



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday 8 December 2024

8:00AM SAID EUCHARIST

## Welcome to St Paul's

We warmly welcome you and are glad that you have come to worship God with us today on the Second Sunday in Advent.

Whether you are visiting for a short while, have moved here and are joining our Parish, or are returning to your faith, I welcome you to St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood.

This historic church, dedicated to St Paul the Apostle & Martyr, was designed by the Australian colonial architect Edmund Blackett. It had its foundation stone laid on 29 July 1871 and the first service was held in the church on Saturday 27 April 1872. Since its earliest days St Paul's has maintained a fine reputation for liturgy and music in the Tractarian tradition.

We are very glad that you are here and we look forward to getting to know you. Refreshments (tea/coffee), when served, are available in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. The hall can be found by turning left when leaving the church. May God richly bless you!

Peace,  
Fr James Collins OAM  
Rector

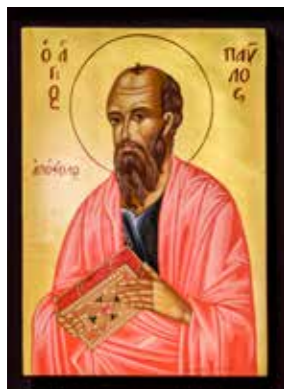
*Please take this order of service home.*

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Icon (left): Icon of St Paul in the Chapel of Our Lady.

## ADVENT SUNDAY WREATH LITURGY

The Advent wreath in the church is a traditional way of counting down to Christmas. It has 3 purple candles, one rose pink and a white candle in the centre to remind us of Jesus, the light of the world. We use purple because it is the colour of penitence and forgiveness but it is also the colour of royalty in this season of waiting for the coming of the King. The Advent wreath is always a circle to represent God's unending love for us and is made of evergreen leaves to represent eternal life. The rose pink candle is a blending of the white of the joy to come at Christmas and the purple (in some traditions, red) of the other candles.

This year, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord, we acknowledge that many parts of our world are at war, that the innocent suffer and the leaders of the nations seem helpless to bring about peace. In response to this we will include a prayer for peace in our Advent Wreath Liturgy each week.

*Please stand as the bell is rung and the sanctuary party processes to the chancel.*

### Greeting

*The priest greets the congregation.*

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The priest continues with the opening sentence:*

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 Lighting of the Wreath

We relight the candle of Hope. Today we light the candle of Peace and look for the coming of the one who brings peace and goodwill to all people on earth.

**Loving God, we are people of peace. Make us instruments of your peace and reconciliation in our divided world. Amen.**

Merciful God, who sent your messenger John the Baptist to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Kyrie

*The congregation repeats each petition after the priest.*

Lord, have mercy.      **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy.    **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.      **Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect

*The priest says the collect of the day.*

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit for the readings and psalm.*

## First Reading: Malachi 3.1–14

*At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Song of Zechariah

*The verses are said alternately between the reader and the congregation.*

*Please observe a short break at the colon in the middle of each verse.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel: *(pause)*  
Who has come to his people and set them free

**The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour: *(pause)***  
**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old: *(pause)*  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

**To show mercy to our forebears: *(pause)***  
**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: *(pause)*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear: *(pause)***  
**holy and righteous before him all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: *(pause)*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation: *(pause)***  
**by the forgiveness of their sins**

In the tender compassion of our God: *(pause)*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: *(pause)***  
**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

## Second Reading: Philippians 1.1–11

*At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the gradual hymn.*

## Gradual Hymn

LUTHER'S HYMN (NUN FREUT EUCH) 87 87 887

Latin form of melody  
in *Geistliche Lieder* (1533)



- 1 Lo, in the wilderness a voice  
‘Make straight the way’ is crying:  
When men are turning from the light,  
And hope and love seem dying,  
The prophet comes to make us clean:  
‘There standeth one you have not seen,  
Whose voice you are denying.’
- 2 God give us grace to hearken now  
To those who come to warn us,  
Give sight and strength, that we may kill  
The vices that have torn us,  
Lest love professed should disappear  
In creeds of hate, contempt, and fear,  
That crush and overturn us.

3 When from the vineyard cruel men  
Cast out the heavenly powers  
And Christendom denies its Lord,  
The world in ruin cowers.  
Now come, O God, in thy great might!  
Unchanged, unchanging is thy right,  
Unswayed thy justice towers.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

*Remain standing for the gospel.*

**Gospel:** Luke 3.1–16

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.*

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel:*

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

Fr Michael Deasey  
Senior Assistant Priest

*Please stand for the Creed.*

**Creed**

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.

*Please kneel for the prayers.*

**Prayers of the Faithful**

*The following response is used:*

Come Jesus, Prince of Peace and in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers, the following is recited:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith**

**we may by your grace receive,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A selection of Scripture sentences may be used, concluding with the Prayer of Approach:*

**We do not presume**

**to come to your table, merciful Lord,**

**trusting in our own righteousness,**

**but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy**

**so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord**

**whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,**

**so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,**

**and to drink his blood,**

**that we may evermore dwell in him**

**and he in us. Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

*The priest introduces the confession.*

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

*(Silence may be kept)*

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing 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 priest pronounces the Absolution.*

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.**

*Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.*

## Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The greeting of peace is exchanged through a silent bow towards those seated around you.*

*Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.*

*An offertory is taken for the work of the parish. This can be done in cash via the collection plate, direct debit using the details on page 13 or by scanning the QR code to make your offering directly from your mobile phone.*



*There is also a donation point at the West Door where you can tap your card.*

## Offertory Hymn

LITTLE CORNARD 66 66 88

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)



1 Hills of the North, rejoice,  
Echoing songs arise,  
Hail with united voice  
Him who made earth and skies:  
He comes in righteousness and love,  
He brings salvation from above.

2 Isles of the Southern seas,  
Sing to the listening earth,  
Carry on every breeze  
Hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
His word is sure, his promise true.

3 Lands of the East, arise,  
He is your brightest morn,  
Greet him with joyous eyes,  
Praise shall his path adorn:  
The God whom you have longed to know  
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.

4 Shores of the utmost West,  
Lands of the setting sun,  
Welcome the heavenly guest  
In whom the dawn has come:  
He brings a never-ending light  
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5 Shout, as you journey on,  
Songs be in every mouth,  
Lo, from the North they come,  
From East and West and South:  
In Jesus all shall find their rest,  
In him the sons of earth be blest.

Editors, based on C.E. Oakley (1832-65)

## The Preparation

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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.**

*The priest continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.*

## Sanctus & Benedictus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

✠ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel. The priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.*

## Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: *or* Great is 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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**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 forever,  
Amen.**

## The breaking of the bread

*The priest breaks the bread and says the following:*

[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.

## Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

## Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word  
and I shall be healed.**

## Communion

*Communion is distributed along the length of the communion rail.*

*Please form a single line on the Organ side of the nave and return on the Pulpit side.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*The priest says the following seasonal prayer:*

God for whom we wait, we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful that we may be ready to stand before him on the day of his coming.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## Blessing

*The priest says this seasonal Blessing:*

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

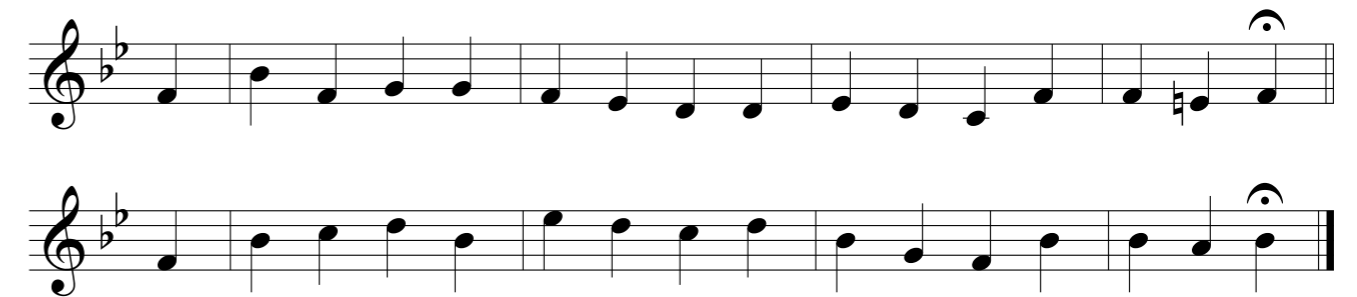
✠ **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

*Please stand for the final hymn.*

## Final Hymn

WINCHESTER NEW LM

Adapted from a chorale in  
*Musicalisches Hand-Buch* Hamburg 1690



- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come then and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings from the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every Christian breast,  
And furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without thy grace our souls must fade,  
And wither like a flower decayed.
- 4 Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,  
And make us rise, to fall no more;  
Once more upon thy people shine,  
And fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)  
Tr. John Chandler (1808-76)

*Please sit for the notices.*


## Postlude

Schmucke dich, o liebe Seele, Op. 122 No. 5

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Organ: Michael Deasey OAM FRSCM HonFCGM

*To maintain the prayerfulness of the liturgy, it is requested that there be no applause at the end of the organ postlude. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay, listen or pray.*



# THE EPISTLE

The Advent to Epiphany edition of *The Epistle*, the quarterly publication of St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood, is now available.

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Available at the back of the church or at the trading table in the hall.

## Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for our sides-people and welcomers..

We bring before God those in our community who need the reassurance of your loving care for them. We pray particularly for:

Belinda, James Budin, Florence, David, Merle Gorman, Graham Griffiths, Gwen Hackett, Lily, Clyde Livingstone, Yolande Phillips, Pam Priest, Fr Ron Silarsah, Tammy, King Charles, Catherine, Princess of Wales, Joyce Bannister, Barry Brandy, Dale Berry, John Burns, Betty Daniels, Deb Edmeades, Debbie, Elsie Dunnam, Kerryanne Graham, Malcolm Green, Barbara Hawkins, Karen, Enid Kell, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, Terry and Betsy McKay, Melissa Moore, Sally Palmer, Winnie Pang, Michelle Phillips, Robert, John Sorensen, Peter Sorensen, Sylvia, Anne Wardle, Bill Whittle, Bob Woods, and others known to us.

We pray for their carers, medical staff and families.

We pray too for those we have loved and lost for just a while, particularly Jonathan Bryant, and those who have their year's mind at this time:

Tamine Maatouk, June Mansell, William Fawbert, Vincent Rodrigues, Ivan Edworthy, Jordan Hayes, John St George, Elizabeth Thacker and Phyllis Lockward.

✠ May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

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5:00pm Sunday 15 December

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Tuesday 24 December  
9:30pm Choral Eucharist

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Wednesday 25 December  
9:00am Choral Eucharist

**Fr James Collins OAM**  
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**8:00am** Said Eucharist – *with hymns*

**10:00am** Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Wednesdays:

**10:30am** Eucharist

Fridays:

**5:30pm** Evening Prayer

**6:00pm** Eucharist

Seasonal Services:

**6:00pm** Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

*Special services are held during the year to mark Feast Days and other days of seasonal significance. These are advertised in the pew bulletin and on our website.*

## CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays as advertised:

**5:00pm** Choral Evensong – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

For further information please visit our website: [stpaulsburwood.org.au](http://stpaulsburwood.org.au)



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