

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Sunday 7 December 2025

10:00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

# Welcome to St Paul's

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

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

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

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

May God richly bless you!

Peace,  
Fr James Collins OAM  
Rector

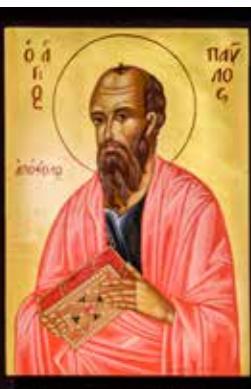
*Please take this order of service home.*

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

## ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

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

This year, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord, we acknowledge that many parts of our world are at war, that the innocent suffer and the leaders of the nations seem helpless to bring about peace.

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Our service this morning begins with the third of the Great "O" Antiphons, as we proceed through the four Sundays in Advent.

These beautiful and moving ancient texts, each referring to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah, have been chanted in the Church since at least the 8<sup>th</sup> century, and were originally antiphons to the Magnificat at the Evening Office from December 17 to 23. Sung to Gregorian chant, they have always provided a rich source of devotional imagery in Advent and each one highlights a title or attribute for the Messiah: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel* (O Emmanuel). An alternative English medieval practice arose of moving all of the antiphons forward by one day and adding an eighth antiphon on 23 December. This is the antiphon *O Virgo Virginum* (O Virgin of Virgins), which will be sung here on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

*Please STAND as the bell is rung. The choir sings the Introit from the West Door, after which the choir, servers and clergy process into the Chancel.*

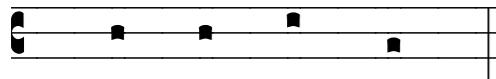
## Introit

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

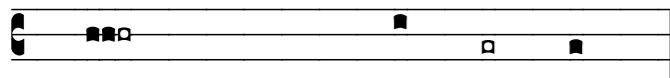
O Antiphon: *O radix Jesse*

*Please KNEEL for the Litany.*

# Litany



℣. God the *Fa*-ther  
℣. God the *Son*,  
℣. God the Holy *Spi*-rit,  
℣. Holy Trinity, one *God*,



℣. From all evil and mischief; from pride vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil *in-tent*:

℣. From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt of your word and your *laws*,

℣. From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, the flesh and the *de-vil*,

℣. From famine and disaster; from violence, murder and dying *un-pre-pared*,

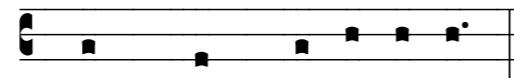
℣. In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of *judge-ment*,

℣. By the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and *temp-ta-tion*,

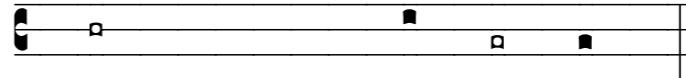
℣. By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; and by your preaching of the *king-dom*,



℟. **Have mer-cy on us.**  
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℟. **Have mer-cy on us.**



℟. **Good Lòrd, dé- lí- ver us.**



℣. By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; and by your precious death and *bu-rial*,

℣. By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Ho-ly *Spi*-rit,

℣. Hear our prayers, O Lord our *God*.

℣. Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your *will*.

℣. Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the *na-tions*

℣. Enlighten your ministers with knowledge and understanding that by their teaching and and their lives they may proclaim your *word*.

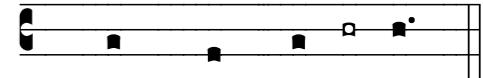
℣. Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the *Spi*-rit.

℣. Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are *de-ceived*.

℣. Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our *feet*.

℣. Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and *jus-tice*.

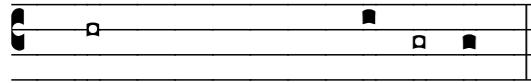
℣. Guard and strengthen your servant, Charles our King, that he may put his trust in you and seek your honour and *glo-ry*.



℟. **Good Lòrd, dé- lí- ver us.**

℟. **Good Lòrd, dé- lí- ver us.**

℟. **Hear ùs góod Lórd.**



℣. Endue the members of our parliaments and all who govern us with wisdom and under-*stand*-ing.

℣. Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and *truth*.

℣. Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory, and for the good of *all*.

℣. Remember the ancient peoples of this land and forgive the sins of ignorance and neglect done *against* them.

℣. Bless and keep all your *peo*-ple.

℣. Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the *op-pressed*.

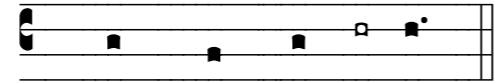
℣. Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in *dan*-ger.

℣. Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the *des*-titute.

℣. Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in *trou*-ble.

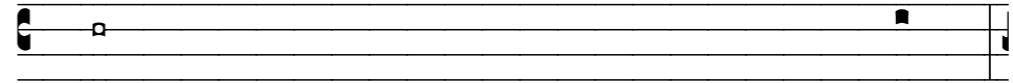
℣. Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their *hearts*.

℣. Hear us as we remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the peace of Christ, and grant us with them a share in your eternal *king*-dom.

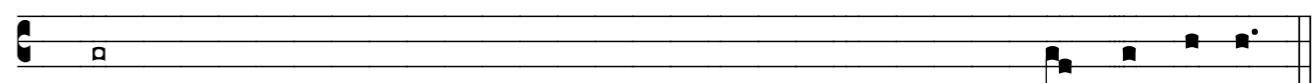


R. Hear *us* góod Lórd.

R. Lörd háve mer-cy.



℣. Give us true repentance; forgive our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy *word*.



R. Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal: have mer- cy on us.

*Please STAND for the Greeting*  
**Greeting**

*The priest greets the congregation.*

℣. Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

*The priest continues with the opening sentence:*

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Let us pray:  
Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Lighting of the Wreath

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

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

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

**Amen.**

## Kyrie

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

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## Collect

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

God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please SIT for the readings and psalm.*

## First Reading: Isaiah 11.1–10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: 72.1–7, 18–21

Chant: Mode VIII.2; Faux-bourdon: McEwan (b.1943)

*Sung by the choir.*

- 1 Give the king your judgement, O God:  
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
- 2 That he may judge your people rightly:  
and the poor of the land with equity.

- 3 Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:  
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
- 4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:  
and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live while the sun endures:  
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the new mown fields:  
and as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:  
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Let his name live for ever:  
and endure as long as the sun.
- 19 Let all peoples use his name in blessing:  
and all nations call him blessed.
- 20 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:  
who alone does great wonders.
- 21 Blessed be his glorious name for ever:  
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, Amen.

## Second Reading: Romans 15.4–13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

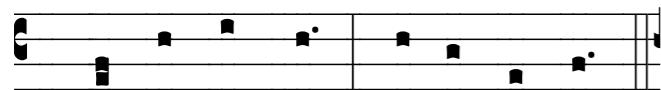
For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*The first Alleluia is sung first by the cantor and then the congregation sings the second.  
At the end of the sentence, the choir and congregation repeat both Alleluias.*



Al - lè - lú - ià. A - lè - lù - iá.

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

*The Alleluia is repeated by all.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gospel: Matthew 3.1–12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

'I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

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

*The choir sings the antiphon:*

O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel; that openest, and no man shutteth; and shuttest and no man openeth: Come, and bring the prisoner out of the prisonhouse, and him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

O Antiphon: *O Clavis David*

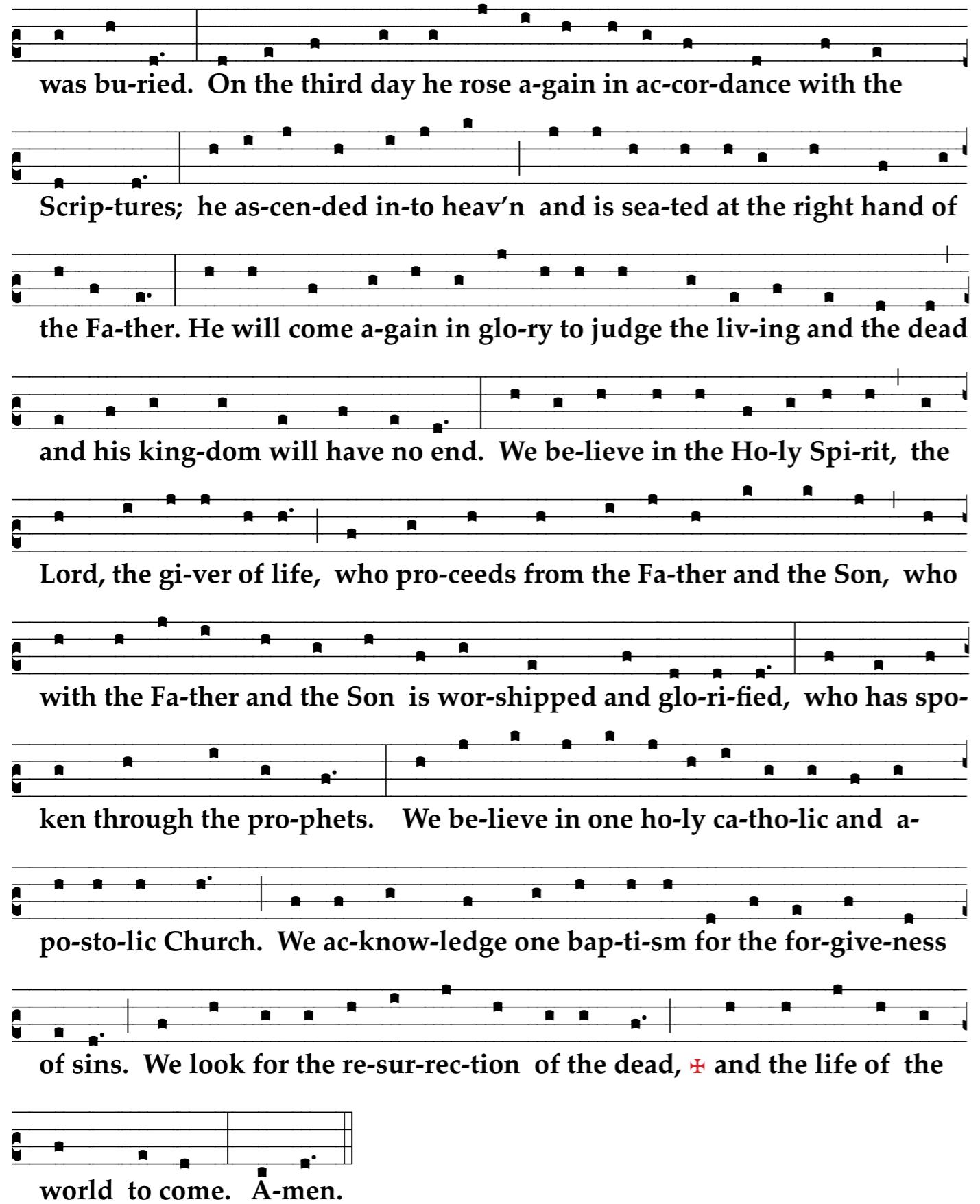
## Sermon

**Ms Rosemary King**  
*Lay Minister*

*Please STAND for 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, <sup>†</sup> and the life of the  
 world to come. A-men.

*Please KNEEL for the prayers.*

## Prayers of the Faithful.

*The following response is used:*

God of all hopefulness:

Hear our prayer.

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

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith  
 we may by your grace receive,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

We do not presume  
 to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
 trusting in our own righteousness,  
 but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy  
 so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
 But you are the same Lord  
 whose nature is always to have mercy.  
 Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
 so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
 and to drink his blood,  
 that we may evermore dwell in him  
 and he in us. Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*The priest introduces the confession.*

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

*(Silence may be kept)*

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,  
 our maker and our judge,  
 we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do:  
 we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
 we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
 Father, forgive us.  
 Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The priest pronounces the Absolution.*

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

<sup>†</sup> pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
 strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please STAND for the Greeting of Peace.**

## Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Greeting of Peace is exchanged through a silent bow towards those seated around you.*

*Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.*

*An offertory is taken for the work of the parish. This can be done in cash via the collection plate, direct debit using the details on page 23 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

VENI EMMANUEL 88 88 88

melody 'adapted from a French Missal'

by Thomas Helmore (1811–90); Descant: Alan Wilson (b.1947)

1 O COME, O come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile dear is gone  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high!  
Who madest all in earth and sky,  
Creating man from dust and clay:  
To us reveal salvation's way.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

3 O come, O come, Adonaï,  
Who in thy glorious majesty  
From Sinai's mountain clothed with  
awe

Gavest thy folk the elder law.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

4 O come thou Root of Jesse! Draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From those dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

5 O come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward  
road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

6 O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

7 O come, Desire of nations! show  
Thy kingly reign on earth below;  
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,  
Restore the ruin of our fall.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Cologne 1710, based on the ancient Advent Antiphons  
Tr. T.A. Lacey (1853-1931) and Editors

## The Preparation

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

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The priest continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.*

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

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*Sung by the choir.*

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

**℟ Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini  
Hosanna in excelsis.**

*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.

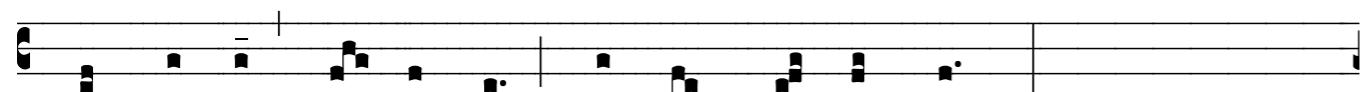
**℟ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of  
the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:**

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

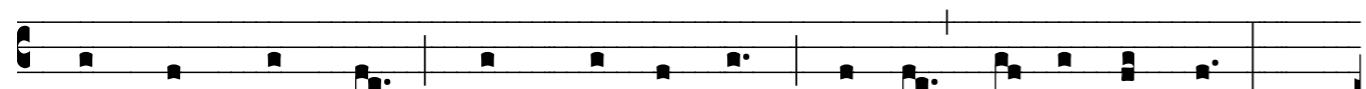
## The Lord's Prayer

*The priest intones:*

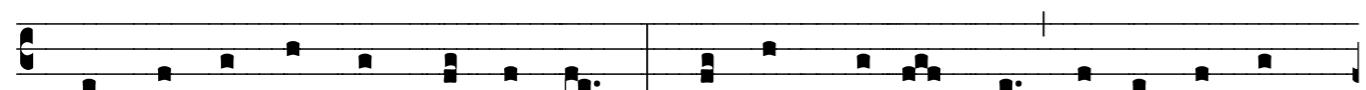
As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:



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



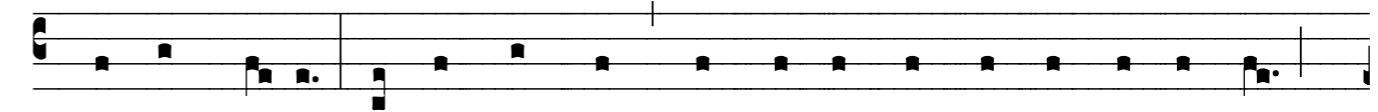
Your King-dom come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven.



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



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



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.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sins of the world, grant us your peace.

## Invitation to Communion

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

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

## Communion

*Communion is distributed along the 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

People look East

arr. Malcom Archer (b.1952)

People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make  
your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People,  
look East, and sing today: love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower  
may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: love, the rose, is on the  
way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl  
shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon  
together. People, look East, and sing today: love, the star, is on the way.  
Angels, announce to man and beast him who cometh from the East. Set  
every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East, and sing today: love, the Lord, is on the way.

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

*Please remain kneeling or seated. The congregation sings the communion hymn.*

## Communion Hymn

PASTOR PASTORUM 65 65

F. Silcher (1789-1860)



1 Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
In the pastures green;  
Faithful Shepherd, lead me  
Where thy steps are seen.

2 Hold me fast, and guide me  
In the narrow way;  
So, with thee beside me,  
I shall never stray.

3 Daily bring me nearer  
To the heavenly shore;  
May my faith grow clearer,  
May I love thee more.

4 Hallow every pleasure,  
Every gift and pain;  
Be thyself my treasure,  
Though none else I gain.

5 Day by day prepare me  
As thou seest best,  
Then let angels bear me  
To thy promised rest.

T. B. Pollock (1836-96)

*All STAND for the post-communion prayer.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*The priest says a seasonal prayer:*

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

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

*The priest says this seasonal Blessing:*

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

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

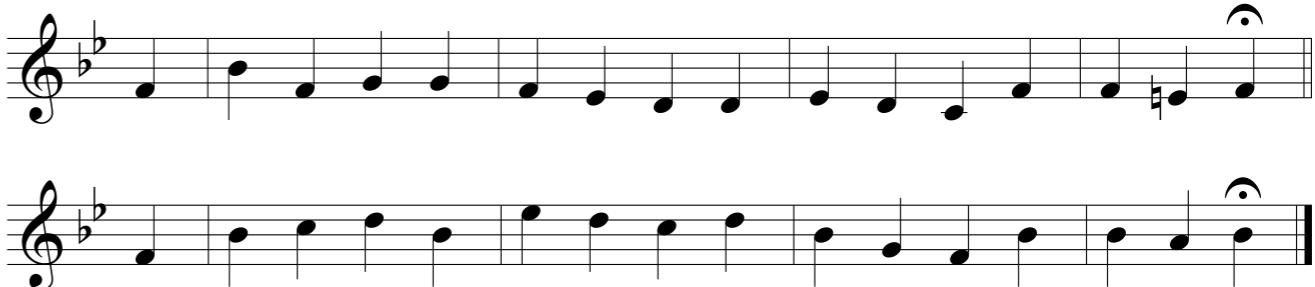
**† In the name of Christ, Amen.**

*Remain standing for the final hymn.*

## Final Hymn

WINCHESTER NEW LM

Adapted from a chorale in  
Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg 1690



1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come then and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every Christian breast,  
And furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without thy grace our souls must fade,  
And wither like a flower decayed.

4 Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,  
And make us rise, to fall no more;  
Once more upon thy people shine,  
And fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

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

*Please SIT for the notices.*

## Postlude

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes-Sohn (from Orgelbüchlein) BWV 601  
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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### TODAY'S MUSIC DETAILS:

Setting: *Missa Cum Jubilo* (Gregorian chant)  
Motet: People look East (arr. Malcolm Archer, b.1952)

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### UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES:

**Sunday 14 December – Third Sunday of Advent**

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)

**Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve**

9:30pm Choral Eucharist  
*Missa Omnes Sancti* (Malcolm Archer, b.1952)  
*Candlelight Carol* (John Rutter, b.1945)

## Parish Notices

### The Epistle

The latest edition of The Epistle, Advent to Epiphany 2025/26, is available today after all services. All proceeds from the sale of the magazine go to support the work of the Parish Pantry. Please support this important ministry for St Paul's – why not purchase an extra copy to give to a friend.



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### Friday Services

Evening Prayer and Holy Communion will take place every Friday in Advent, beginning at 5:40pm. Please enter through the Belltower porch.

### 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.

### Busy Bee

We will be polishing the brass, communion vessels, dusting, cleaning and gardening on **Saturday 20 December** at 10:00am. Please come along with your polishing cloth and help to make St Paul's look beautiful for Christmas.

### Summer Service Schedule

**Wednesday Mid-week Eucharist:** The final mid-week Eucharist for the year will be on Wednesday 24 December and will resume on Wednesday 4 February 2026.

**Friday Services:** The final Friday Evening Prayer & Holy Communion for the year will be on Friday 19 December and will resume on Friday 30 January 2026.

**Sunday Services:** From Christmas Day until Sunday 18 January 2026 (inclusive), there will be one combined Sunday service at 9:00am, followed by refreshments in the hall.

The regular schedule of 8:00am and 10:00am will resume on **Sunday 25 January 2026** when we will celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of Paul.

**CHRISTMAS @ ST PAUL'S 2025**

Sunday 14 December  
5:00pm Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE  
Wednesday 24 December  
9:30pm Choral Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY  
Thursday 25 December  
9:00am Choral Eucharist

Fr James Collins OAM  
Rector

## Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we give thanks for our Head Server and Sacristan, Brian, and all the Servers at the Altar.

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

Barry Brandy, Leonie Cable, Tiffany Cheng, Deb Edmeades, Dela Gibson, Elaine Gow, John, Kate, Elizabeth Morris, Pam Priest, Geoff Riccord, Sam, Elizabeth Scott, Ajun and Paul Sibun, Steve, Bob Woods, Joyce Bannister, Belinda, Dale Berry, John Burns, Betty Daniels, Debbie, Elsie Dunnam, Margery and Peter Foss, Merle Gorman, Malcolm Green, Jean Greenwood, Gwen Hackett, Meg Harley, Alec Harris, Barbara Hawkins, Christine Johnson, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, Larry Howley, Clyde Livingstone, Terry and Betsy McKay, Melissa Moore, Sally Palmer, Winnie Pang, Yolande Phillips, Michelle Phillips, Mark Roberts, Peter Sorensen, Barbara Stone, Sylvia, Anne Wardle, David Wheatley, Bill Whittle, and others known to us.

We pray for their carers, medical staff and families.

We give thanks for the lives of the recently departed and those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

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

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

*At St Paul's, we pray by name for people who have either asked for our prayers or for whom someone else has made a request. This list is updated every 3 months or when we receive a new request. Some names are on our list on a long-term basis while others reflect a more immediate need and are short term.*

*We will only be reading the names on the short-term list in the services but the whole list will still be included in the printed prayers for parishioners to use throughout the week. The full list of names will be read in our midweek service.*

*Names can be added to or removed from the lists at any time.*

## Next Week's Readings

Sunday 14 December – Third Sunday in Advent

OT: Isaiah 35.1–10

NT: James 5.7–10

Psalm: Song of Mary

Gospel: Matthew 11.2–11

## Offertory

Budget to end of October: \$191,400 – Receipts: \$158,717

Collection and other donations

Offertory: \$2,927.68

Parish Pantry: \$515.00

Wardens Appeal: \$17,500.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$20,942.68

## Support us @ St Paul's



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

### General Offertory / Donation Account

Account Name: St Paul's Anglican Church  
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

# 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:**

**5:40pm** 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](http://stpaulsburwood.org.au)



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