



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Burwood

CHORAL EVENSONG

for the Feast of Christ the King

5:00pm Sunday 23 November 2025

Welcome to St Paul's

We are delighted that you have come to worship God with us this evening as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

This historic church, dedicated to St Paul the Apostle & Martyr, was designed by the Australian colonial architect Edmund Blacket. 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

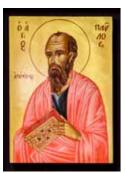
The Office of Evensong

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.



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

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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



Today marks the end of the long season after the Day of Pentecost and it is also the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical calendar. Known as the Feast of Christ the King or Christ the King Sunday, it celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as Lord of all things, for in Christ all things began and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. We now find ourselves on the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's return.

The Feast of Christ the King is a relatively recent addition to the Western liturgical calendar, having been instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI for the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church. It has also found its way into the liturgical calendars of a number of other denominations including Anglicans, Lutherans, and The Uniting Church, as well as various branches of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches

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

Introit

Almighty and Everlasting God

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy hand to help and defend us: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

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).

- \mathbb{R} . And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
- V. 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.
- ÿ. Praise ye the Lord.
- RY The Lord's name be praised.

Please SIT while the Choir sings the Psalm.

Psalm: 95

Chant: Sir John Goss (1800-1880)

GOD IS our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved: but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord: what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world:

he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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: Deuteronomy 17.14–20

Here beginneth the 14th verse of the 17th chapter of the book of Deuteronomy

When you come to the land which the Lord your God gives you, and you possess it and dwell in it, and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are round about me'; you may indeed set as king over you him whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. Only he must not multiply horses for himself, or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to multiply horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.' And he shall not multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply for himself silver and gold.

And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, from that which is in charge of the Levitical priests; and it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them; that his heart may not be lifted up above his brethren, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left; so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Here endeth the first lesson

Please STAND to sing the Office Hymn.

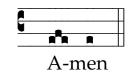
Office Hymn

AETERNA CHRISTI MUNERA

Mode vii



- The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
 The Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing:
 And while due hymns of praise we pay,
 Our thankful hearts cast grief away.
- The Church in these her princes boasts, These victor chiefs of warrior hosts; The soldiers of the heavenly hall, The lights that rose on earth for all.
- Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
 The unconquered hope that never faints,
 The love of Christ that knows not shame,
 The prince of this world overcame.
- In these the Father's glory shone;
 In these the will of God the Son;
 In these exults the Holy Ghost;
 Through these rejoice the heavenly host.
- 5 Redeemer, hear us of thy love, That, with this glorious band above, Hereafter, of thine endless grace, Thy servants also may have place.



Attributed to St Ambrose (c.340-97) *Tr.* J. M. Neale (1818-66)

Magnificat: Service in A

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

 $+\mathcal{M}_{V}$ 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 15.19–28

Here beginneth the 19th verse of the 15th chapter of the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. "For God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection under him," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to every one.

Here endeth the second lesson

Please STAND for the Nunc Dimittis.

Nunc Dimittis: Service in A

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

♣ Tord, 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.

ÿ. Let us pray:

The people KNEEL.

R. 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.

- V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- R. And mercifully hear us, when we call upon thee.
- ▼. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- ÿ. O Lord, save thy people.
- \mathbb{R} And bless thine inheritance.
- ÿ. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us. But only thou, O God.
- ÿ. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- Ry. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

Collect for Christ the King.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Peace.

OGOD, 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.

IGHTEN 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.**
- Y. Let us bless the Lord.
- **X**: Thanks be to God.

Please SIT while the Choir sings the Anthem.

Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord alway

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Philippians 4.4–7

Sermon

Fr James Collins

Rector

Please STAND to sing the Offertory Hymn.

Offertory Hymn

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Melody and bass by William Croft (1678-1727) in *A Supplement to the New Version* (1708)



- 1 O worship the King
 All glorious above;
 O gratefully sing
 His power and his love:
 Our Shield and Defender,
 The Ancient of days,
 Pavilioned in splendour,
 And girded with praise.
- O tell of his might,
 O sing of his grace,
 Whose robe is the light,
 Whose canopy space.
 His chariots of wrath
 The deep thunder-clouds form,
 And dark is his path
 On the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store
 Of wonders untold,
 Almighty, thy power
 Hath founded of old:
 Hath stablished it fast
 By a changeless decree,
 And round it hath cast,
 Like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care
 What tongue can recite?
 It breathes in the air,
 It shines in the light;
 It streams from the hills,
 It descends to the plain,
 And sweetly distils
 In the dew and the rain.

- 5 Frail children of dust, And feeble as frail, In thee do we trust, Nor find thee to fail; Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.
- 6 O measureless Might, Ineffable Love, While angels delight To hymn thee above, Thy humbler creation, Though feeble their lays, With true adoration Shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant (1779-1838)

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

Intercessions

A Prayer for Christ the King.

ETERNAL Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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.

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 for the Te Deum.

Te Deum: Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:

the Father of an infinite majesty;

thine honourable, true and only Son;

also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

All KNEEL.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. *All STAND*.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

and we worship thy name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Text: c. 387

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

Blessing

Christ our exalted King, pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in 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

Crown Imperial

William Walton (1902-83)

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: Almighty and everlasting God (Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625)
Canticles: Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in A (Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995)

Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord alway (Henry Purcell, 1659-1695)

Te Deum: Collegium Regale (Herbert Howells, 1892-1983)

Responses: (Smith of Durham, b.1943)

Sunday 30 November – Advent Sunday

10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST with Litany

Communion Service (L.J. White, 1910-1970)

Veni, veni Emmanuel (c.15th century)

Sunday 7 December - Second Sunday of Advent

10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST with Litany

Missa Cum Jubilo (Gregorian chant)

People look East (arr. Malcolm Archer, b.1952)

Sunday 14 December – Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST

Communion Service in D & A (Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995)

Angelus ad Virginem (arr. Andrew Carter, b.1939)

5:00pm CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 21 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST with Litany

Missa Brevis No. 2 (Healey Willan, 1880-1968)

A tender shoot (Otto Goldschmidt, 1829-1907)



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Parish Notices

A message from the Rector

I wish to advise that my last Service in the Parish will be on Easter Day – **5 April 2026**. I feel this is a good time to conclude my up-front ministry in the Parish as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and the hope that this brings.

There will be an official farewell on the evening on Friday 17 April.

As has been confirmed with Bishop Michael Stead, Fr Mark will become Locum Tenens after Easter and Acting Rector from 1 November (after my official retirement on 31 October).

I pray that the interregnum will be short and that a suitable Priest will be found who will love everyone wholeheartedly and honour our beautiful Tractarian tradition here at St Paul's.

Our Organist

Bailey Yeates, has been appointed as the Organ Scholar at St James' Church King Street and will be leaving his position as our Parish Organist on the Feast of the Conversion of Paul (Sunday 25 January 2026). A farewell will be held in the parish hall following the Choral Eucharist on this day.

Advent Lunch

It will be held on **Sunday 7 December** at 12 noon. Limited tickets are still available after both services and at the Trading Table.

Cost: \$35 for Adults and \$10 for children under 14.

Brian Kim - Charity Concert

Flautist, Brian Kim, will present Songs and Incantations, a reflection on our universal language of song that transcends time and culture. From lament to love song, from ancient chant to electronic mantra, each song is a bridge of expression, spirit, and sound that connect us all.

7:00pm Saturday 29 November at St Paul's Burwood. Tickets at the door or via https://events.humanitix.com/songs-and-incarnations

Evensong at St Andrew's Cathedral

The Choir of St Paul's has been invited to sing Choral Evensong at St Andrew's Cathedral on **Thursday 11 December** at 5:15pm. All are welcome to attend this service.

Are you a new parishioner or do you need to update your details?



Use this QR code to update your details in our parish database and ensure you are kept up-to-date with everything going on at St Paul's Burwood.

Alternatively, you can contact the parish office by phone: (02) 9747 4327 or email: info@stpaulsburwood.org.au

Offertory

Budget to end of October: \$191,400 - Receipts: \$158,717 Collection and other donations

Offertory: \$\$4,461.76

Parish Pantry: \$\$1,395.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$\$5,856.76

Support us @ St Paul's



Use this QR code to make a payment via PayPal directly from your mobile phone.

General Offertory / Donation Account

St Paul's Anglican Church Account Name:

> BSB: 032-062 Acc: 818 285

Parish Pantry Account

Account Name: Parish Pantry

> BSB: 032-062 Acc: 812 238

National Trust Account

Account Name: National Trust of Australia (NSW) St Paul's Anglican

Church Burwood

BSB: 032-044 Acc: 742 926 donations over \$2 are tax-deductible

Donations & Bequests

"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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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: last Friday of the month **5:40pm** 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



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