



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

CHORAL EVENSONG
for the Octave of Dedication

5:00pm Sunday 12 July 2026

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Welcome to St Paul's

We are delighted that you have come to worship God with us this evening as we observe the Octave of Dedication of St Paul's. We particularly welcome Fr Ryan Austin-Eames, Senior Assistant Priest & Acting Rector of Christ Church St Laurence, Sydney, as our guest officiant & preacher and David Drury as our visiting organist this evening.

Whether you are visiting for a short while, have moved here and are joining our Parish, or are returning to your faith, we 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.

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. The hall can be found by turning left when leaving the church.

If you would like to be added to our parish database, please speak to a welcomer or scan the QR code at the back of this order of service.

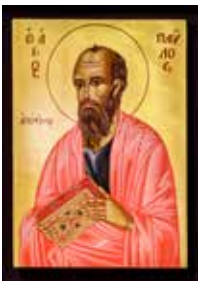
The Office of Evensong

Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of evening prayer derived from the ancient monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. It has been sung regularly since the sixteenth century and this evening's service uses the traditional language of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the church that have been offered for centuries, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers (the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer) to those of the choir.

The Psalm and the settings of the Canticles of Mary (Magnificat) and Simeon (Nunc dimittis) are sung by the choir alone; the Preces and Responses are also sung between the officiant and choir on behalf of the people; and the choir sings an anthem at the end of the formal part of the Office.

In most liturgies, we, the worshippers, must do two things: speak with our lips, and meditate with our hearts. Choral Evensong is one of the rare occasions when the congregation is able to focus solely on the latter, allowing the prayers and praises being sung by the choir, to be those of the entire faith community and, particularly, of this parish of St Paul's Burwood.



The texts and prayers are taken from the *Book of Common Prayer* (1662)
Hymn texts are taken from *The New English Hymnal*
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Reading are taken from the Revised Standard Version
Cover Photo: West Door (detail) by Desmond Chu, 2020.
Icon (left): Icon of St Paul in the Chapel of Our Lady
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All STAND as the bell is rung. The choir sings the Introit from the West Door.

Introit

Hear the voice and prayer

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Hear the voice and prayer of thy servants that they make before thee this day, that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward this place of which thou has said, my name shall be there. And when thou hear'st have mercy on them.

Based on 1 Kings 8.28–30

Remain Standing as the Officiant and Choir sing the Preces & Responses by Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995).

- ℣ O Lord, open thou our lips.
- ℟ And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- ℣ O God, make speed to save us.
- ℟ O Lord, make haste to help us.
- ℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- ℟ As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- ℣ Praise ye the Lord.
- ℟ The Lord's name be praised.

All SIT while the Choir sings the Psalm.

Psalm: 46

after Martin Luther (1483-1546)

GOD is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved:
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell:
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God:
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed:
God shall help her, and that right early.
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved:
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.
O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord:
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world:
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,
and burneth the chariots in the fire.

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

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

All STAND.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

All SIT for the reading of the First Lesson.

First Lesson: Genesis 28.10–18

Here beginneth the 10th verse of the 28th chapter of the Book of Genesis

Jacob left Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place, and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your descendants; and your descendants shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and by you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth bless themselves. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done that of which I have spoken to you.” Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place; and I did not know it.” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone which he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

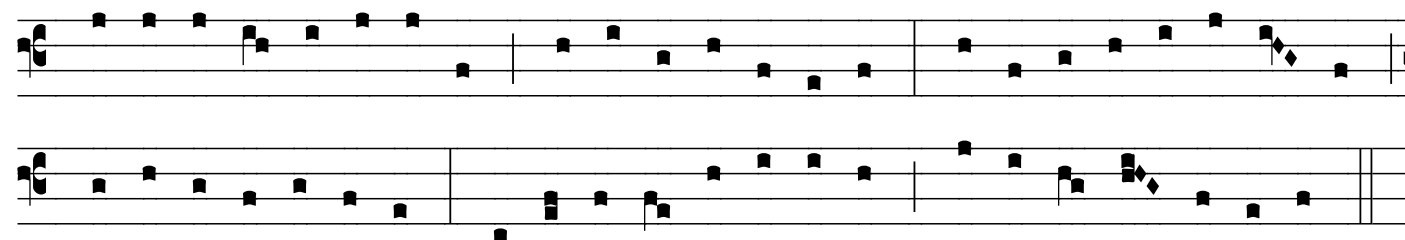
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All STAND to sing the Office Hymn.

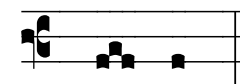
Office Hymn

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- 1 Blessed City, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who, of living stones upbuilt,
Art the joy of heaven above,
And, with angel cohorts circled,
As a bride to earth dost move!
- 2 From celestial realms descending,
Bridal glory round her shed,
To his presence, decked with jewels,
By her Lord shall she be led:
All her streets, and all her bulwarks,
Of pure gold are fashioned.
- 3 Bright with pearls her portals glitter,
They are open evermore;
And, by virtue of his merits,
Thither faithful souls may soar,
Who for Christ's dear name in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.
- 4 Many'a blow and biting sculpture
Fashioned well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly Architect,
Who therewith hath willed for ever
That his palace should be decked.
- 5 Laud and honour to the Father;
Laud and honour to the Son;
Laud and honour to the Spirit;
Ever Three, and ever One:
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.



A-men

Latin c. 7th century; Tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66)

Please remain standing for the Magnificat, during which the High Altar will be censed.

Magnificat: Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

✠ **M**y soul doth magnify the Lord.
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden:
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

All SIT for the reading of the Second Lesson.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2.19–22

Here beginneth the 19th verse of the 22nd chapter of the Book of Ephesians

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Here endeth the second lesson

All STAND for the Nunc Dimittis.

Nunc Dimittis: Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

✠ **L**ord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Please remain standing to sing the Apostles' Creed.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God
the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead:
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy Catholick Church;
the Communion of Saints: the Forgiveness of sins:
the Resurrection of the body, ✠ and the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Officiant and Choir continue the Preces and Responses.

℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ And with thy Spirit.
℣ Let us pray:

The people KNEEL.

℟ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer is sung by all.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

The Officiant and choir sing the Lesser Litany.

℣ O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
℟ And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the King.
 R. And mercifully hear us, when we call upon thee.
 V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
 R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
 V. O Lord, save thy people.
 R. And bless thine inheritance.
 V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
 R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us. But only thou, O God.
 V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
 R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

Collect for the Dedication of a Church.

O God, whom year by year we praise for the dedication of this church; Hear, we beseech thee, the prayers of thy people, and grant that whosoever shall worship before thee in this place, may obtain thy merciful aid and protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Collect for Aid against all Perils.

TIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.
 R. **And with thy Spirit.**
 V. Let us bless the Lord.
 R. **Thanks be to God.**

All SIT while the Choir sings the Anthem.

Anthem

O how amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
 My soul hath a desire and a longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
 My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
 even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
 they will be alway praising thee.
 The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
 prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
 O prosper thou our handywork.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
 Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Psalm 55.1-4, 6

Sermon

Fr Ryan Austin-Eames

Senior Assistant Priest, Christ Church St Laurence, Sydney

All STAND to sing the Hymn.

Hymn

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Adapted from the Alleluyas in Henry Purcell's

'O God, Thou art my God'

Descant: Peter Jewkes (b.1956)



1 Christ is made the sure foundation,	2 All that dedicated city,
And the precious corner-stone,	Dearly loved by God on high,
Who, the two walls underlying,	In exultant jubilation
Bound in each, binds both in one,	Pours perpetual melody,
Holy Sion's help for ever,	God the One, in Threefold glory,
And her confidence alone.	Singing everlastingly.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessed ones to reign.

5 Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Latin c.7th & 15th century. Tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66)

All KNEEL for the Intercessions which are led by the Officiant.

Intercessions

A Prayer for the Dedication of a Church.

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshipped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Prayer for King Charles III.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly pray that you would look upon your servant, King Charles. Endue him with your Holy Spirit; enrich him with your heavenly grace; prosper him with all happiness; and bring him to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Evening.

BE PRESENT, merciful God,
and protect us through the hours of this night:
that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances
of this fleeting world, may rest on your eternal changelessness
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for Peace.

ETERNAL God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love; so guide and inspire, we pray thee, the labours of those who seek to

establish righteousness and peace among nations, that all peoples may find their security, not in force of arms, but in the perfect love that casteth out fear, and in the fellowship revealed to us in thy son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer of St John Chrysostom.

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you and promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.
Amen.

All join to recite the following:

A General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God and merciful Father, we give you hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation and preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such a sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may praise you not only with our lips, but in our lives, serving you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Grace

✠ THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.

All STAND for the Te Deum.

Te Deum: Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells (1852-1924)

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:
the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

All KNEEL.

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

All STAND.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
and we worship thy name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Text: c. 387

Please remain standing for the Blessing.

Blessing

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Choir and Clergy process from the church during the Postlude.

Postlude

Improvisation

David Drury

Please join us for supper in the parish hall.



Mary Mother of our Lord – Sunday 16 August 2026

8:00am **Said Eucharist**
10:00am **Choral Eucharist**



**CHORAL
EVENSONG**

MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA
5:00pm – Sunday 6 September 2026
followed by refreshments in the parish hall

Fr James Collins OAM
Rector

David Russell
Director of Music

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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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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



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