



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

CHORAL EVENSONG
for the Eve of St Matthias

5:00pm Sunday 23 February 2025

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Welcome to St Paul's

We are delighted that you have come to worship God with us this evening as we celebrate the First Evensong of the Feast of St Matthias.

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 Anglican tradition.

If you are a visitor from another parish, or worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy and other members of the parish family.

If you would like to be added to our parish database, please speak to a welcomer or scan the QR code at the back of this order of service.

I hope that as you join us at St Paul's today you will find peace, beauty, spiritual comfort, wonder and inspiration.

Peace,
Fr James Collins OAM
Rector

The Office of Evensong

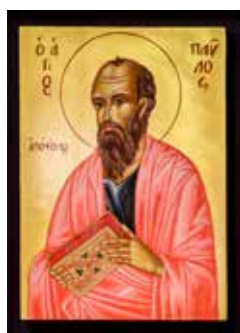
Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of evening prayer derived from the ancient monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. It has been sung regularly since the sixteenth century and this evening's service uses the traditional language of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the church that have been offered for centuries, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers (the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer) to those of the choir.

The Psalm and the settings of the Canticles of Mary (Magnificat) and Simeon (Nunc dimittis) are sung by the choir alone; the Preces and Responses are also sung between the officiant and choir on behalf of the people; and the choir sings an anthem at the end of the formal part of the Office.

In most liturgies, we, the worshippers, must do two things: speak with our lips, and meditate with our hearts. Choral Evensong is one of the rare occasions when the congregation is able to focus solely on the latter, allowing the prayers and praises being sung by the choir, to be those of the entire faith community and, particularly, of this parish of St Paul's Burwood.

The congregation is encouraged to sing or say the text in **bold print**.



The texts and prayers are taken from the *Book of Common Prayer (1662)*

Hymn texts are taken from *The New English Hymnal*

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

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Please stand as the bell is rung. The choir sings the Introit from the West Door.

Introit

Holy is the true light

William Harris (1883-1973)

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict:
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Words: The Salisbury Diurnal

Remain Standing as the Choir and Clergy process to the chancel.

The Officiant and Choir sing the Preces & Responses by Smith of Durham (c.1603-1645).

℣. ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.

℟. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

℣. ✠ O God, make speed to save us.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

℣. Praise ye the Lord.

℟. The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit while the Choir sings the Psalm.

Psalm: 33

Chant: Kellow John Pye (1812-1901)

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous:
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp:
sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true: and all his works are faithful.

He loveth righteousness and judgement:
the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap:
and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

Let all the earth fear the Lord:
stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

For he spake, and it was done: he commanded and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought:
and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect,
and casteth out the counsels of princes.

The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever:
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah: and blessed are
the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men:
from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth
all them that dwell on the earth.

He fashioneth all the hearts of them: and understandeth all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host:
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man:
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him:
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy.

To deliver their soul from death: and to feed them in the time of dearth.

Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord:
for he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him:
because we have hoped in his holy Name.

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us:
like as we do put our trust in thee.

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Please sit for the reading of the First Lesson.

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 1.21–28

Here beginneth the 21st verse of the 1st chapter of the first book of Samuel

And the man Elka'nah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and abide there for ever." Elka'nah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and

a skin of wine; and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slew the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me my petition which I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord."

And they worshiped the Lord there.

Here endeth the first lesson

Please stand to sing the Office Hymn.

Office Hymn

JESU REDEMPTOR OMNIUM

Mode viii



- 1 O Jesu, Saviour of mankind,
In whom the saints their glory find,
On this commemoration day
Hear thou thy people as they pray.
- 2 Contending for thy holy name,
Thy servants won their saintly fame,
Which Christian hearts with praise recall,
And bless the Lord and God of all.
- 3 Earth's fleeting pleasures counting nought,
For higher, truer joys they sought,
And now, with angels round thy throne,
Unfading glories are their own.
- 4 O grant that we, most gracious God,
May follow in the steps they trod,
And freed from every bond of sin,
As they have won, may also win.
- 5 To thee, O Christ, most loving King,
All glory, praise and thanks we bring,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.



A-men

Latin c. 8th century

Tr. Father Benson SSJE (1824-1915) and Editors

Please remain standing for the Magnificat, during which the High Altar will be censed.

Magnificat: Evening Canticles in A minor William Harris (1883-1973)

✠ **M**y soul doth magnify the Lord.
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden:
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Please sit for the reading of the Second Lesson.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 4.1–13

Here beginneth the 4th chapter of the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.

I have applied all this to myself and Apol'los for your benefit, brethren, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. For who sees anything different in you? What have you that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?

Already you are filled! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ.

We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things.

Here endeth the second lesson

Please stand for the Nunc Dimittis.

Nunc Dimittis: Evening Canticles in A minor William Harris (1883-1973)

✠ **L**ord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a ligh`t to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Please remain standing to sing the Apostles' Creed.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God
the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead:
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy Catholick Church;
the Communion of Saints: the Forgiveness of sins:
the Resurrection of the body, ✠ and the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Officiant and Choir continue the Preces and Responses.

℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ And with thy Spirit.
℣ Let us pray:

The people kneel.

℟ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer is sung by all.

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 Officiant and choir sing the Lesser Litany.

℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
℟. And grant us thy salvation.
℣. O Lord, save the King.
℟. And mercifully hear us, when we call upon thee.
℣. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
℟. And make thy chosen people joyful.
℣. O Lord, save thy people.
℟. And bless thine inheritance.
℣. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
℟. Because there is none other that fighteth for us. But only thou, O God.
℣. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
℟. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

Collect for Matthias.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles: Grant that thy Church, being alway preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Sexagesima (the Second Sunday before Lent).

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;

that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Collect for Aid against all Perils.

RIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. **And with thy Spirit.**
℣. Let us bless the Lord.
℟. **Thanks be to God.**

Please sit while the Choir sings the Anthem.

Anthem

O thou the Central Orb

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.
Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Henry Ramsden Bramley, (1833-1917)

Sermon

Ms Rosemary King
Lay Minister

Please stand 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

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Alexander Reinagle (1799-1877)



- 1 The highest and the holiest place
Guards not the heart from sin;
The Church that safest seems without
May harbour foes within.
- 2 Within that small and chosen band
Beloved above the rest,
One fell from his apostleship,
A traitor soul unblest.
- 3 But ne'er the great designs of God
Man's sin shall overthrow;
A better witness to the truth
Forth to the lands shall go.
- 4 Matthias was the chosen one—
God's purpose cannot fail—
The word of grace no less shall sound,
The truth no less prevail.
- 5 Righteous, O Lord, are all thy ways:
Long as the worlds endure,
From foes without and foes within
Preserve thy Church secure.

Henry Alford (1810-71)

Please kneel for the Intercessions which are read by the Rector.

Intercessions

A Prayer for Matthias.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant Matthias was chosen to be an Apostle of our Lord and a witness of his resurrection: We earnestly pray thee to raise up for the work of the ministry in this our day able and dedicated men and women, and to use them abundantly for the building up of thy Church and the increase of thy kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for King Charles III.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly pray that you would look upon your servant, King Charles. Endue him with your

Holy Spirit; enrich him with your heavenly grace; prosper him with all happiness; and bring him to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for the Evening.

BE PRESENT, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night: that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest on your eternal changelessness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for Peace.

ETERNAL God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love; so guide and inspire, we pray thee, the labours of those who seek to establish righteousness and peace among nations, that all peoples may find their security, not in force of arms, but in the perfect love that casteth out fear, and in the fellowship revealed to us in thy son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer of St John Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you and promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

The following are recited together

A General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, we give you hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation and preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such a sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may praise you not only with our lips, but in our lives, serving you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Grace

✠ **THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Please stand to sing the Final Hymn.

Final Hymn

GENEVAN PSALM 42
87 87 77 88

Melody and most of the bass by
Louis Bourgeois (c.1510-61)
in the French edition of the *Genevan Psalter* 1551



- 1 Joy and triumph everlasting hath the heavenly Church on high;
For that pure immortal gladness all our feast-days mourn and sigh:
Yet in death's dark desert wild doth the mother aid her child,
Guards celestial thence attend us, stand in combat to defend us.
- 2 Here the world's perpetual warfare holds from heaven the soul apart;
Legioned foes in shadowy terror vex the Sabbath of the heart.
O how happy that estate where delight doth not abate;
For that home the spirit yearneth, where none languisheth nor mourneth.
- 3 There the body hath no torment, there the mind is free from care,
There is every voice rejoicing, every heart is loving there.
Angels in that city dwell; them their King delighteth well:
Still they joy and weary never, more and more desiring ever.
- 4 There the seers and fathers holy, there the prophets glorified,
All their doubts and darkness ended, in the Light of light abide.
There the Saints, whose memories old we in faithful hymns uphold,
Have forgot their bitter story in the joy of Jesu's glory.

- 5 There from lowliness exalted dwelleth Mary, Queen of grace,
Ever with her presence pleading 'gainst the sin of Adam's race.
To that glory of the blest, by their prayers and faith confest,
Us, us too, when death hath freed us, christ of his good mercy lead us.

A Latin Sequence by
Adam of St Victor (c.1150)
Tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Remain standing as the Rector pronounces the Blessing from the High Altar.

Blessing

☩ Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love:
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven
rejoice with Matthias and all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your
glory; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Choir and Clergy process from the church during the Postlude.

Postlude

Praeludium in G Minor, BuxWV 149

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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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Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments.

TONIGHT'S MUSIC DETAILS:

Introit: Holy is the true light (William Harris, 1883-1973)
Canticles: Evening Canticles in A minor (William Harris, 1883-1973)
Anthem: O Thou the central orb (Charles Wood, 1866-1926)
Responses (Smith of Durham, c.1603-1645)

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UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES:

Sunday 2 March – Eighth Sunday after Epiphany [8]

10:00am Choral Eucharist
Communion Service in A & D (Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995)
Jesu, the very thought of Thee (Edward Bairstow, 1874-1946)

Wednesday 5 March – Ash Wednesday

6:00pm Choral Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
Missa Orbis Factor (Gregorian chant)
Teach me thy way, O Lord (William Fox, d.1579)



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

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"I bequeath the sum of \$___ to the Rector and Wardens of the Anglican parish of St Paul's Burwood, to be used at their absolute discretion for the charitable or other beneficial purposes of the parish."

Wills

Mark Squire (an 8:00am service parishioner) is a solicitor experienced in drafting Wills. While he does not wish to have any commercial association with the church and/or its members, he has made an offer to assist, at no cost, senior parishioners and community members who wish to make donations to the parish in their Wills.

Mark is concerned to ensure that any senior who wants to help our wonderful parish this way is not deterred by the potential cost of so doing. Mark can be contacted via the parish office – (02) 9747 4327

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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.

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

For further information please visit our website: stpaulsburwood.org.au



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