

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Gaudete Sunday

Sunday 14 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 Third Sunday in Advent, also known as *Gaudete Sunday* (Sunday of Joy).

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

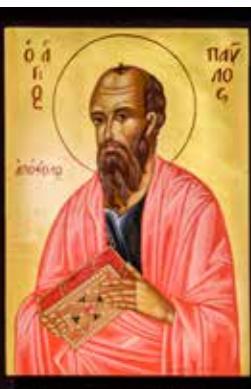
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Icon (left): Icon of St Paul in the Chapel of Our Lady.

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 fifth 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 8th 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 Dayspring, Brightness of Light everlasting, and Sun of righteousness: Come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

O Antiphon: *O oriens*

Remain standing 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:

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.'

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 candles of Hope and Peace. Today we light the candle of Joy as we share in the joy that came into the world in Christ Jesus.

Loving God, we are people of Joy. As we share in the Joy of Mary, the Mother of the Lord, help us to turn the sadness of others into joy, through our prayers and actions. Amen

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, 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.

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please SIT for the readings and psalm.

First Reading: Isaiah 35.1–10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Song of Mary

Sung by the choir.

Chant: Stephen Darlington MBE (b. 1952)

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
- 2 Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
- 3 The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.
- 4 God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
- 5 The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 6 Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.
- 7 God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty

8 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
9 The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Second Reading: James 5.7–10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

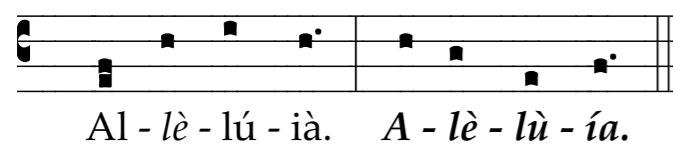
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Thanks be to God.

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 - ia. A - lè - lú - ia.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.*

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 11.2–11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those

who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The choir sings the antiphon:

O King of the nations, and their Desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come, and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay.

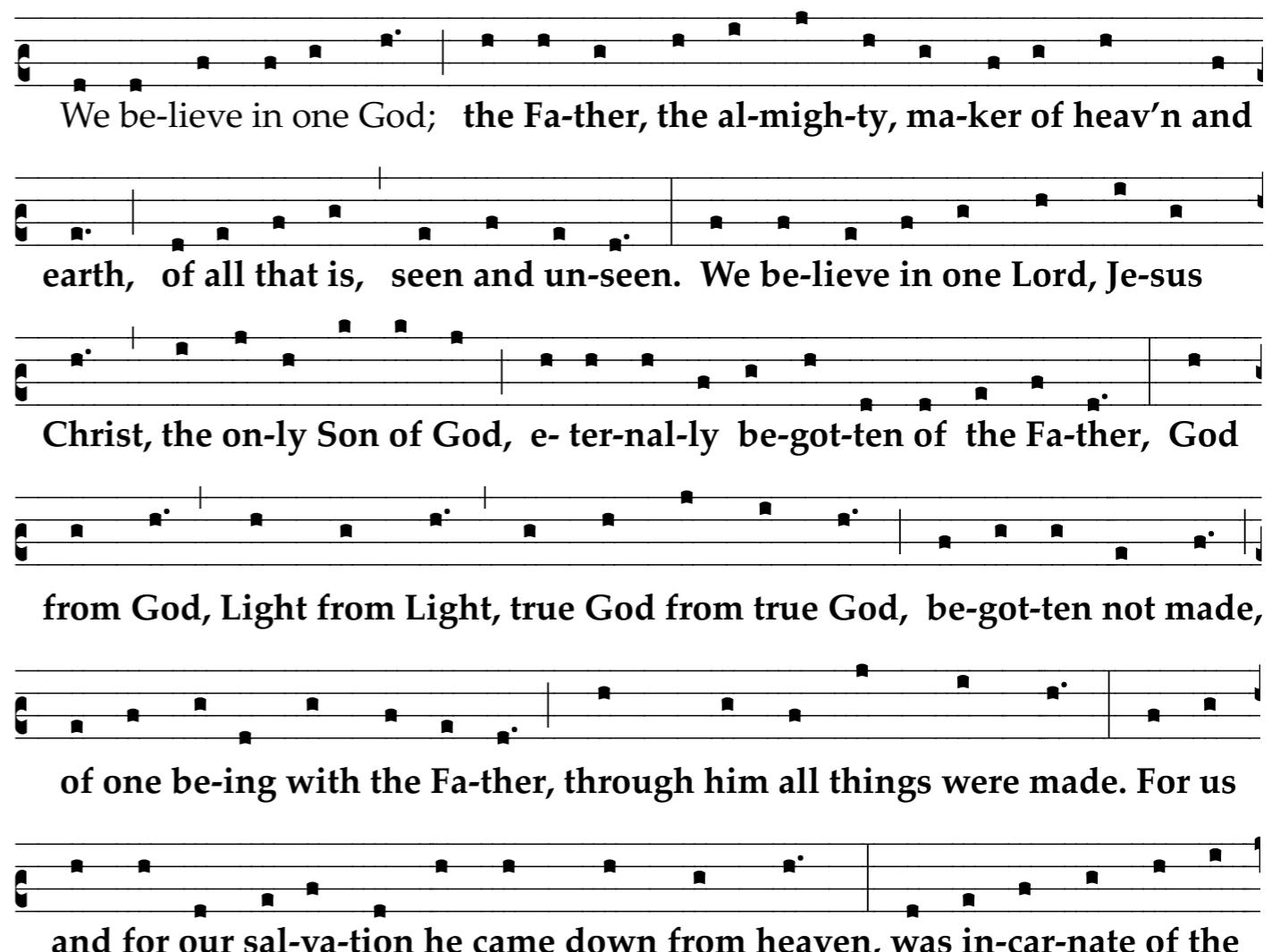
O Antiphon: O Rex Gentium

Sermon

Fr James Collins
Rector

Please STAND for the Creed.

Creed



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.

The following response is used:

Lord, help us to build your kingdom on earth and, in your mercy:
 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:

[†] 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

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Melody by Phillip Nicolai (1556-1608)

Harmony by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



1 Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!
Alleluya!



2 The wedding song swells loud and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.

Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her Friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son!
Hosanna!

Let us prepare to follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.

3 Every soul in thee rejoices;
From men and from angelic voices
Be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,
We stand with Angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
The bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluya!
Grant us to raise to length of days,
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.

Phillip Nicolai (1556-1608)
Tr. F C Burkitt (1864-1935)

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.

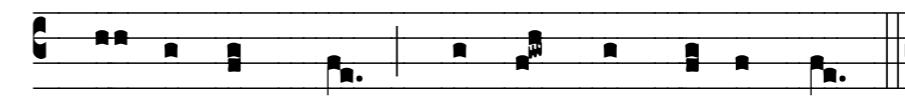
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Great Thanksgiving



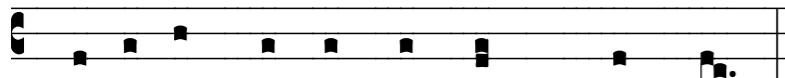
The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**



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

Sung by the choir.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.

Memorial Acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

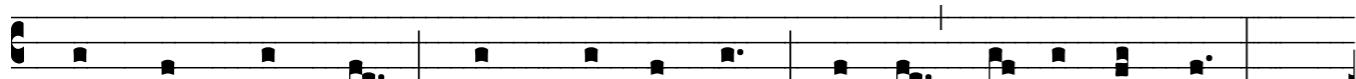
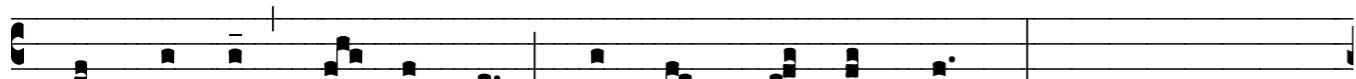
Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded...
...his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.
✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, 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:

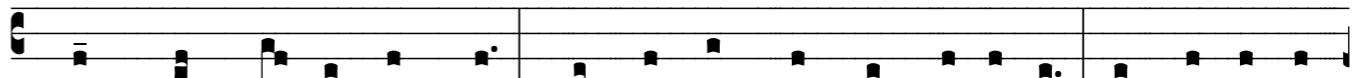
As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:



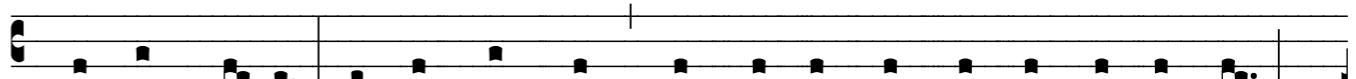
Your King-dom come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven.



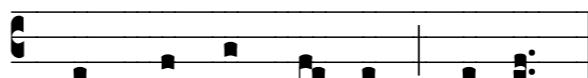
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread for-give us our sins as we for-give



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



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



now and for e - ver. A-men.

The breaking of the bread

The priest breaks the bread and says the following:

[We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.]

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Sung by the choir.

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

Invitation to Communion

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

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

Communion

Communion is distributed along the full length of the communion rail.

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

Communion Motet

Angelus ad virginem

arr. Andrew Carter (b.1939)

Angelus ad Virginem Sub intrans in conclave, Virginis formidinem
Demulcens, inquit: Ave! Ave regina virginum; Caeli terraeque Dominum
Concipies Et paries intacta Salutem hominum; Tu porta caeli facta,
Medela criminum.

Quomodo conciperem Quae virum non cognovi? Qualiter infringerem
Quod firma mente vovi? Spiritus Sancti gratia Perficiet haec omnia; Ne
timeas, Sed gaudeas, secura Quod castimonia Manebit in te pura Dei
potentia.

Ad haec virgo nobilis Respondens inquit ei: Ancilla sum humilis
Omnipotentis Dei. Tibi caelesti nuntio, Tanti secreti conscio,
Consentiens, Et cupiens videre Factum quod audio; Parata sum parere,
Dei consilio.

Eia mater Domini, Quae pacem redidisti Angelis et homini, Cum
Christum genuisti: Tuum exora filium ut se nobis propitium Exhibeat,
Et deleat peccata: Praestans auxilium Vita frui beata Post hoc exsilium.
Deo Gracias.

When the angel came secretly to the Virgin in her room, soothing the maiden's fear, he said: "Hail! Hail, Queen of virgins. While yet untouched by man you shall conceive and bear the Lord of heaven and earth, salvation for mankind. You have become the gate of heaven, a remedy for sins."

"How can I conceive, since I have not known a man? How can I break the vow I made with firm intent?" "The grace of the Holy Spirit shall bring all this to pass. Fear not, but rejoice, secure in the knowledge that pure chastity shall remain yours through God's mighty power."

To this the noble Virgin replied, saying: "I am the lowly handmaiden of Almighty God. I bend my will to you, O celestial messenger, who share so great a mystery, and I long to see performed what I now hear. I am ready to yield myself to God's design."

Ah, mother of the Lord, who gave back peace to angels and mankind when you bore Christ, pray your son to be gracious to us, and wipe away our sins, granting us aid to enjoy a blessed life after this exile. Thanks be to God.

Anonymous 13th century.

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

Communion Hymn

DUNDEE CM

Melody in *Scottish Psalter* 1615
Harmony from *Ravenscroft's Psalms* 1621



- 1 The race that long in darkness pined have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt in death's surrounding night.
- 2 To hail thy rise, thou better Sun, the gathering nations come,
Joyous as when the reapers bear the harvest-treasures home.

- 3 To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey, Him all the hosts of heaven.
- 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, for evermore adored;
The Wonderful, the Counsellor, the great and mighty Lord.
- 5 His power increasing still shall spread; his reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above, and peace abound below.

John Morison (1750-98)
based on Isaiah 9.2-7

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.

Blessing

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

LITTLE CORNARD 66 66 88

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

1 Hills of the North, rejoice,
Echoing songs arise,
Hail with united voice
Him who made earth and skies:
He comes in righteousness and love,
He brings salvation from above.

3 Lands of the East, arise,
He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes,
Praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to
know
In Christ draws near, and calls you
now.

2 Isles of the Southern seas,
Sing to the listening earth,
Carry on every breeze
Hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
His word is sure, his promise true.

4 Shores of the utmost West,
Lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heavenly guest
In whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light
Who triumphed o'er our darkest
night.

5 Shout, as you journey on,
Songs be in every mouth,
Lo, from the North they come,
From East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the sons of earth be blest.

Editors, based on C.E. Oakley (1832-65)

Please SIT for the notices.

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on 'Dundee' Set 1 No. 1

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

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.



TODAY'S MUSIC DETAILS:

Setting: Communion Service in D & A (Herbert Sumson, 1899-1995)
Motet: *Angelus ad Virginem* (arr. Andrew Carter, b.1939)

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UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES:

5:00pm CAROL SERVICE - TONIGHT

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)

Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day

9:00am Choral Eucharist
Communion Service in E (Harold Darke, 1888-1976)
Sing lullaby (arr. Desmond Ratcliffe, 1917-2001)



THE EPISTLE

The Advent to Epiphany edition of The Epistle, the quarterly publication of St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood, is now available.

Cost: \$10.00

All proceeds go to support the Parish Pantry.

Available at the back of the church or at the trading table in the hall.



Parish Notices

Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service is today at 5:00pm. Come along and experience a beautiful collection of hymns and carols for the Advent and Christmas seasons. There will be refreshments in the hall following the service.

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.

Advent Lunch

Thank you very much to everyone who either sold tickets, helped 'Deck the Hall', set up, clear and clean up afterwards, wash tablecloths and all the other things that had to be done. The day went very well and everyone appeared to enjoy the fellowship and was happy to sit on and chat! We made a profit of \$524 which included some sale of the remaining food. A successful day!

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Tickets are still available at \$2 each or 3 for \$5. It will be drawn after the Carol Service this evening. Many lovely prizes available. Tickets can be obtained after both services this morning.

Friday Services

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

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.

A message from Pam Priest

Thank you all so much for your love and support over the past few months. I will be thinking of you and wishing you all God's blessings for Christmas and the year to come.

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.

Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for the homeless, addicted, destitute, and all who suffer anxiety or fear.

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, Andrew McCulloch, 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 especially Frances Robinson and Jeanette Helen Stephenson and those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Alison Powell, Joan Stirling Coucher, Yvonne Patricia Prince, Colin Clyde Frakes, Clement Harold Randal Laurence, George Harvey, Raymond Poulton.

✠ 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 21 December – Fourth Sunday in Advent

OT: Isaiah 7.10–16
NT: Romans 1.1–7

Psalm: 80.1–7, 17–19
Gospel: Matthew 1.18–25



CHRISTMAS @ ST PAUL'S 2025

CAROL SERVICE
5:00pm Sunday 14 December

CHRISTMAS EVE
Wednesday 24 December
9:30pm Choral Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY
Thursday 25 December
9:00am Choral Eucharist

Fr James Collins OAM
Rector



HOLY INNOCENTS
Sunday 28 December 2025
9:00am Sung Eucharist



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
Sunday 4 January 2026
9:00am Sung Eucharist





BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sunday 11 January 2026

9:00am Sung Eucharist



CONVERSION OF PAUL – Sunday 25 January 2026

8:00am Said Eucharist *with hymns*

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Setting: **Missa Brevis G.P. da Palestrina**

Motet: **Give us the wings of faith Ernest Bullock**



Offertory

Budget to end of November: \$212,400 – Receipts: \$189,616

Collection and other donations

Offertory: \$4,267.01

Parish Pantry: \$1,961.50

Wardens Appeal: \$47900

Advent Lunch: \$464.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$54,592.51

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General Offertory / Donation Account

Account Name: St Paul's Anglican Church
BSB: 032-062 Acc: 818 285

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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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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



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