St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Holy Communion
according to the Book of Common Prayer

The First Sunday in Advent
29 November 2026, 8 am

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!

At this service we follow Christ's command to remember him in the breaking of the bread. During the distribution of communion, all baptised Christians are welcome to receive and eat the bread and wine; others may receive a blessing. If you would prefer neither, please remain in your seat.

THE SERVICE LEADERS

President: The Revd Pedram Shirmast, Assistant Priest.
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Ames, Associate Priest.
Cantor: Canon Philip Nicholls, Director of Music.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand for the procession. Please join saying those parts of the service printed in **bold** *type, and in singing the Communion Hymn.*

THE GREETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The president 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 LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH

The first burning candle reminds us of the plan of God, through the ages, for all people to come to him, walking in his light, to praise his name for evermore.

After the candle is lit the following prayer is said.

Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born to be our king: enable us to walk in your light as your people and to your glory. **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets:
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 64.1-9

Read by Jamie Pearce

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM 80

Please join in saying the verses of the Psalm printed in bold.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;
Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.
Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts: how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.
You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
You brought a vine out of Egypt: you drove out the nations, and planted it in.
You cleared the ground before it: and it struck root and filled the land.
The hills were covered with its shadow:
and its boughs were like the boughs of the great cedars.
It stretched out its branches to the sea: and its tender shoots to the Great River.
Why then have you broken down its walls:
so that every passer-by can pluck its fruit?
The wild boar out of the woods roots it up:
and the locusts from the wild places devour it.
Turn to us again, O Lord of hosts: look down from heaven, and see.
Bestow your care upon this vine:
the stock which your own right hand has planted.
As for those that burn it with fire and cut it down:
let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.
And so we shall not turn back from you:
give us life, and we will call upon your name.
Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

A reading from the First Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

[2]To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5]for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— [6]just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8]He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Please stand for

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark: 13.24-37
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
[25]and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

[26]"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27]Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

[28]"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. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[32]"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35]Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36]or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

THE SERMON The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Ames, Associate Priest

THE NICENE CREED

We stand and together affirm the faith of the church as we say:

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

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The following sentences are read:

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *St Matthew 5.16*

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth; where rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. *St Matthew 6.19*

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. *St Matthew 7.12*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts 20.35*

The people are seated as the altar is prepared. The president gives thanks for the offering:

All things come of thee, O Lord: **and of thine own do we give thee.**

Please sit or kneel for

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church:

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy Holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness and peace; and so to direct all kings and rulers, that under them thy people may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto thy servant *Charles* our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, especially to thy servants *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury, *Mark*, our Primate, *Ric*, our Archbishop, and *Andreas*, our Dean, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Guide and prosper, we pray thee, those who are labouring for the spread of thy Gospel among the nations, and enlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning; that the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of thy truth.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy Holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [*specific intercessions may be added here*]. And we commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them everlasting light and peace.

And here we give thee most high praise and hearty thanks for all thy Saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and lights of the world in their several generations; and we pray, that rejoicing in their fellowship, and following their good examples, we may be partakers with them of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
St Matthew 11.28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2.1*

Please stand for

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

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

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

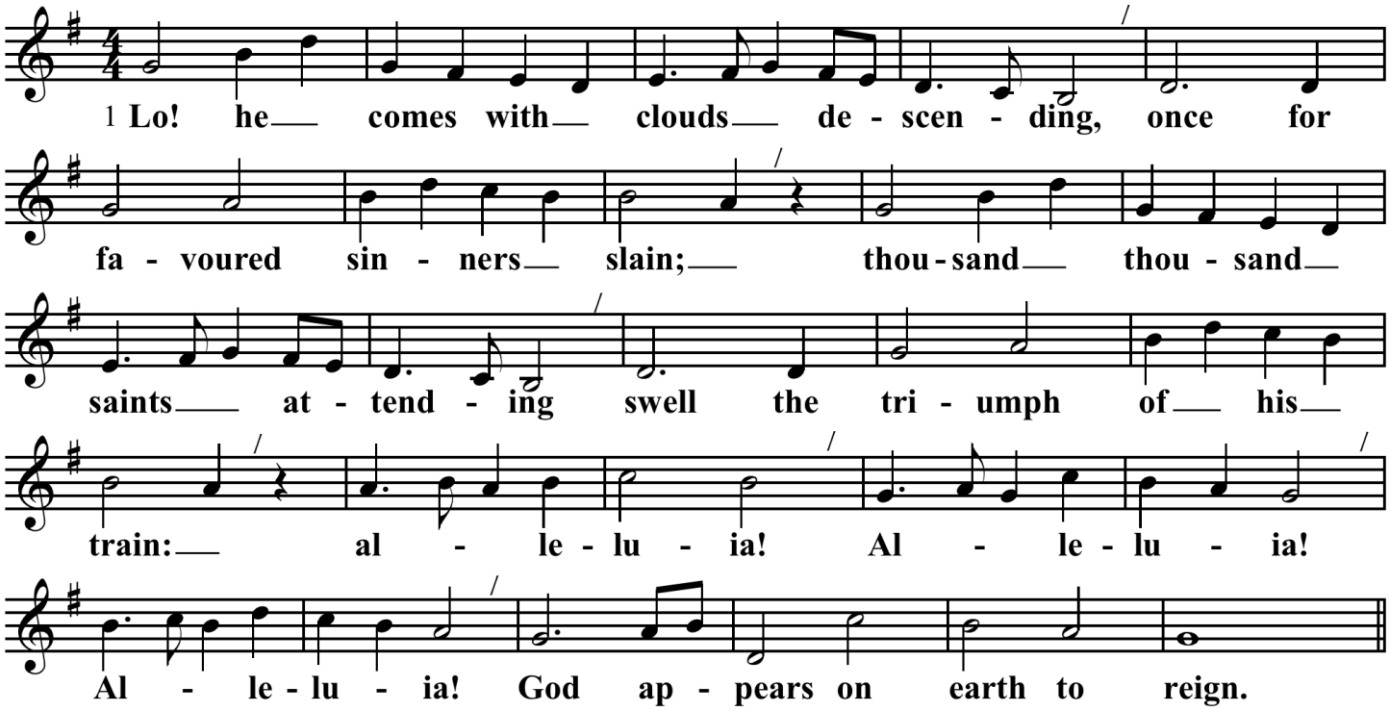
Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion. A welcomer will direct you. We have returned to sharing the common cup for those who would like to receive wine. You are welcome to receive only bread, or a blessing instead. Gluten free wafers are available.

During the distribution of Communion, please join in singing

THE COMMUNION HYMN



2
Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing, *[three times]*
shall the true Messiah see.

3
Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture *[three times]*
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4
Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia, *[three times]*
Alleluia. Come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley (1707-88) and John Cennick (1718-55)

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, **Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated for

THE NOTICES

Please stand for

THE BLESSING

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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PRAY WITH US

FOR THE WORLD We pray for all affected by domestic and family violence, that they might find safety, healing and support, and that we work towards a society free from violence, where all are treated with dignity and equality; as Victorians prepare to vote, may polling be peaceful, voters be guided by wisdom and discernment, leaders serve with humility, compassion and accountability; families facing rising living costs, housing pressures, unemployment and financial hardship, may governments and communities respond with compassion, ensuring no one is forgotten or left behind; safe rescue of all workers still trapped in the flooded mine in Indonesia; those killed and injured in the Cairo crash, grieving families and everyone affected find comfort healing and strength.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Abp Andrew Chan).

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH Mission Agencies: Anglican Board of Mission; The Bush Church Aid Society; Church Missionary Society; Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge Australia.

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Colleges: Trinity College (The Revd Professor Russell Goulburne), Janet Clarke Hall (Dr Eleanor Spencer-Regan), Ridley College (The Revd Canon Dr Rhys Bezzant); Benetas.

FOR OUR CATHEDRAL Our Licensed Lay Ministers; Flower Guild; Bellringers; Servers; Welcomers; Guides; Chaplains; and Story Tellers.

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 and family, 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

29 November Frank Woods (Bishop, 5th Archbishop of Melbourne) 1994
2 December Charles Perry (1st Bishop of Melbourne) 1891
Frances Perry (Bishop's wife, Founder Royal Women's Hospital) 1892
George Langford (Lay Canon, Benefactor) 1942
Frank Crean (5th Deputy Prime Minister of Australia) 2008
4 Albert McGill (Lay Clerk) 2025
5 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch (Benefactor) 2012

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 Anyone who has attended the 11.45am Bible study this year is welcome to join us for lunch this Sunday 29 November at Flora Indian Restaurant, 238a Flinders St, Melbourne. Everyone can choose from the menu and pay for their own meal. We'll leave together from the Barbara Darling Room after morning tea. We've already made a booking but if you would like to come, speak to John Morshead, Sue Hawley or Canon Peter MacPherson.

Advent Carol Service, Sunday 29 November, 4pm A traditional service of Advent Lessons and Carols, at which the Precentor will preach.

Gather Service, Sunday 29 November, 6pm Our guest preacher is the Revd Canon Dr Brian Rosner, former principal of Ridley College and a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral. His latest book is *Wilderness as a Theme in Biblical Theology* (Kregel, 2026).

Lunchtime Concert, Tuesday 1 December, 1pm: Lucas Cai (Cello) 14-year-old Lucas Cai, a Music Scholar studying cello with Rachel Atkinson, presents a program featuring J.S. Bach's Cello Suite No. 3, Kats-Chernin's *Wild Rice*, and works by Beethoven. Holding AMusA (cello) and LMusA (piano), both with Distinction, Lucas is a prize-winning chamber musician and principal orchestral cellist. He will be joined by Nathaniel (violin), Weibo (piano), and acclaimed pianist Dr Leigh Harrold.

Holding The Light, Tuesday 1 December, 5.10pm An annual ecumenical service in memory of victims of domestic violence, at which Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria will light a commemorative candle. The speakers are Pastor James Wunderlich, and artist and campaigner Sherele Moody whose "She Matters" mural, commemorating Australian women and children lost to domestic violence, is currently exhibited in the Transept Gallery.

Every Body Belongs, Thursday 3 December, 12.15pm The Dean leads a special service of Holy Communion for International Day of People with Disability, prepared by Diocesan Disability Inclusion Consultant Virginia McDonald.

Summerfest Market A festive market with dozens of stallholders in partnership with the City Square Precinct, located in the Cathedral car park. Our 2026 charity fundraising partner is Destiny Rescue. Dates are Sat 28 Nov, Sat 5 Nov, Sat 12 Nov and Fri 18 Dec – please note car parking will not be available on these days.

Summerfest Concerts, Saturday 5 December, 1pm: Helen Ling (Soprano) An acclaimed Melbourne soprano presenting a charming program of Christmas carols and songs from *My Fair Lady*. **2pm: Hamish Gould (Countertenor) and Jenny Lu (Piano)** Christmas songs by Kate Lawson Gould and arias from Handel's Messiah.

Get to Know You There will be two "Get To Know You" sessions on Sun 6 Dec at 9.15am and 11.45am (instead of the usual Bible studies). At each, the Dean will interview a number of people about their Christian faith. It is fascinating and so encouraging to hear how God is at work in different people's lives, so do come along. In the David Penman Room after morning tea.

Alpha 2027 We are planning to start an Alpha Course in May 2027. It is likely to run on Sunday afternoons. Thank you to those who have expressed interest in being on the leadership team. We are still looking for more leaders. Please talk to Canon Tim Watson or Canon Peter MacPherson if interested.

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 72; Mark 4.1-20
Tues: Ps 74; Mark 4.21-41
Wed: Ps 77; Mark 5.1-20
Thurs: Ps 78.16-38; Mark 5.21-43
Fri: Ps 80; Mark 6.1-13
Sat: Pss 82, 84; Mark 6.14-29

Next Sunday: Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mon 30 November *St Andrew, Apostle and Martyr*	12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tues 1 December	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Lucas Cai (Cello) 5.10pm Ecumenical Holding The Light Service
Wed 2 December	12.15pm Holy Communion 7pm Penleigh and Essendon Grammar Carols Service *(Open to school community)*
Thurs 3 December	12.15pm Holy Communion for International Day of People with Disability 5.10pm Choral Evensong 7pm Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar Carols Service *(Open to school community)*
Fri 4 December	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong 7pm Trinity Grammar Carols Service *(Open to school community)*
Sat 5 December	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. 6pm City on a Hill Carol Service
Sun 6 December *Advent 2*	8am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*) *Preacher: The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate* 10am Choral Eucharist *Preacher: The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate* 1pm Mandarin Service 下午 1:00, 中文普通话崇拜 *Preacher: The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate* 4pm Choral Evensong *Preacher: The Revd Canon Denise Nicholls* 6pm Gather at St Paul's Sung Eucharist *Preacher: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor*