



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

# PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 29 March 2026

10:00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST, BLESSING OF PALM CROSSES  
AND PROCESSION OF PALMS

## Holy Week

The week before Easter is the most solemn and glorious week in the Christian calendar, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. It has been a special time of prayer and devotion since from around the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, and by the 4<sup>th</sup> century many Christians were making pilgrimages to the Holy Land where, in the holy city of Jerusalem, they followed the path of Jesus in his last days.

One of the earliest documented pilgrims was Egeria, a Western European Christian woman, possibly from France or Spain, who recorded in the diary of her travels in the late 4<sup>th</sup> century that numerous pilgrims formed processions, worshipped where Christ suffered and died, and venerated sacred sites and relics. It was from this beginning that the practices we observe today on **Palm Sunday**, and on **Maundy Thursday**, **Good Friday**, and **Holy Saturday** evolved. These services and our prayers through these days invite us to experience the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection.

The three holy days, or *Triduum*, of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are at the heart of our Holy Week prayer and worship at St Paul's. Our services and ceremonies may seem strange or unfamiliar to some, but these are the liturgies through which most Christians throughout the history of the Church have honoured the "great works of God" during the final week of Our Lord's life on earth.

## Palm Sunday

On this day we celebrate the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on his final journey towards the Cross. This is a significant moment in our own journey to Easter.

Palm Sunday is the turning point between Lent and Holy Week. The celebration of the liturgy begins with the singing of the introit by the choir at the West door – *Hosanna filio David...* (Hosanna to the Son of David...) This is followed by the blessing of the Palms and Palm crosses which are distributed to the congregation before the reading of the Palm Gospel (The Gospel of the Triumphal Entry). It is the ancient custom of the Church to begin important events and observances with a solemn procession from one location to another, and on this day the people at St Paul's begin Holy Week with just such a procession. This recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to begin the "mighty acts of salvation", often called His Exodus (recalling the salvation journey of the Old Testament).

Following the Procession of Palms, the liturgy continues with the readings, the psalm, and a hymn before the thematic core of the day - the dramatic singing from one of the Gospels of the account of Our Lord's passion and death. This is all done to "set the stage" for the events that we will commemorate during the rest of Holy Week.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist then continues, and we are reminded that the central experience of all worship at St Paul's is to receive the gift of God's redemption through our communion with Christ in the holy sacraments of the blessed bread and the blessed wine – his body and blood.

Today, as we begin our own spiritual journey with Our Lord during this Holy Week through the Palm Procession, Passion Gospel, and our communion with Him, we are brought closer to those events through which we have all been given life and immortality.

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*All STAND as the bell is rung. The choir begins the Introit from the West Door.*

## Introit

Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.

Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus,  
quoniam in saeculum misericordia eius.

*Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:  
The King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.*

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.*

## Greeting

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The priest reads the introduction:*

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year.

During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection.

With Christians throughout the world,  
we come together this week to call to mind,  
and to express in word and action,  
the centre of the Easter mystery:

our Lord's Passover from death to life.

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah:  
to suffer, to die and to rise to new life.

Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross,  
so that, sharing his sufferings,  
we may be united with him in his risen life.

*The priest blesses the palm crosses with the following prayer:*

Let us pray:

Sovereign God,

we thank you for these branches and crosses of palm.

✠ By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son.

May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The people come forward to receive their palm crosses while the choir sings antiphons based on the Gospel narratives of the Lord's entry to Jerusalem.*

*When the distribution has ended, the Gospel of Christ's entry into Jerusalem is proclaimed.*

## Palm Gospel: Matthew 21.1–11

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

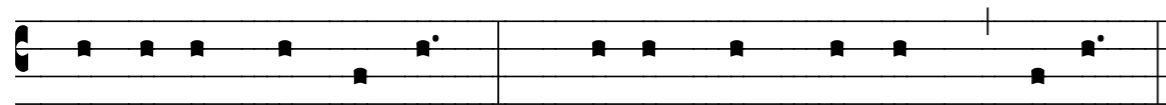
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*The choir sings The Multitude with Flowers as the Gospel procession returns to the sanctuary.*

## Procession of Palms

*The Gospel which has just been proclaimed is now reenacted. The solemn entry into the church represents the entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem.*

Let us praise Jesus our Messiah,  
as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.



✠ Let us proceed in peace. ✠ **In the name of Christ. A-men.**

*The following hymn is sung during the procession.*

*The congregation follows the procession out of the West Door and around the church.*

## The Processional Hymn

ST THEODULPH (Valet will ich Dir geben)

Melody by M. Teschner (c. 1613)

Adapted and harmonised by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



✠ *All glory, laud, and honour, To thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*



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|---|---|
| 1 Thou art the King of Israel,<br>Thou David's royal Son,<br>Who in the Lord's Name comest,<br>The King and Blessed One. ✠    | 4 To thee before thy passion<br>They sang their hymns of praise;<br>To thee, now high exalted,<br>Our melody we raise. ✠            |
| 2 The company of angels<br>Are praising thee on high;<br>And mortal men and all things<br>Created make reply. ✠               | 5 Thou didst accept their praises;<br>Accept the prayers we bring,<br>Who in all good delightest,<br>Thou good and gracious King. ✠ |
| 3 The people of the Hebrews<br>With palms before thee went;<br>Our praise and prayer and anthems<br>Before thee we present. ✠ | 6 Do thou direct our footsteps<br>Upon our earthly way,<br>And bring us by thy mercy<br>To heaven's eternal day. ✠                  |
| 7 Within that blessed City<br>Thy praises may we sing,<br>And ever raise hosannas<br>To our most loving King. ✠               |   |

St Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); trans. J. M. Neale (1816-66)

*The procession of the choir and people continues into the church, singing the remaining verses of the hymn.*

*At the conclusion of the hymn the following prayer is said at the West Door:*

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens; where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever.

**Amen.**

*The choir sings the responsory as the Sanctuary Party processes to the Chancel.*

When the Lord entered the Holy City, the children of the Hebrews foretold the resurrection of life. And bearing branches of palms cried out: Hosanna in the highest.

*All remain standing for the Kyrie.*

## **Kyrie eleison**

*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**

*The priest says the collect of the day.*

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*All SIT for the readings and psalm.*

## **First Reading:** Isaiah 50.4-9a

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm:** 31.9–18

Chant: John Battishill (1738-1801)

*Sung by the choir.*

- 9     Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:  
      my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.
- 10    For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:  
      my strength fails me in my affliction,  
      and my bones are consumed.

- 11    I am become the scorn of all my enemies:  
      and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.
- 12    I am a thing of horror to my friends:  
      and those that see me in the street shrink from me.
- 13    I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:  
      I have become like a broken vessel.
- 14    For I hear the whispering of many:  
      and fear is on every side;
- 15    While they plot together against me:  
      and scheme to take away my life.
- 16    But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:  
      I have said 'You are my God.'
- 17    All my days are in your hand:  
      O deliver me from the power of my enemies  
      and from my persecutors.
- 18    Make your face to shine upon your servant:  
      and save me for your mercy's sake.

## **Second Reading:** Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All STAND for the Passion Gospel. The following antiphon is sung by the choir:*

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death: death on the cross. But God raised him high and bestowed on him a name that is above all names.

## **Passion Gospel:** Matthew 27.11–54

## **Reflection**

**Fr Michael Deasey**  
*Senior Assistant Priest*

*At the conclusion of the reflection, all KNEEL for the prayers.*

## Prayers of the Faithful.

*The following response is used:*

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 is 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.*

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

*(Silence may be kept)*

Let us then ask for mercy, 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.**

*All STAND for the Greeting of Peace.*

## Greeting of Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our 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 bow towards those seated around you.*

*Please remain standing for the offertory motet and 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 Motet

*Sung by the choir.*

**Hosanna to the Son of David**

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

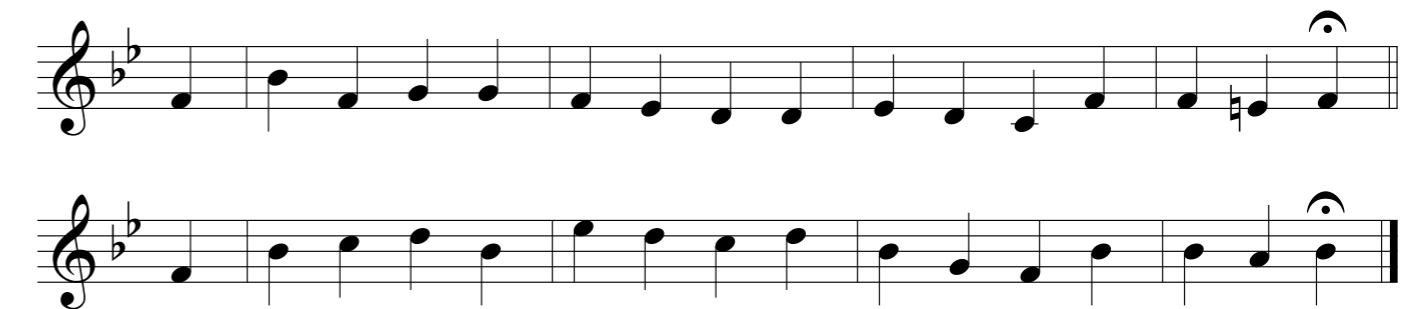
Hosianna dem Sohne David!  
Gelobet sei, der da kommt in dem Namen des Herrn!  
Hosianna in der Hoehe!

*Hosanna to the son of David.  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

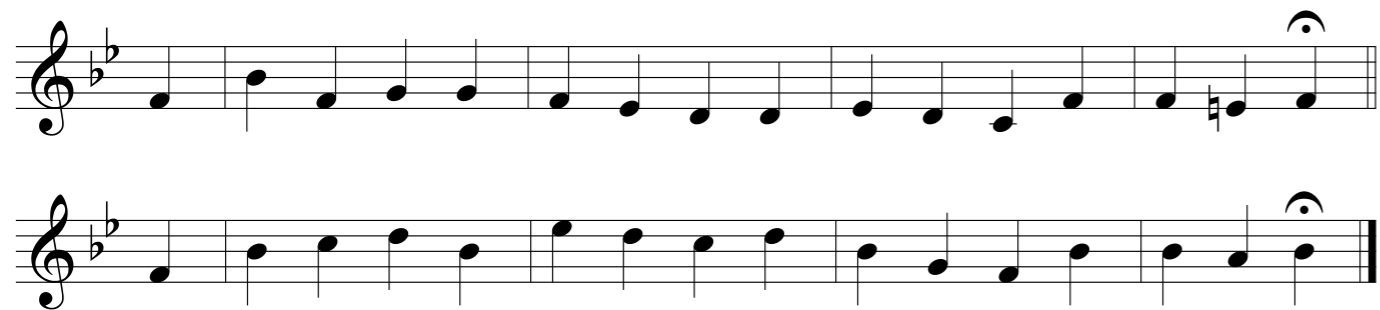
Matthew 21.9

## Offertory Hymn

WINCHESTER NEW Adapted from a chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg 1690



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| 1 Ride on! ride on in majesty!<br>Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;<br>O Saviour meek, pursue thy road<br>With palms and scattered<br>garments strowed. | 2 Ride on! ride on in majesty!<br>In lowly pomp ride on to die;<br>O Christ, thy triumphs now begin<br>O'er captive death and<br>conquered sin. |
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3 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
The wingèd-squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and  
wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Henry Milman (1791-1868)

## 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.**

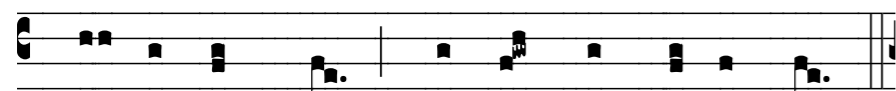
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

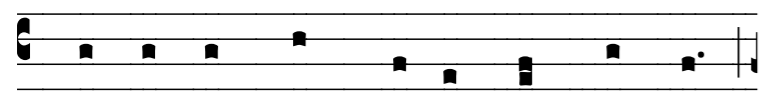
## Great Thanksgiving



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.*

*All 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.**

✠ 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 says or intones:*

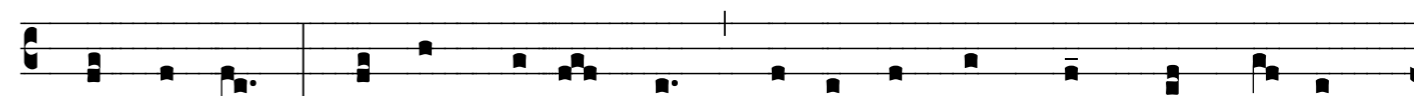
As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:



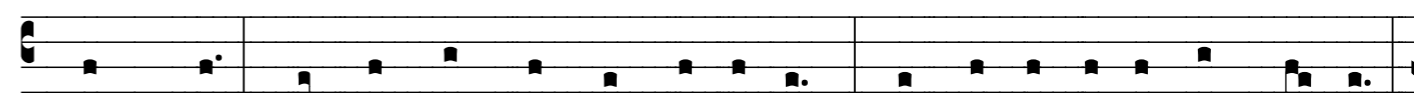
Our Fa-ther in hea-ven hal-lowed be your name; Your King-dom



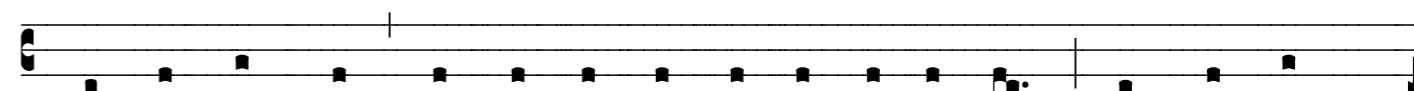
come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our



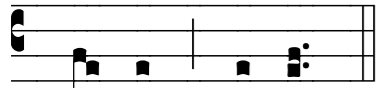
dai-ly bread for-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-



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

*Pueri hebraeorum*

T.L. de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

Pueri Hebraeorum, vestimenta prosternebant in via, et clamabant dicentes: Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini

*The children of the Hebrews spread their garments along the road,  
and cried out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David:*

*Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!*

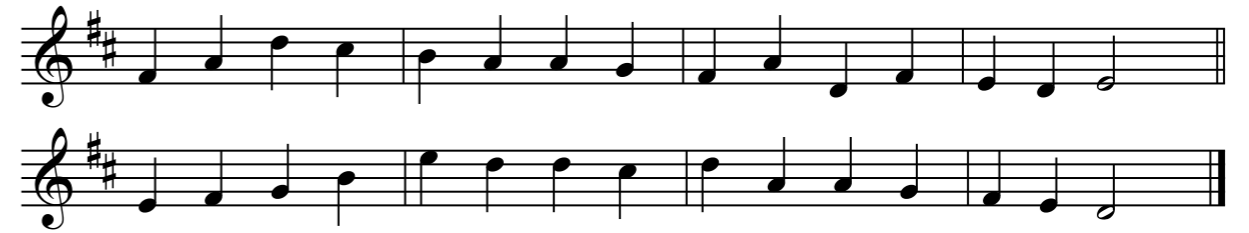
Antiphon for Palm Sunday

*Please remain kneeling or seated to sing the communion hymn on the following page.*

## Communion Hymn

ALL FOR JESUS

John Stainer (1840-1901)



1 All for Jesus! all for Jesus,  
this our song shall ever be;  
For we have no hope nor Saviour  
if we have not hope in thee.

3 All for Jesus! at thine altar  
thou didst give us sweet content;  
There, dear Saviour, we receive thee  
in thy holy sacrament.

2 All for Jesus! thou wilt give us  
strength to serve thee hour by hour:  
None can move us from thy presence  
while we trust thy love and power.

4 All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,  
all for Jesus! thou hast died,  
All for Jesus! thou art with us,  
all for Jesus, glorified!

5 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!  
This the Church's song shall be,  
Till at last the flock is gathered  
one in love, and one in thee.

W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

*All STAND for the post-communion prayer.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*The priest says the post-communion prayer.*

God our help and strength, through these holy mysteries confirm our faith that by the death and resurrection of your Son we may walk in the way of salvation.

**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 our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; 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:

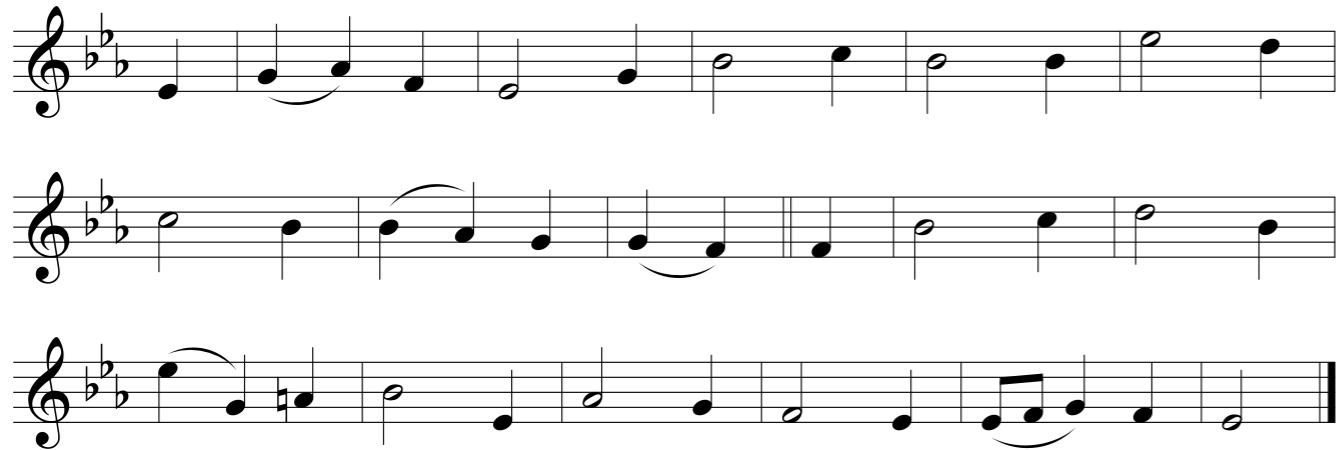
**✠ In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Remain standing for the final hymn.

## Final Hymn

ROCKINGHAM LM

Adapted by Edward Miller (1731-1807)  
Harmony chiefly from Webbe's Collection of Psalm-Tunes (1820)



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| <p>1 When I survey the wondrous Cross,<br/>On which the Prince of glory died,<br/>My richest gain I count but loss,<br/>And pour contempt on all my pride.</p> <p>2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast<br/>Save in the death of Christ my God;<br/>All the vain things that charm me<br/>most,<br/>I sacrifice them to his blood.</p> | <p>3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,<br/>Sorrow and love flow mingled down;<br/>Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,<br/>Or thorns compose so rich a crown?</p> <p>4 His dying crimson like a robe,<br/>Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;<br/>Then am I dead to all the globe,<br/>And all the globe is dead to me.</p> <p>5 Were the whole realm of nature mine,<br/>That were a present far too small;<br/>Love so amazing, so divine,<br/>Demands my soul, my life, my all.</p> |
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Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

## Postlude

Valet will ich dir geben BWV 736

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 and listen.



## TODAY'S MUSIC DETAILS:

Setting: *Missa Brevis* (Noel Nickson, 1919-2006)  
Motets: **Hosanna to the Son of David** (Georg Philipp Telemann, 1681-1767)  
*Pueri hebraeorum* (Tomás Luis de Victoria, c.1548-1611)  
**The Passion Gospel** (Tomás Luis de Victoria, c.1548-1611)

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## UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES:

Thursday 2 April – Maundy Thursday

6:00pm **CHORAL EUCHARIST & WASHING OF THE FEET**  
**Communion Service in F** (Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995)  
*Missa orbis factor* (Gregorian chant)  
*Ubi caritas* (Maurice Duruflé, 1902-1986)  
*Christus factus est* (Felice Anerio, c.1560-1614)

9:00pm **SUNG COMPLINE**

Friday 3 April – Good Friday

9:00am **SOLEMN LITURGY**  
**& PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS**  
*Crux fidelis* (John IV of Portugal, 1604-1656)  
**Reproaches of the Cross** (G.P. da Palestrina, c.1525-1594)  
*Crucifixus á8* (Antonio Lotti, 1667-1740)  
**Passion Gospel** (T.L. de Victoria, c.1548-1611)

Saturday 4 April – Easter Eve

9:30pm **CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
**& BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE**  
**Communion Service in A & D** (Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995)  
**This joyful Eastertide** (arr. Philip Ledger, 1937-2012)

Sunday 5 April – Easter Day

8:00am **SAID EUCHARIST with hymns**

10:00am **CHORAL EUCHARIST & PROCESSION**  
**This Joyful Eastertide** (arr. Charles Wood, 1866-1926)  
**Communion Service in A & D** (Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995)  
**Now the green blade riseth** (arr. Simon Lindley, 1948-2025)

Sunday 12 April – Low Sunday (Sunday in the Octave of Easter)

8:00am **SAID EUCHARIST with hymns**

10:00am **CHORAL EUCHARIST & PROCESSION**  
**This is the day** (Anon; arr. Maurice Bevan, 1921-2006)  
*Collegium Regale* (Harold Darke, 1888-1976)  
**Most glorious Lord of life** (William Harris, 1883-1973)

## Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia. In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for justice, equity and peace throughout the world.

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

Barry Brandy, Pauline Burdon, Pat Phillips, Tiffany Cheng, Deb Edmeades, Susanna Gore, Elaine Gow, Kate, Ralph Lane, Lewis, Andrew McCulloch, David and Pam Priest, Geoff Riccord, Sam, Sharon Sandstrom, Elizabeth Scott, Ajun and Paul Sibun, Jill Sharwood, Steve, Lingling Wang, Bill Whittle, Bob Woods, Joyce Bannister, Belinda, Leonie Cable, Dale Berry, John Burns, Betty Daniels, Debbie, Elsie Dunnam, Merle Gorman, Malcolm Green, Jean Greenwood, Meg Harley, Barbara Hawkins, Christine Johnson, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, 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, 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:

Ronald George Norman, John Harry Ploughman, Valerie Adele Climpson, Dianna Wampfler, Gladys Amelia Fuller, Bill Brown, Margot Jeanne Kennedy, Audrey Myrtle McBurney, Selina Pearl Johnston, Norman Edwin Stapleton, Marjorie Ellen Allen, Roy Cyril Romer, Lynton Thomas Bond, Ronald Ennis, Lyle John Albert Prangell.

✠ 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.*

## Parish Notices

### Services in Holy Week

As we begin our journey through Holy Week there will be a service of Holy Communion at 6:00pm on Monday 30 March, Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April. Please enter through the Belltower porch.

### Daylight Saving

A reminder that daylight saving ends next weekend. At 3:00am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to 2:00am on Sunday 5 April 2026 (Easter Day).

### Busy Bee – Thank You

Thank you to all who assisted at the busy bee yesterday to polish the brass and Communion vessels, dust and clean the church and tidy up the gardens. Your efforts have helped to make St Paul's look beautiful for Holy Week and Easter.

### Passion Watch – Maundy Thursday

Members of the congregation are invited to spend some time between 7:30pm and 10:30pm in private prayer at the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday (2 April). We invite you to make this devotion a part of your Holy Week journey.

At 9:00pm there will be the Office of Compline which runs for approximately 20 minutes.

### Annual General Meeting

Congratulations to the following parishioners who were elected to position at the Parish AGM last Sunday.

**Rector's Warden:** Jane Carrick

**People's Wardens:** Pam Brock, Elizabeth Griffiths

**Parish Councillors:** Jane Coardina, Allan Heasman, Rosemary Kiung, Wei Li, Garry Rae, Mark Squire, Eugene Tomczyk, Morgan Woollett

**Parish Nominators:** Carolyn Blanden, Jane Carrick, Elizabeth Griffiths, Brian Luhr, Neil McEwan

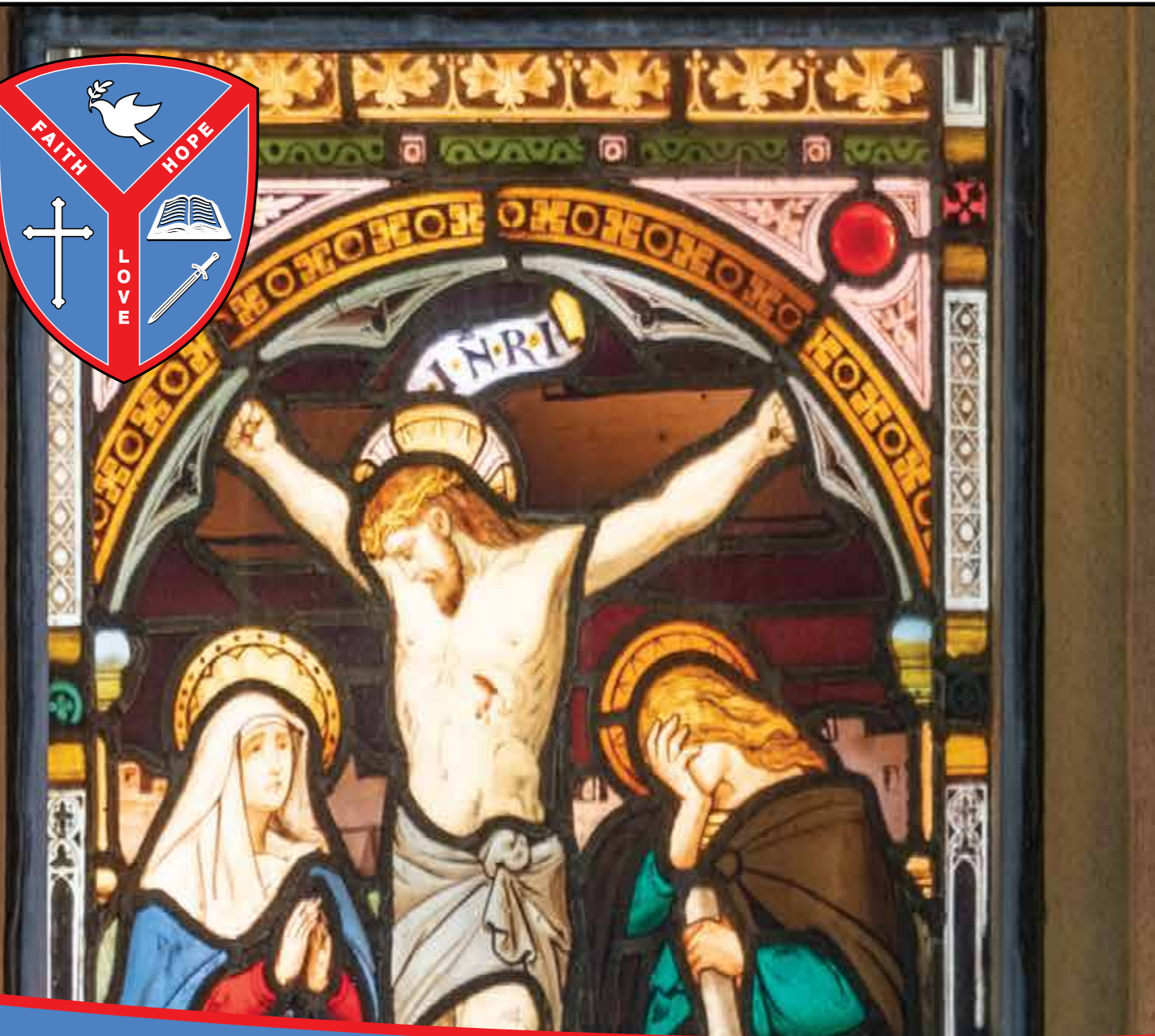
**Synod Representatives:** Kerin Brown, Phillip Seale

**Parish Treasurer:** Bob Stephenson

**Honorary Auditor:** Toby Dodds

### Fr James' Farewell

As previously announced, Fr James will celebrate his final services on Easter Day (5 April). A farewell Evensong and Supper will be held on Friday 17 April beginning at 6:00pm. Please ensure you RSVP for catering purposes by Monday 6 April. Thank you to all who have already responded.



## **EASTER @ ST PAUL'S 2025**

**Maundy Thursday – 2 April**

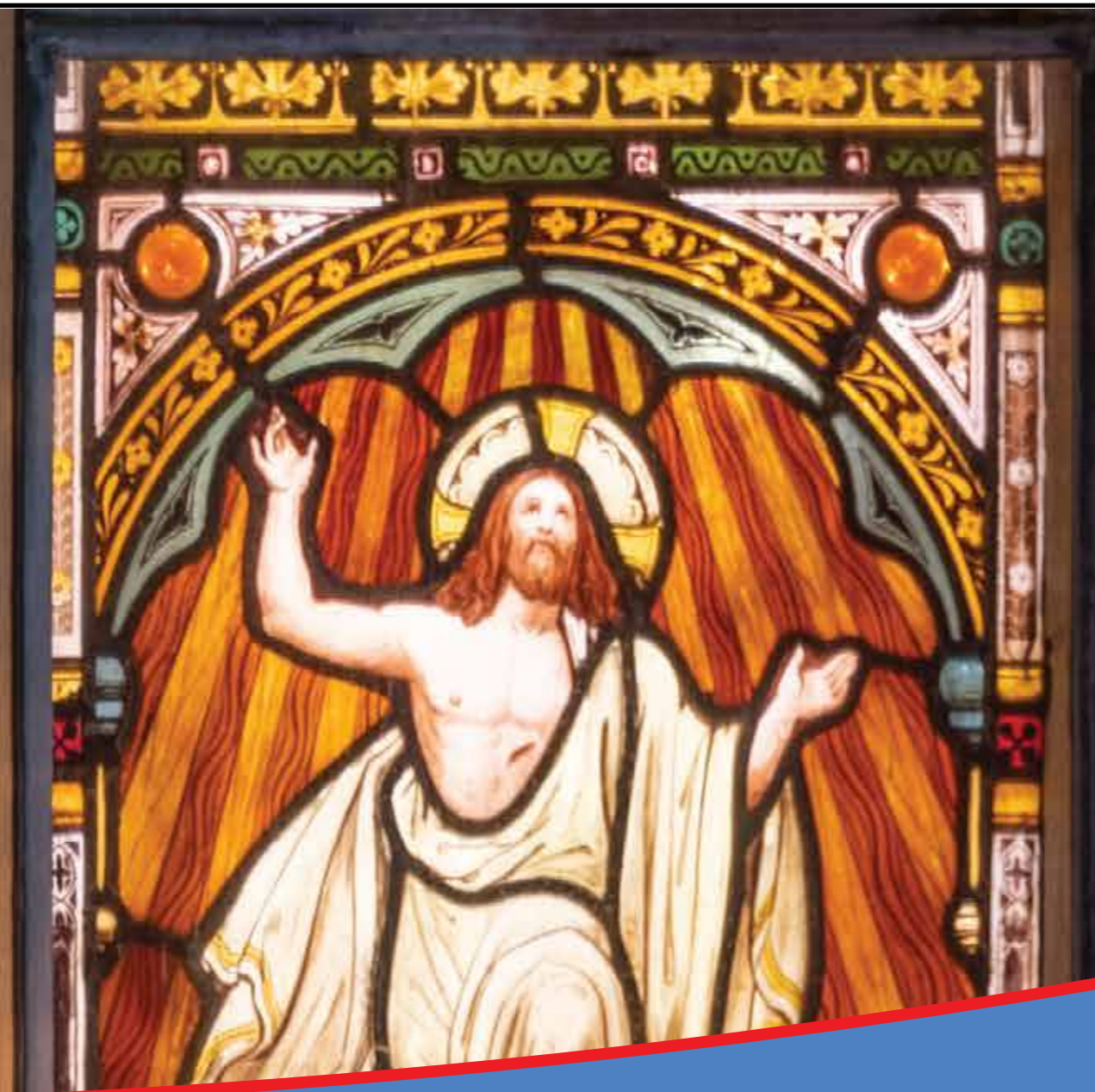
**6:00pm Choral Eucharist**

*with Foot Washing & Watch of the Passion*

**9:00pm Compline**

**Good Friday – 3 April**

**9:00am Solemn Liturgy**



**Easter Eve – 4 April**

**9:30pm Choral Eucharist**

*& Blessing of the New Fire*

**Easter Day – 5 April**

**8:00am Said Eucharist**

*with Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

**10:00am Choral Eucharist**

*with Renewal of Baptismal Vows*



## THURSDAY 2 April 2026 – WATCH OF THE PASSION

At the end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy there will be a prayer vigil in the Chapel of our Lord's Passion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parishioners are invited to participate in this silent meditation for any length of time between 7:30pm and 10:30pm.

Sung Compline will take place at 9:00pm.

The Anglican Church of Australia, the Church of England, the Episcopal Church and the Roman Catholic Church all have the provision to keep the ancient vigil of the Watch of the Passion throughout the night from Maundy Thursday into Good Friday. It is a time to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and to watch and wait while contemplating the sacrifice of Christ.

At the end of St Paul's Maundy Thursday Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in solemn procession to the Altar of Repose where it will remain until the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday. The Altar, in the Chapel of our Lord's Passion, will have been prepared with candles and flowers to represent the Garden of Gethsemane where, after the Last Supper, our Lord went to pray, and where he said to his disciples: “

*Could you not watch one hour with me?”*

**Members of the congregation are invited to spend some time between 7:30pm and 10:30pm in private prayer at the Altar of Repose. We invite you to make this devotion a part of your Holy Week journey.**

**At 9:00pm there will be the Office of Compline which runs for approximately 20 minutes.**



# LOW SUNDAY

## Sunday 12 April 2026

8:00am **Said Eucharist**  
*with hymns*

10:00am **Choral Eucharist**  
*with procession*



## RECTORY APPEAL

Help us restore our Rectory to its original glory.  
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## Offertory

Budget to end of February: \$34,920 – Receipts: \$37,973

Collection and other donations this week

**Offertory: \$2,545.94**

**Parish Pantry: \$345.00**

**TOTAL GIVING: \$2,890.94**

Thank you for your generous doantion.

## 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: *last Friday of the month (weekly during Lent & Advent)*

**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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