

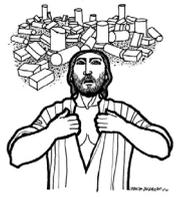


# St Paul's Church

Parish Eucharist

16<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## Second Sunday before Advent (Safeguarding Sunday)



*Welcome to St Paul's! It is a joy to worship with you this morning. Please join in with words printed in **bold**.*

*We stand to sing the **OPENING HYMN (603)***

*We remain standing for THE GREETING*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*We remain standing for THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION*

**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.**

*We remain standing for THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE*

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, hear us as we cry out to you in our need and anguish: Lord forgive us **and heal us.**

We have not loved you with all our heart, or our neighbours as ourselves: Lord forgive us **and heal us.**

For sins of negligence and ignorance: Lord forgive us **and heal us.**

For feeble faith and judgemental attitudes: Lord forgive us **and heal us.**

For self-deceit and colluding with falsehood: Lord forgive us **and heal us.**

For complacency and lack of vigilance that have made others vulnerable to harm: Lord forgive us **and heal us.**

Bind up the wounds of those who have been hurt and in your mercy make us whole.

*We remain standing to sing the KYRIE ELEISON*

*The Priest pronounces the absolution, after which we all say **Amen.***

*We remain standing for the **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (964)***

*We remain standing for THE COLLECT*

*We sit for THE LITURGY OF THE WORD*

*First reading: Malachi 4:1–2a*

*A reading from the book of Malachi.*

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

*Psalm 98*

**Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him the victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. **R**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. **R**

*Second reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.6–13*

*A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians.*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

*We stand for the READING OF THE GOSPEL (Luke 20:27–38)*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before

all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

*We sit for* THE SERMON

*We stand for* THE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*We sit or kneel for* THE INTERCESSIONS

Humbly asking for Our Lady's prayers, we say together: **Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.**

*We stand for* THE PEACE, *then sit to sing the* **OFFERTORY HYMN (60)**

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

*The Priest praises God for their goodness and all respond:* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*We stand and the Priest says:* Pray, my friends, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. *To which we all respond:* **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Priest says* THE PREFACE *in which God is praised for their mighty acts, after which we sing the* SANCTUS:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

*The Priest recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said:* Great is the mystery of faith! **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues and concludes with the doxology, to which all respond boldly:* **AMEN.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Please come forward to receive communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please keep your head bowed and your hands lowered.*

*We sit to sing the* **COMMUNION HYMN (506)**

*We stand for* THE PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*We stand to sing* THE DOXOLOGY

*We remain standing for* **THE RECEPTIONAL HYMN (305)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

*Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass; please come and join us, especially of this is your first time at St Paul's.*

#### NOTICES

- There will be a PCC meeting after Mass today.
- Our regular mid-week bible study and prayer group takes place in the parish office on Wednesday at 10:30. Come and join us for breakfast, prayer, study, and fellowship.