



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
*The Nativity of Our Lord*

Wednesday 25 December 2024

9:00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

## Welcome to St Paul's

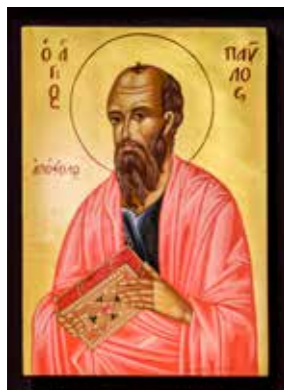
We warmly welcome you and are glad that you have come to worship God with us today, Christmas Day, as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord.

I pray that, at this Christmas-tide and through the coming year, you will experience the love of Jesus Christ, the One who comes to us in such humility, and that the tenderness and gentleness of Mary, Jesus' Mother, will fill your lives, and that you will know the peace of God, Jesus' Father and our Heavenly Father, and that God's peace will strengthen and sustain you both now and forever more. Amen.

Peace,  
Fr James Collins OAM  
Rector

*Please take this order of service home.*

The Rector Fr James Collins, and Dr Helen Collins, along with Fr Michael and Mrs Antonia Deasey, together with the Church Wardens and Parish Councillors and the Parish Staff and Ministry Team: Ms Rosemary King, Fr Mark Battison, Fr Jim Pettigrew, Mr David Russell, Mr Bailey Yeates, Mr Brian Luhr, Ms Natalie McDonald, and Mrs Caroline Badra, extend to all Parishioners and their families, and to all friends of St Paul's, every blessing for a holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.  
May the love of God enfold you.



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

*Please stand as the bell is rung. The choir sings the introit in procession.*

## Introit

Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis:  
cujus imperium super humerum ejus:  
et vocabitur nomen ejus, magni consilii Angelus.  
Cantate Domino canticum novum: quia mirabilia fecit.

*A child is born to us and a Son is given to us:  
Whose government is upon His shoulder:  
and His Name shall be called, the Angel of Great Counsel.  
Sing ye to the Lord a new song for he has done wonderful things.*

*The Processional Hymn is introduced with the following:*

Let us proceed in peace.

✠ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

ADESTE FIDELIS Irregular

Melody probably by J.F. Wade (1711-86)  
Descant by Sir David Willcocks CME MC (1919-2015)

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him born the King of Angels:  
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*
- 2 God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created:
- 3 See how the Shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither, bend our joyful footsteps:
- 4 Lo! star-led chieftans, Magi, Christ adoring,  
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
We to the Christ Child bring our heart's oblations:
- 5 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
- 6 Sing, choirs of Angels, sing in exultation,  
sing all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God in the Highest:
- 7 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Latin 18th century

Tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-80) and others

## Greeting

✠ 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:*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

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.**

## Christmas Wreath Liturgy

Today all the candles of the Advent wreath will blaze with light. We relight the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. We light the Christ candle and celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Christ, the Light of the World.

**Loving God, we are people of hope, peace, joy, love and light. As we hear again the good news of great joy, we pray that your light will shine in our daily lives so that we may bring light to others. Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Kyrie eleison

*Remain standing for the Kyrie and Gloria which is sung by the choir.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in excelsis

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory: O Lord God, heavenly King; God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou

that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art the most high ✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Remain standing for the collect of the day.*

## Collect

God Most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings and psalm.*

## First Reading: Isaiah 52.7–10

*At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

## Psalm: 98

Chant: Joseph Robinson (1815-1894)

*Sung by the choir.*

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things
- 2 His right hand and his holy arm: they have got him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation:  
he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel:  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:  
break into singing and make melody.
- 6 Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:  
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.
- 7 With trumpets and with horns:  
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the King.
- 8 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:  
the good earth and those who live upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands:  
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord.
- 10 For he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with  
righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

## Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-12

*At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand with the Celebrant for the gospel acclamation.*

## Gospel: John 1.1-14

*The Alleluia is sung first by the cantor and then repeated by all.*



*A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord.  
Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

*After the Gospel:*

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Please sit.*

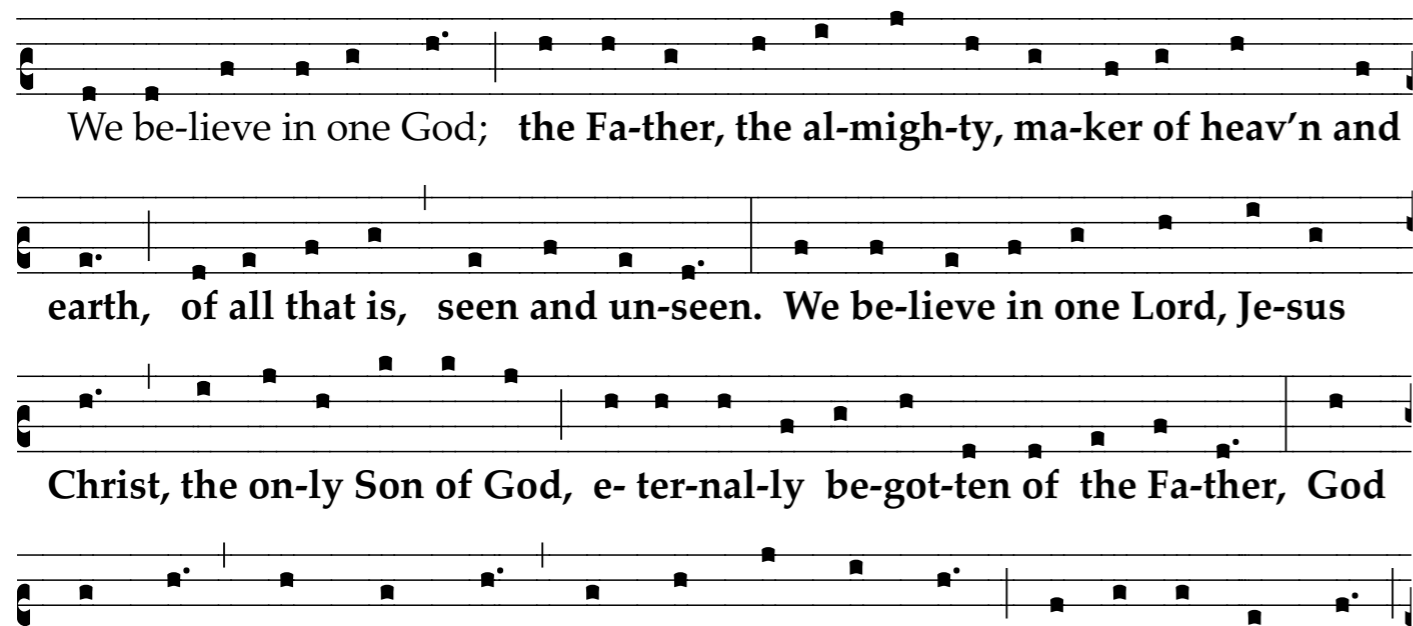
## Sermon

Fr James Collins

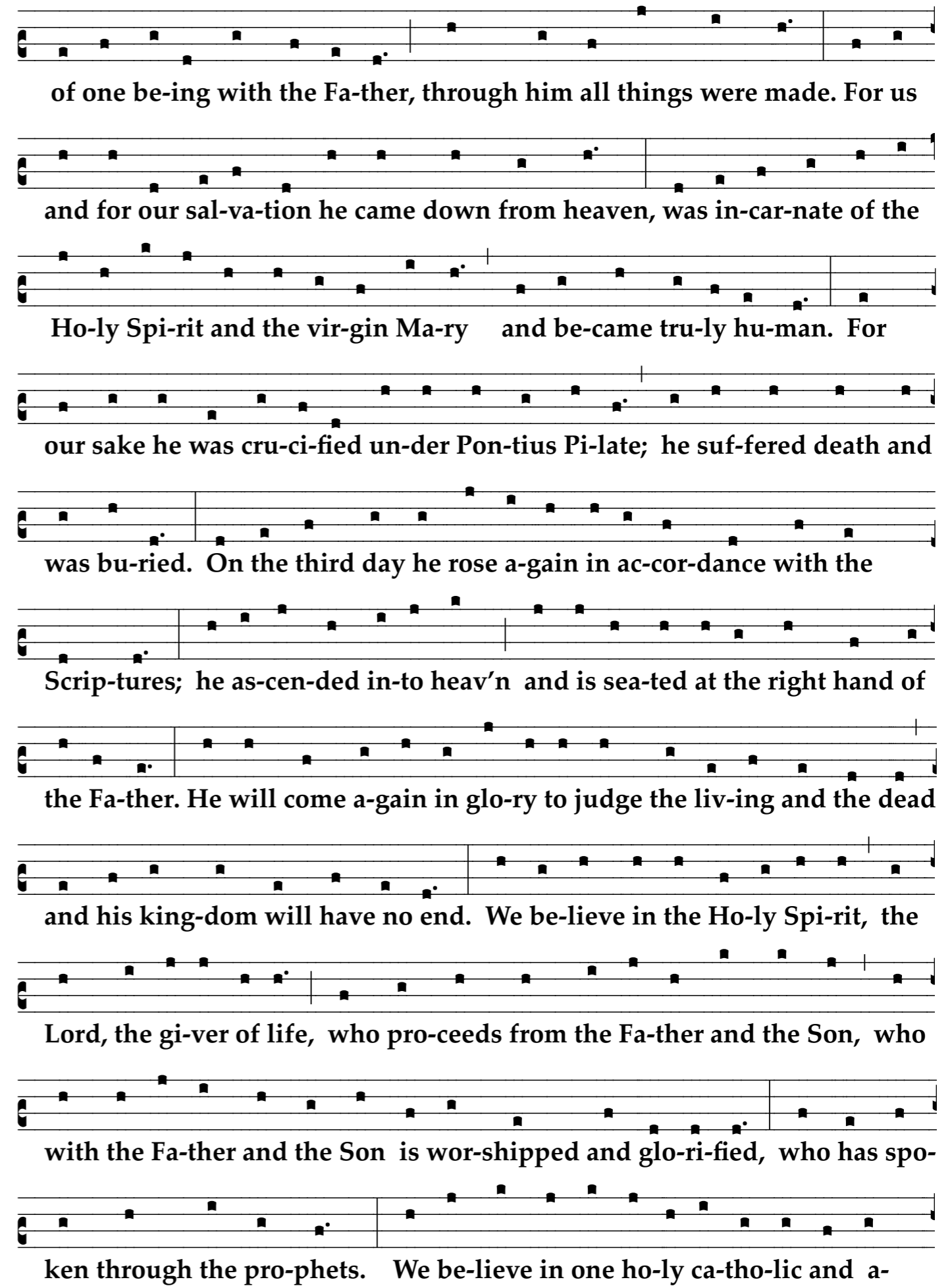
Rector

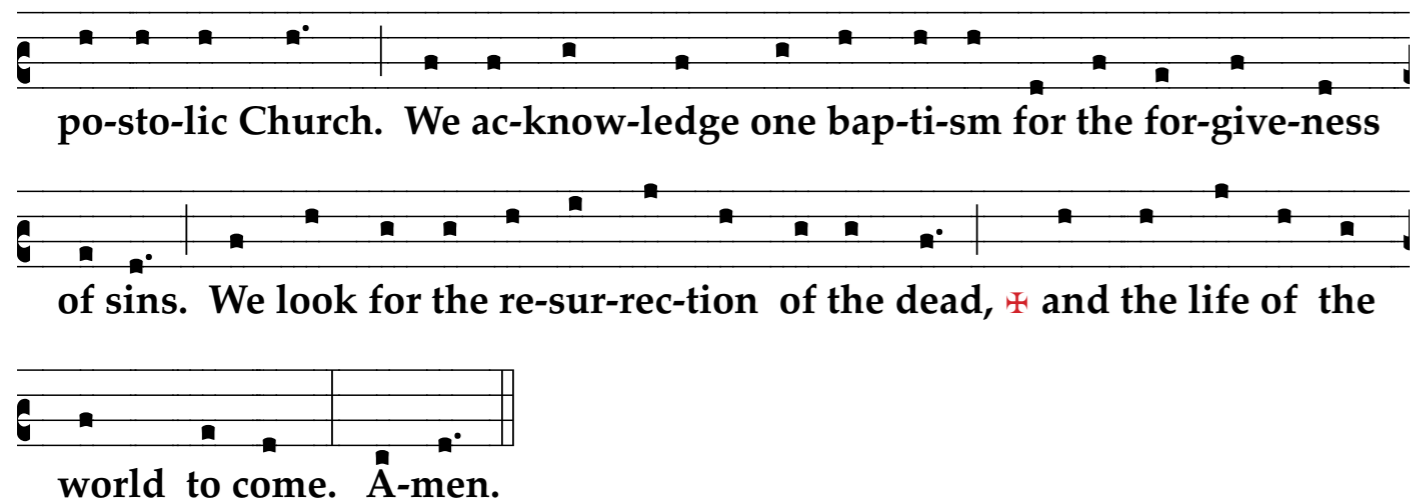
*Please stand for the Creed.*

## Creed



from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be-got-ten not made,





po-sto-lic Church. We ac-know-ledge one bap-ti-sm for the for-give-ness  
of sins. We look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, † and the life of the  
world to come. A-men.

## Prayers of the Faithful

*Please kneel. The intercessor leads the prayers from the lectern.*

*The following response is used:*

Lord, we rejoice at your coming:

**Glory be to God.**

*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 recited together:*

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.*

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

*(Silence may be kept)*

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, 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.**

*All stand.*

## Greeting of Peace

*The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these words:*

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince 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.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*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 16 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

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John Wainwright (1723-68)



- 1 Christians awake! salute the happy morn  
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born;  
Rise to adore the mystery of love  
Which hosts of angels changed from above;  
With them the joyful tidings first begun  
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.
- 2 Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,  
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold,  
I bring you tidings of a Saviour's birth  
To you and all the nations on the earth:  
This day hath God fulfilled his promised word,  
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'
- 3 He spake; and straightway that celestial choir  
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;  
The praises of redeeming love they sang,  
And heaven's whole orb with alleluyas rang:  
God's highest glory was their anthem still,  
Peace on the earth, and unto men good will.
- 4 To Bethl'em straight the enlightened shepherds ran  
To see the wonder God had wrought for man,  
And found, with Joseph and the blessed Maid,  
Her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid:  
Joyful, the wondrous story they proclaim –  
The first apostles of his infant fame.
- 5 Like Mary let us ponder in our mind  
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;  
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,  
From his poor manger to his bitter cross;  
Then may we hope, angelic hosts among,  
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song.

John Byrom (1691-1763)

## The Preparation

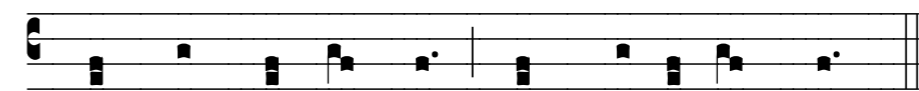
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

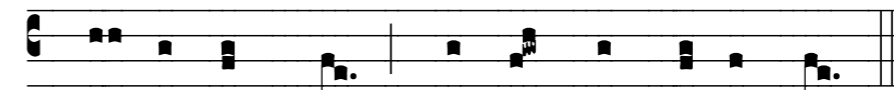
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

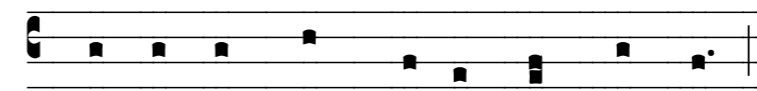
## Great Thanksgiving



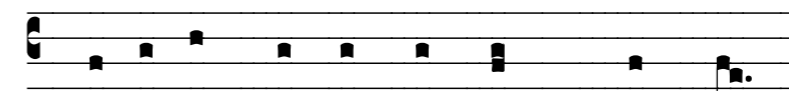
The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**



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.*

*Please kneel as the sanctuary bell is rung three times.*

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*Sung by the choir.*

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 that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.*

## Memorial Acclamation

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

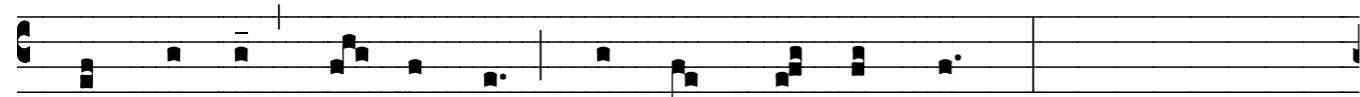
the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

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

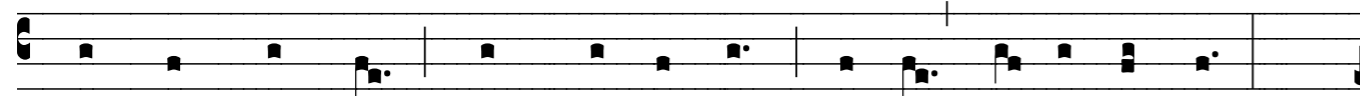
## The Lord's Prayer

*The priest says or intones:*

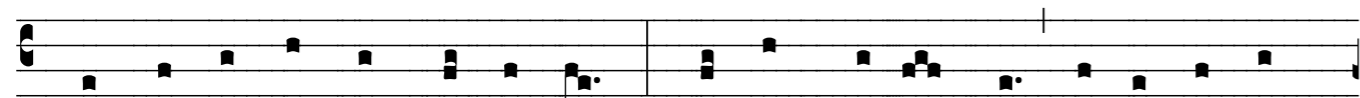
As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:



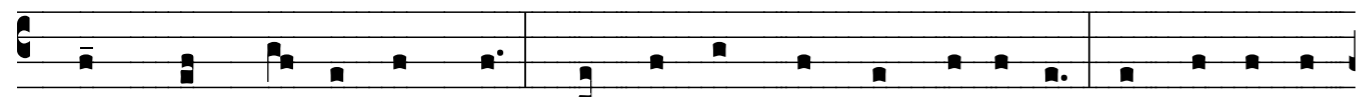
Our Fa-ther in hea-ven hal-lowed be your name;



Your King-dom come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven.



Give us to-day our dai-ly bread for-give us our sins as we for-give



those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-liv-er



us from e- vil For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours,



now and for e - ver. A-men.

## 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

*Sung by the choir.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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 full length of the communion rail.*

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

## Communion Motet

**Away in a manger**

Melody by W.J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

arr. Sir David Willcocks CME MC (1919-2015)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Words anon. (19th century American)

*Please remain kneeling or seated to sing the communion hymn.*

## Communion Hymn

ES IST EIN' ROS ENTSPRUNGEN

German Carol Melody

harmonised by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)



- 1 A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure!  
The Virgin bears the Infant with virgin-honour pure.

*Repeat the hymn again!*

*'To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men!'*

- 2 The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high!  
And cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky.
- 3 While thus they sing your Monarch, those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains, ye oceans clap your hands.

- 4 Since all he comes to ransom, by all be he adored,  
The Infant born in Bethl'em, the Saviour and the Lord.
- 5 And idol forms shall perish, and error shall decay,  
And Christ shall wield his sceptre, our Lord and God for ay.

Greek, St Germanus (634-734)  
Tr. J. M Neale (1818-66) & others

## Post-Communion Prayer

*The priest says the following seasonal prayer:*

God of heaven, dwelling among us, we thank you for feeding us with this holy food. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh that as his body in the world we may bring your presence to all people.

**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 Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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 to sing the final hymn.*

## Final Hymn

MENDELSSOHN 7777 7777 77

From a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)  
Descant by Sir David Willcocks CME MC (1919-2015)



- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies,  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem:  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come  
offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel:  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

- 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth:  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

## Postlude

Prelude in D Major from BWV 532

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*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.*

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**SUMMER SCHEDULE**

From 29 December to 19 January (inclusive) there will be a single Sunday morning service at 9:00am. This will be a Sung Eucharist with Hymns.

For more information please contact the Parish Office  
(02) 9747 4327 or [info@stpaulsburwood.org.au](mailto:info@stpaulsburwood.org.au)



## Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Diocese of Kumasi – The Church of the Province of West Africa.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we give thanks for all benefactors to St Paul's.

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

Monsignor Kerry Bayada, Belinda, Pam Brock, 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 and those who have their year's mind at this time:

Phyllis Blakely, Murie Moore, Bridget Marment, Anthony Pattison and others known to us.

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

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## TODAY'S MUSIC DETAILS:

**Setting:** Communion Service in F (Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995)  
**Motet:** Away in a manger (arr. William James Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921)

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## UPCOMING SERVICES:

Sunday 29 December – First Sunday after Christmas  
Sunday 5 January – The Epiphany  
Sunday 12 January – Baptism of Our Lord  
Sunday 19 January – Second Sunday after Epiphany

**9:00am** Sung Eucharist  
**Communion Service** (John Merbecke, c.1510-1585)

Sunday 26 January – The Conversion of Paul

**8:00am** Said Eucharist  
**10:00am** Choral Eucharist  
**Communion Service in G** (Francis Jackson, 1917-2022)  
**Teach me, O Lord** (Thomas Attwood, 1765-1838)



## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Sunday 5 January 2025

9:00am **Sung Eucharist**

Communion Service (John Merbecke)





## CONVERSION OF PAUL

Sunday 26 January 2025

8:00am **Said Eucharist**  
*with hymns*

10:00am **Choral Eucharist**  
Setting: **Communion Service in G**  
*Francis Jackson*  
Motet: **Teach me, O Lord**  
*Thomas Attwood*



## FEAST OF CANDLEMAS

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

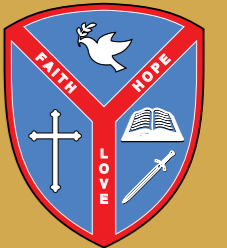
Sunday 2 February 2025

8:00am **Said Eucharist** *with hymns*

10:00am **Choral Eucharist**

Setting: **Missa L'houra Passa**  
*Lodovico da Viadana*

Motet: **When to the temple Mary went**  
*Johannes Eccard*



# JOIN US @ ST PAUL'S

## HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays throughout the year:

**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*

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