



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

**FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Sunday 29 December 2024

9:00AM SUNG 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 First Sunday after Christmas.

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.*

## TODAY'S MUSIC DETAILS:

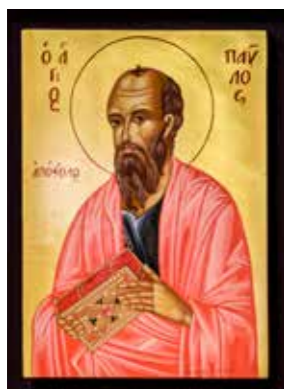
**Setting:** Communion Service (John Merbecke, c.1510-1585)

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

*Please stand as the bell is rung and the servers and clergy process to the chancel.*

## 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.**

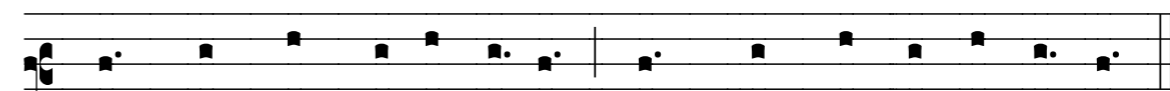
*The priest continues with the opening sentence:*

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful. 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.**

*Remain standing for the Kyrie and Gloria which are sung by the congregation.*

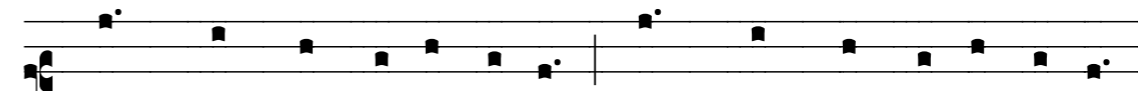
## Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

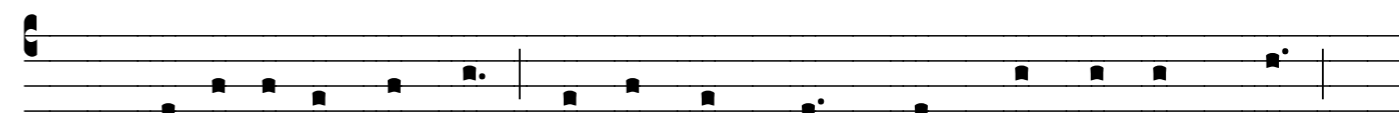


Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.

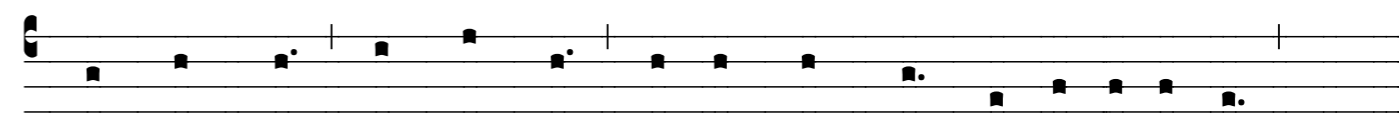


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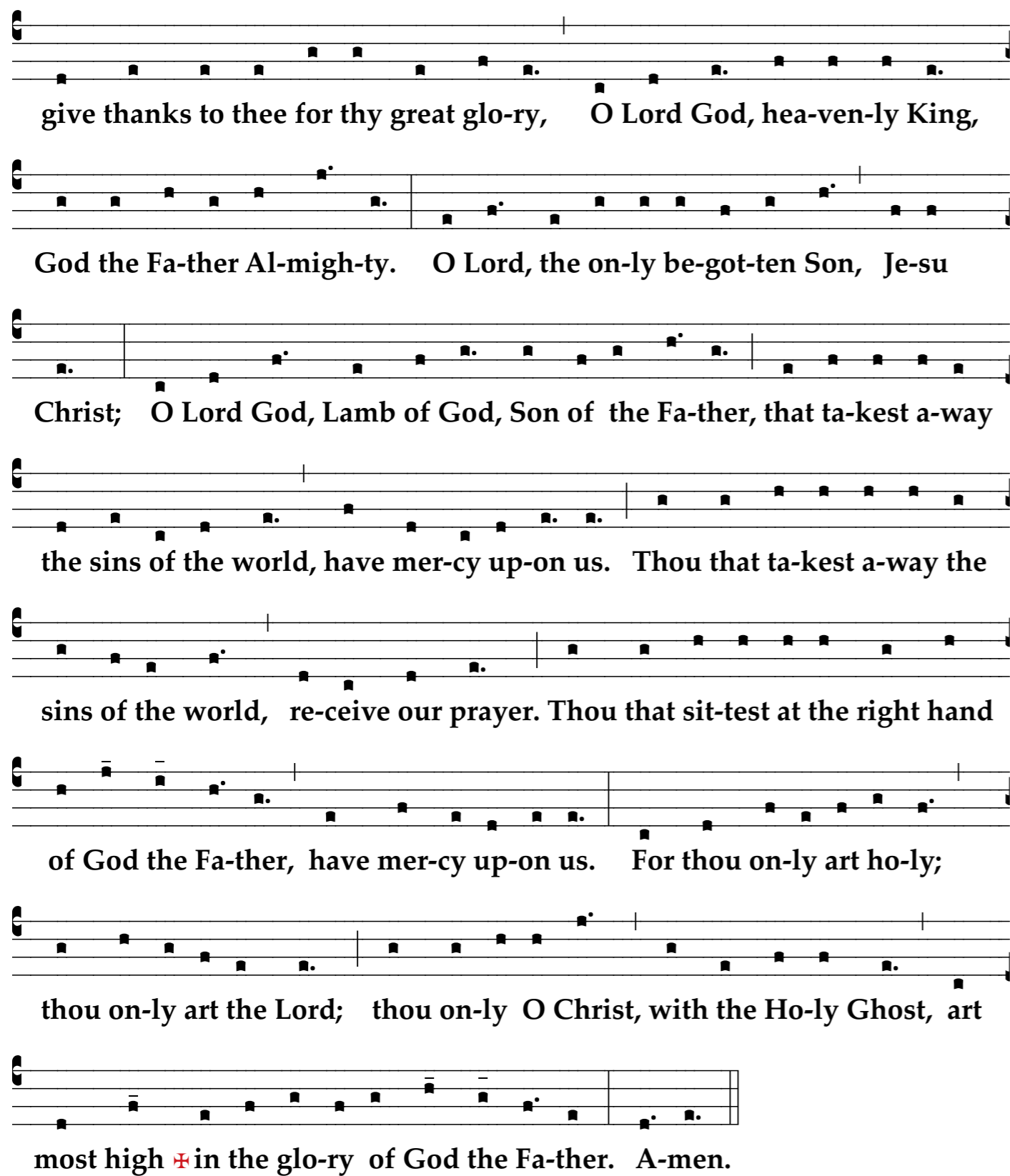
## Gloria



Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards men.



We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we



give thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, hea-ven-ly King,  
 God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-su  
 Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that ta-kest a-way  
 the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. Thou that ta-kest a-way the  
 sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right hand  
 of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us. For thou on-ly art ho-ly;  
 thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on-ly O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art  
 most high † in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## Collect

*All remain standing for the collect of the day.*

God of community, whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood: may we so respect and love those whose lives are inked with ours that we fail not in loyalty to you, but make choices according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

*Please sit for the readings and psalm.*

## First Reading: 1 Samuel 2.18–20, 26

*At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm: 148

*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.*

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven: *(pause)*  
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 **Praise him, all his angels:** *(pause)*  
O praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon: *(pause)*  
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 **Praise him, you highest heaven:** *(pause)*  
and you waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord: *(pause)*  
for he commanded and they were made.
- 6 **He established them for ever and ever:** *(pause)*  
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.
- 7 O praise the Lord from the earth: *(pause)*  
praise him, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- 8 **Fire and hail, mist and snow:** *(pause)*  
and storm wind fulfilling his command;
- 9 Mountains and all hills: *(pause)*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 **Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:** *(pause)*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples: *(pause)*  
princes, and all rulers of the world;
- 12 **Young men and maidens:** *(pause)*  
old folk and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord: *(pause)*  
for his name alone is exalted.
- 14 **His glory is above earth and heaven:** *(pause)*  
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.
- 15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants: *(pause)*  
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

## Second Reading: Colossians 3.12–17

*At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the gradual hymn.*

## Gradual 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

*Remain standing for the gospel.*

## Gospel: Luke 2.41–52

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Open our heart, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.*

**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 James Collins

Rector

*Please stand to sing the Creed.*

## Creed

We be-lieve in one God; the Fa-ther, the al-migh-ty, ma-ker of heav'n and  
earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus  
Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, God  
from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be-got-ten not made,  
of one be-ing with the Fa-ther, through him all things were made. For us  
and for our sal-va-tion he came down from heaven, was in-car-nate of the  
Ho-ly Spi-rit and the vir-gin Ma-ry and be-came tru-ly hu-man. For  
our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death and  
was bu-ried. On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cor-dance with the

Scrip-tures; he as-cen-ded in-to heav'n and is sea-ted at the right hand of  
the Fa-ther. He will come a-gain in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead  
and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the  
Lord, the gi-ver of life, who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther and the Son, who  
with the Fa-ther and the Son is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied, who has spo-  
ken through the pro-phets. We be-lieve in one ho-ly ca-tho-lic and a-  
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.

*Please kneel for the prayers.*

## Prayers of the Faithful.

*One of the following responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy. *or* Father, hear our prayer.  
Hear our prayer. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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.*

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.

*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 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 15 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

FOREST GREEN DCM

English Traditional Melody

Harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams. (1872-1958)

Descant: Sir Thomas Armstrong (1898-1994)



- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- 2 O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth;  
For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
- 3 How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Phillip Brooks (1835-93)

Versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

## 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.**

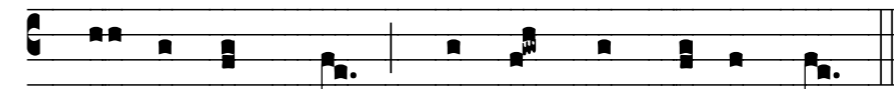
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

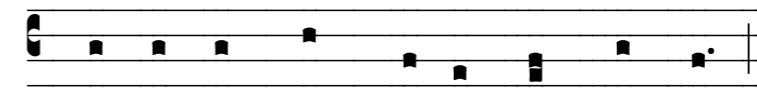
## Great Thanksgiving



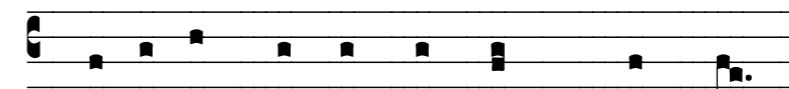
The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

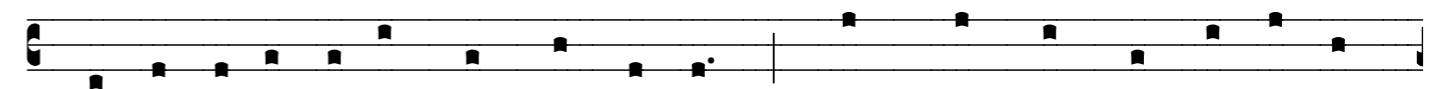


**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

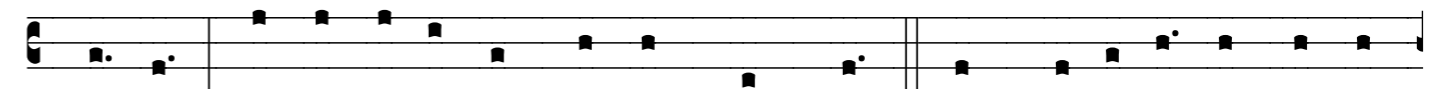
*The priest continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.*

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

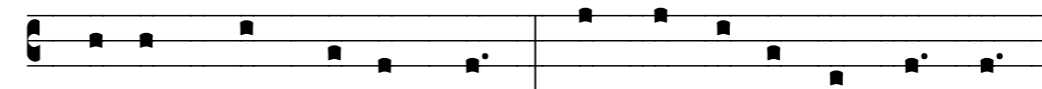
## Sanctus & Benedictus



**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy**



**glo-ry. Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord most high. Bless-ed is he that co-meth**



**in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.**

*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.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded...

...his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

✠ 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 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-  
gainst 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.

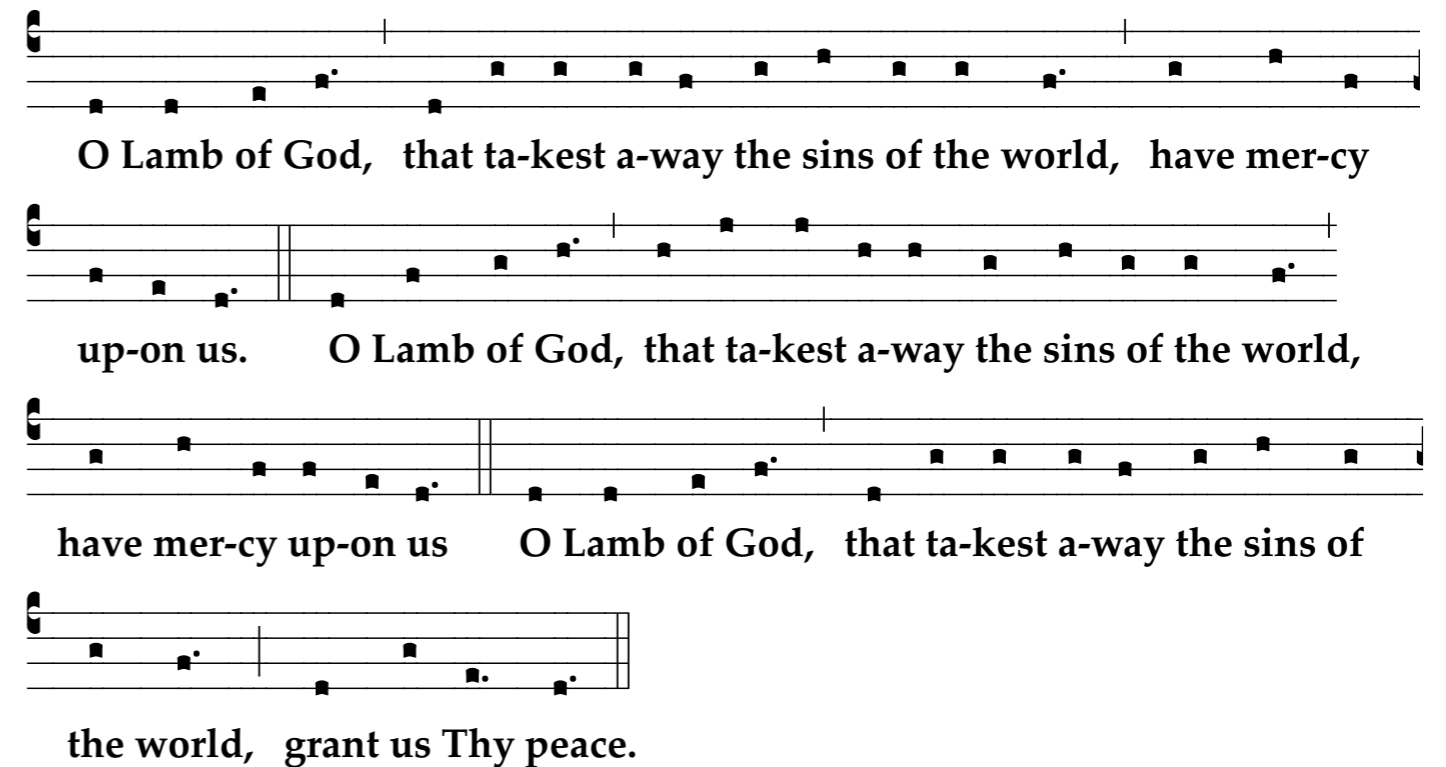
## The breaking of the bread

*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



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy  
up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy up-on us O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way 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.*

## 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

WINCHESTER OLD CM

First published in Thomas Este's *Psalter* 1592

- 1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.
- 2 'Fear not', said he (for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind);  
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.
- 3 'To you in David's town this day  
Is born of David's line  
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
And this shall be the sign:
- 4 The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid.'
- 5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song:
- 6 'All glory be to God on high,  
And on the earth be peace;  
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.'

Nahum Tate (1652-1715)

*Please sit for the notices.*

## Postlude

Chorale Prelude: Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her, BWV 700

Organ: Richard Gore

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 and listen.*

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## Parish Prayer List

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

In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for justice, equity and peace throughout the world.

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, -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 John Sorensen, and those who have their year's mind at this time:

Fr Tony Wood, Edna Kathleen Stubbs, Cicely Minola O'Brien, Elias Nemer Chamie, Gunnar Jussberg, Alan Hughes.

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

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## 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

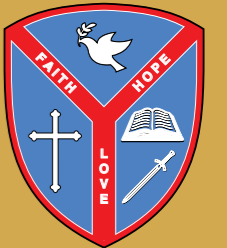
Sunday 2 February 2025

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*





MUSIC @ ST PAUL'S  
Recital Series

# 2025 LUNCHTIME RECITALS

**1:15pm – Third Tuesday of the Month**

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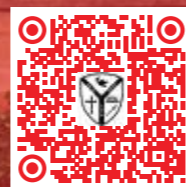
**20 May**

**21 October**

**17 June**

**18 November**

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## 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*

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



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