



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 21 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 Fourth Sunday of 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 Blackett. It had its foundation stone laid on 29 July 1871 and the first service was held in the church on Saturday 27 April 1872. Since its earliest days St Paul's has maintained a fine reputation for liturgy and music in the Tractarian tradition.

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

May God richly bless you!

Peace,
Fr James Collins OAM
Rector

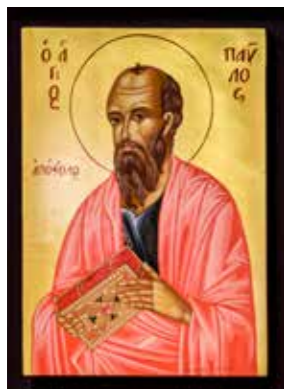
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Cover Photo (detail) Advent Wreath.

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 seventh 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.

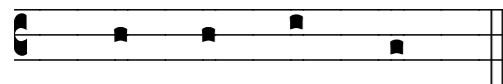
Introit

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations, and their Salvation: Come and save us O Lord, our God.

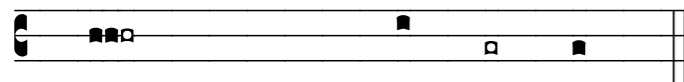
O Antiphon: *O Emmanuel*

Please KNEEL for the Litany.

Litany



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



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

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

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

V From famine and disaster; from
violence, murder and dying un-
pre-pared,

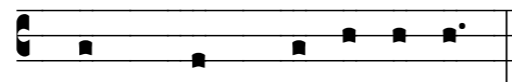
V In all times of sorrow; in all times
of joy; in the hour of our death and
at the day of *judge-ment*,

V By the mystery of your holy incar-
nation, by your birth, childhood and
obedience; by your baptism, fasting
and temp-*ta*-tion,

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



R **Have *mer-cy* on us.**
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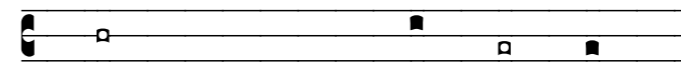
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V By your agony and trial; by your cross
and passion; and by your precious death
and *bu*-rial,

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

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

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

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

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

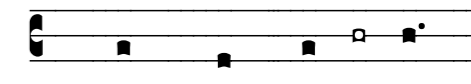
V Give your people grace to hear and
receive your word, and to bring forth
the fruit of the *Spi*-rit.

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

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

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

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



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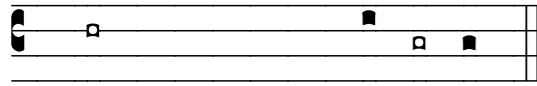
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☩ Endue the members of our parliaments and all who govern us with wisdom and *under-stand-ing*.

☩ 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 *a-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*.



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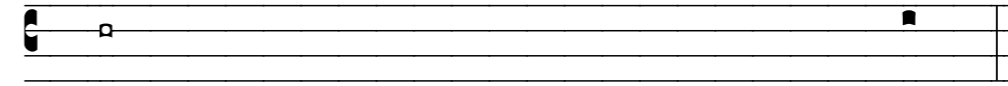
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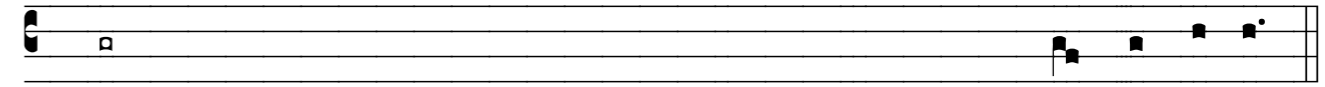
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☩ Give us true repentance; forgive our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy *word*.



☩ **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:

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.

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, Peace and Joy. Today we light the candle of Love: love that is with us now and always.

Loving God, we are people of love. May we who have received such an abundance of love from you share that love which unites us. Amen.

Purify our conscience, almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Kyrie

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

All remain standing for the collect of the day.

Collect

Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please SIT for the readings and psalm.

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10–16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 80.1–7, 17–19

Chant: Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856)

Sung by the choir.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.
- 3 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts:
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.
- 6 You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

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- 7 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.
- 18 And so we shall not turn back from you:
give us life, and we will call upon your name.
- 19 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Romans 1.1–7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND with the Celebrant for the gospel acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation

The Alleluia is sung first by the choir and then repeated by all.



Al-le- lu-ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

A virgin will give birth to a son; His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

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 1.18–25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a

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righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The choir sings the antiphon:

O Virgin of virgins, how shall this be? for neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after. Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.

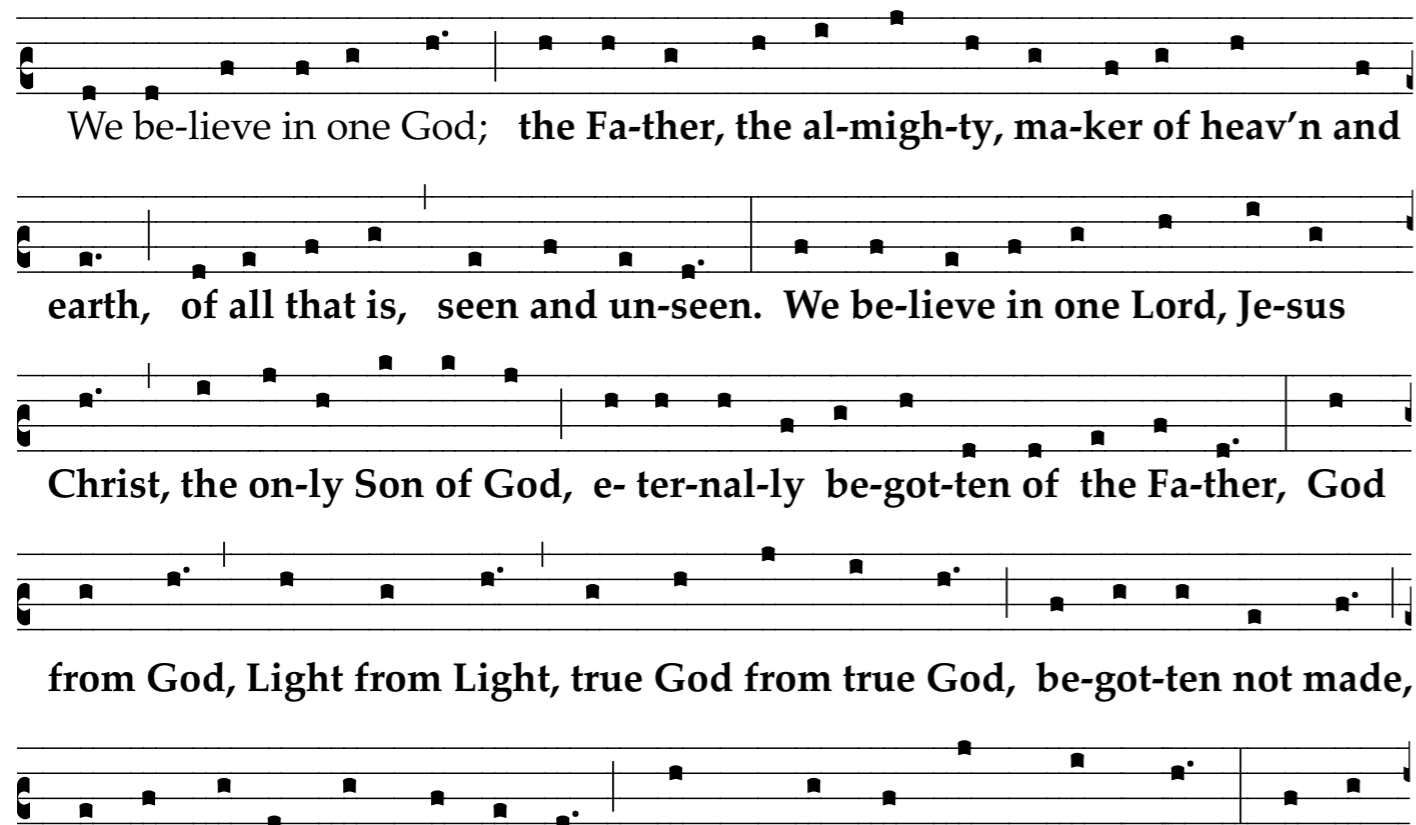
O Antiphon: *O Virgo Virginum*

Sermon

Ms Natalie McDonald
Lay Assistant

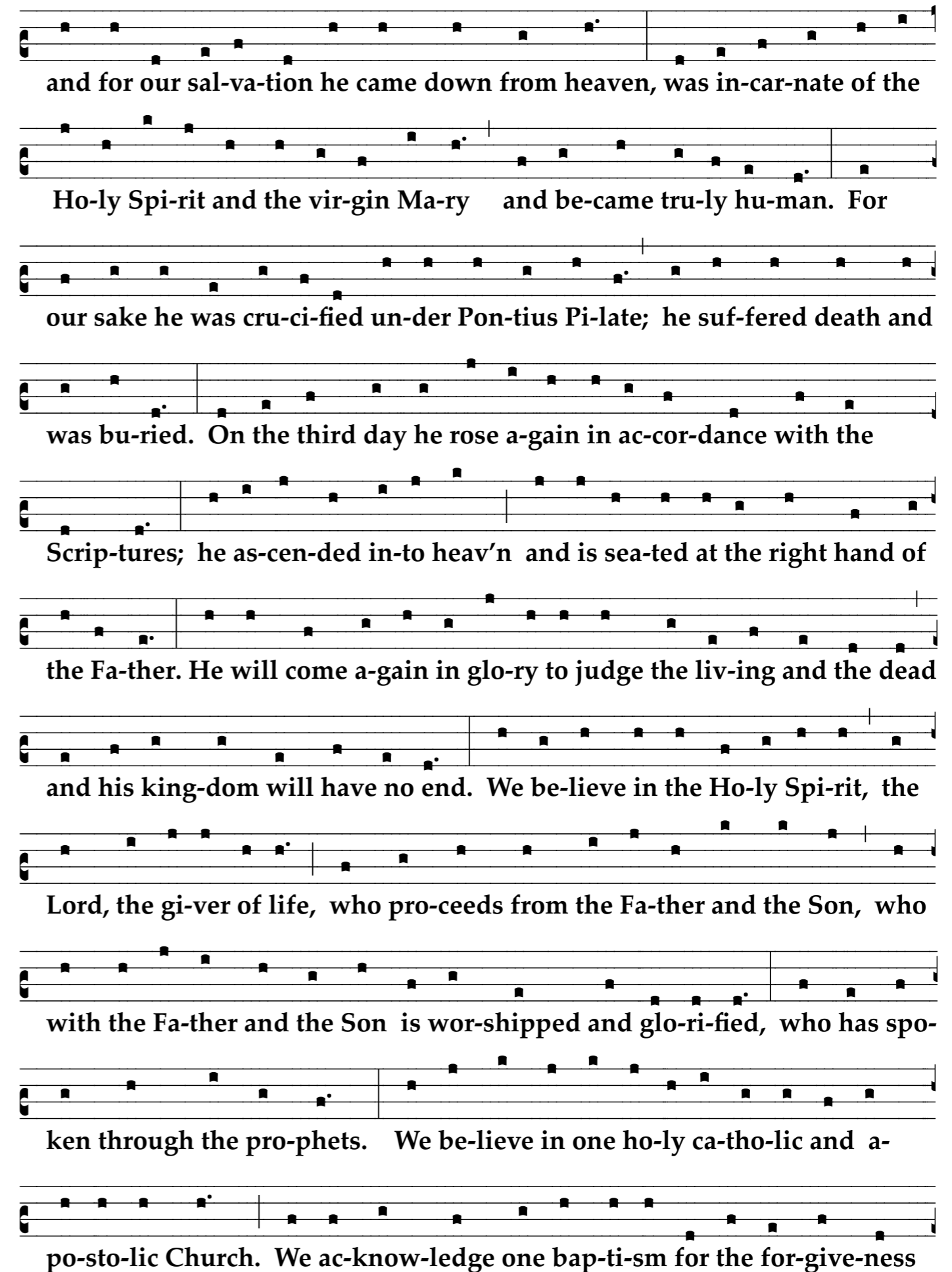
Please STAND for the Creed.

Creed

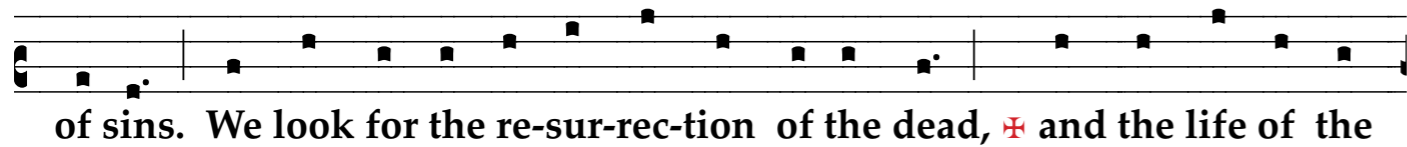


We be-lieve in one God; the Fa-ther, the al-migh-ty, ma-ker of heav'n and earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be-got-ten not made,

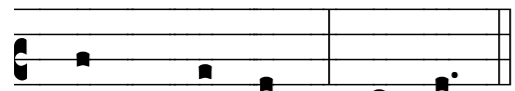
of one be-ing with the Fa-ther, through him all things were made. For us



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, † and the life of the



world to come. A-men.

Please kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of the Faithful.

The following response is used:

Let there be peace on earth:
and goodwill to all people.

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 19 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

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR LM

Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
Harmony by G.R. Woodward (1848-1934)



- 1 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin-birth:
Let every age adoring fall, such birth befits the God of all.
- 2 Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God, in flesh arrayed, the Saviour, now to man displayed.
- 3 The virgin womb that burden gained with virgin honour all unstained,
The banners there of virtue glow, God in his temple dwells below.
- 4 Forth from that chamber goeth he, that royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one, rejoicing now his course to run.
- 5 From God the Father he proceeds, to God the Father back he speeds,
Runs out his course to death and hell. Returns on God's high throne
to dwell.

6 O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
The weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.

7 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness glow with new-born
light,
No more shall night extinguish day, where love's bright beams their
power display.

8 O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

St Ambrose (340-97)
Tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66) and others

The Preparation

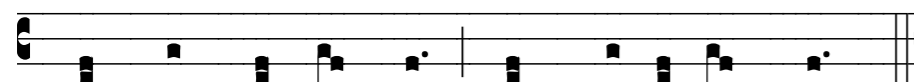
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

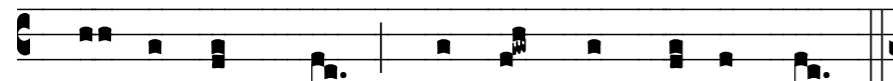
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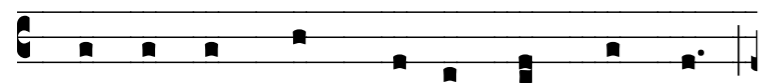
Great Thanksgiving



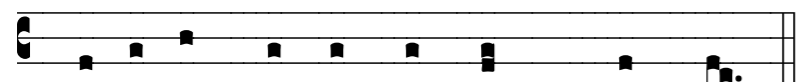
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



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.**

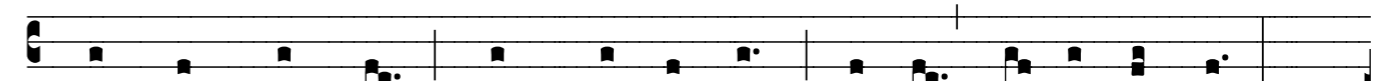
The Lord's Prayer

The priest intones:

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



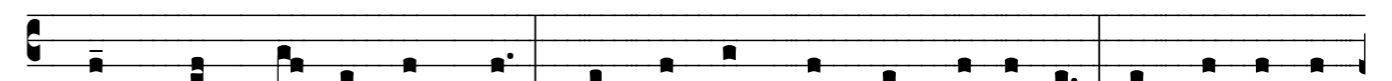
Our Fa-ther in hea-ven hal-lowed be your name;



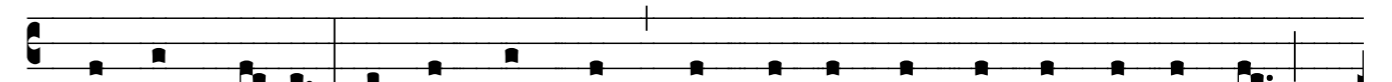
Your King-dom come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven.



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



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



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



now and for e - ver. A-men.

The breaking of the bread

The priest breaks the bread and says the following:

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

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

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

A tender shoot

Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace, as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race: It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter, turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring; The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing; Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us, Thus turning darkness into light.

English version by William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

from the German by Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

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

Communion Hymn

THIS ENDRIS NYGHT CM

English 15th century Carol



- 1 Behold the great Creator makes
Himself a house of clay,
A robe of virgin flesh he takes
Which he will wear for ay.
- 2 Hark, hark, the wise eternal Word,
Like a weak infant cries!
In form of servant is the Lord,
And God in cradle lies.
- 3 This wonder struck the world amazed,
It shook the starry frame;
Squadrons of spirits stood and gazed,
Then down in troops they came.
- 4 Glad shepherds ran to view this sight;
A choir of angels sings,
And eastern sages with delight
Adore this King of kings.
- 5 Join then all hearts that are not stone,
And all our voices prove,
To celebrate this holy One,
The God of peace and love.

Thomas Pestel (1584-1659)

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

ABBOT'S LEIGH 87 87 D

Cyril Taylor (1907-91)



- 1 Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.
- 2 Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

- 3 Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

- 4 Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high, and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

Please SIT for the notices.

Postlude

Ave Maris Stella III 'So now as we journey, aid our weak endeavour'

(Vêpres du Commun, Op. 18)

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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

Motet: *A tender shoot* (Otto Goldschmidt, 1829-1907)

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UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES:

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)

The infant king (arr. Desmond Ratcliffe, 1917-2001)

Parish Notices



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: Friday Evening Prayer & Holy Communion 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 Raffle

The raffle was drawn after the Carol Service last Sunday. Thank you to those who donated prizes and all those who purchased tickets. We raised \$373 – thank you for your support.

Parish Prayer List

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

In our Parish cycle of prayer we give thanks for Anglican Aid Abroad.

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, Denise McManus, 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, particularly Elizabeth Morris, William Walsh and Frances Robinson, and those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Morna Stopani, Karina Venteman, Rosina Raisbeck, Harry Salisbury, Audrey Elaine Darke, Trevor Herbert Curtis.

✠ 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 28 December – Holy Innocents

OT: Jeremiah 31.15–20

NT: 1 John 1.5–2.2

Psalm: 124

Gospel: Matthew 2.13–18



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



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



Offertory

Budget to end of November: \$212,400 – Receipts: \$189,616
 Collection and other donations

Offertory: \$6,527.20

Parish Pantry: \$315.00

Trading Table: \$500.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$7,342.00

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Account Name: Parish Pantry
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Account Name: National Trust of Australia (NSW) St Paul's Anglican Church Burwood
BSB: 032-044 Acc: 742 926
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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

Summer Schedule: *(from 28 December 2025 to 18 January 2026)*

9:00am Sung Eucharist

Sundays throughout the year: *(resume on Sunday 25 January 2026)*

8:00am Said Eucharist – *with hymns*

10:00am Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Wednesdays:

10:30am Eucharist *(resume on Wednesday 4 February 2026)*

Fridays: *(resume on Friday 30 January 2026)*

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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