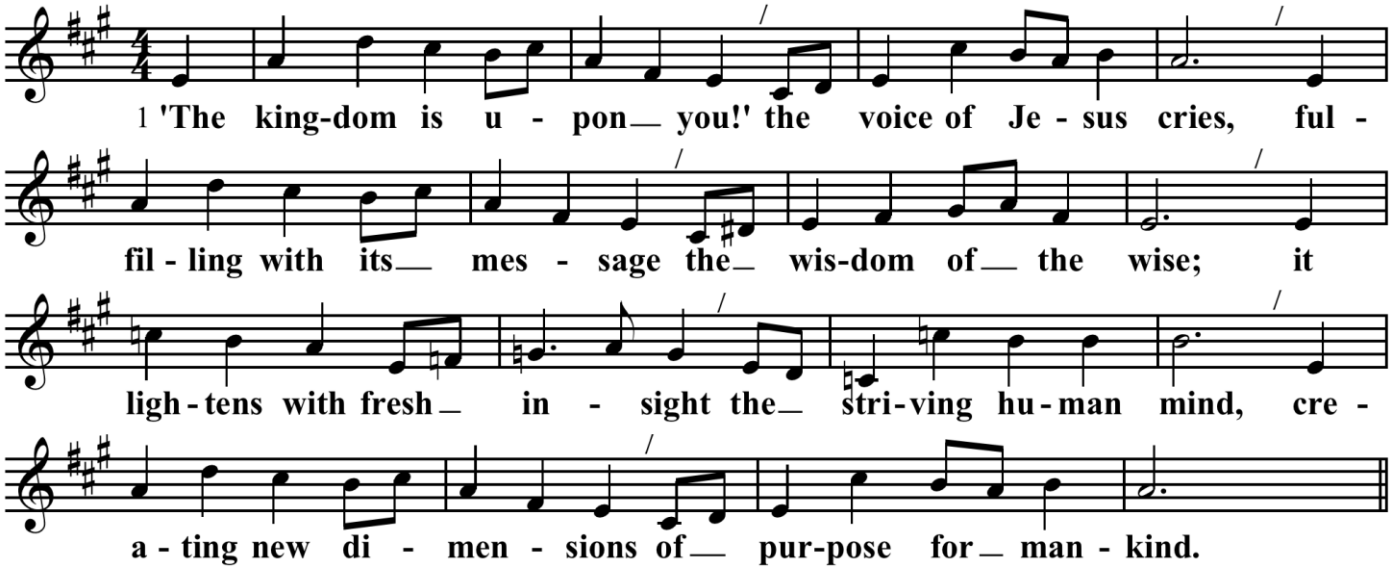
The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor

Stand to sing

THE DISMISSAL HYMN



2
'God's kingdom is upon you!'
the message sounds today,
it summons every pilgrim
to take the questing way,
with eyes intent on Jesus,
our leader and our friend,
who trod faith's road before us,
and trod it to the end.

3
The kingdom is upon us!
Stirred by the Spirit's breath,
we glory in its freedom
from emptiness and death;
we celebrate its purpose,
its mission and its goal,
alive with the conviction
that Christ can make us whole.

Robert Willis (1947-2024)
Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 512
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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

Saraband (In Modo Elegiaco) – Herbert Howells (1892 - 1983)
Dr Mark Slavec, Cathedral Sub-Organist

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PRAY WITH US

FOR THE WORLD We thank you for the results of the US midterm elections and pray for wisdom, unity and responsible leadership in the nation; we pray for the French blood storage facility affected by freezer hacking incidents, may essential blood supplies be protected, restored and safeguarded to save lives; we pray for the nine people who lost their lives in the Florida private jet crash, comfort the grieving families and loved ones; we lift up all those affected by the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo; bring healing to the sick, protection to healthcare workers and strength to affected communities; we condemn the horrific attack on the school in Komyshuvakha in Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia region, following the Russian strike, which claimed 40 lives and left 30 people missing; Lord comfort the bereaved, protect those still missing and bring an end to all acts of violence against innocent people.

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 Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo (Abp Georges Titre Ande).

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH Diocese of Bunbury: Bishop Ian Coutts; St Bartholomew's Cathedral, Dean Darryl Cotton; clergy, lay ministers and people.

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Episcopal Area of Nunawading, Archdeaconry of Box Hill, Deanery of Manningham: St Barnabas' Balwyn, Holy Trinity Surrey Hills, St Paul's Canterbury, St Stephen's Warrandyte, Holy Trinity Doncaster, St John's Blackburn, St Philip's Deep Creek, St David's East Doncaster, TIMA; Geelong Grammar School.

FOR OUR CATHEDRAL Our Canon Pastor, the Revd Canon Chris Carolane; our Succentor and Interim Cathedral Pastor, the Revd Lydia Thangadurai; 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, Margaret Davis, Ken and Robyn Dusting, Cecilia Francis, Glen Gersch, Noelene Horton, Greg Hurworth, Gaye Loughrey, Esme Mitchell, John O'Donnell, Selina Ong, Skipper family, Vinson family, Lesley and Ray Way, Sally Yuge, 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

8 Reginald Jonathan Edward Hayman (Archdeacon) 1927
9 Arendina Maria Von Putten Horton (Congregation) 1986
Alan Arthur Patterson (Trinity College Foundation Studies) 2002
10 John Boyle Gason (Priest, Canon) 1915
11 Beth Griffith (Congregation, Flower Guild, Hospitality Group) 2015
Ann Grice (Benefactor) 1883
Percy William Robinson (Priest, Canon) 1952
Alan Edmanson Bainbridge (Asst. Cathedral Treasurer) 2004
12 Lawrence Edgar Styles (Priest, Canon) 2011
13 William Chalmers (Bishop, Canon) 1901
14 Sir James Kerr Merritt (Lay Canon) 1942

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.

Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 11 November, 1pm: *Sounds of Sanctuaries* – Elissa Goodrich (Vibraphone) Music for vibraphone, including adaptations and improvisations with music by Barbara Strozzi (1619–1677), Marin Marais (1656–1728), and Monsieur de Sainte-Colombe (c. 1640–c. 1700), and original works from Elissa's recently (2026) commissioned work for Schwarzman Centre's Day of Psalms, Oxford, UK, and her *Waves and Bubbles* music for chamber quartet. *Waves and Bubbles – Turbulent Trajectories* is supported by Elissa's ANAT SYNAPSE 2026 residency.

Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11 November, 11am Please join us on the perron as we mark Remembrance Day and pause to pray for those that have fought and suffered through wars around the world.

Górecki Symphony No.3 'Sorrowful Songs', Saturday 14 November, 4pm A Remembrance-tide service of music and readings marking the 40th anniversary of the historic visit of Polish Pope John Paul II to the Cathedral. Including a complete orchestral performance of Polish composer Henryk Górecki's extraordinary 'Symphony of Sorrowful Songs' by Corpus Medicorum.

Bible Study Lunch, Sunday 29 November On Nov 29th there will be no 11.45am Bible study. Instead we will go for lunch to a nearby restaurant. You are welcome to come along. Contact Succentor Lydia Thangadurai, Sue Hawley or John Morshead.

Get to Know You On Sunday 6 December Dean Andreas will host the next "Get To Know You" sessions. He is looking for 5-6 volunteers willing to talk about how you came to faith, how you came to the Cathedral and how your Christian faith affects your daily life. There will be two sessions at 9.15am and 11.45am and you can volunteer for either time slot. If interested talk to Dean Andreas, the Succentor Lydia or Canon Peter MacPherson.

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 9 November	12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tues 10 November *Saint Leo the Great*	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Wed 11 November *Saint Martin of Tours*	11am Act of Remembrance 12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Elissa Goodrich (Vibraphone) 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Thurs 12 November	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Fri 13 November	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Sat 14 November	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. 4pm Górecki Symphony No.3 'Sorrowful Songs'
Sun 15 November	8am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*) *Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne* 10am Choral Eucharist with the Installation of the Revd Christine Croft as a Cathedral Canon and Holy Baptism *Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne* 1pm Mandarin Service 下午 1:00, 中文普通话崇拜 *Preacher: The Revd Canon Robert Vun* 4pm Choral Evensong *Preacher: The Revd Canon Robert Vun* 6pm Gather at St Paul's Sung Eucharist *Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor*

CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

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

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