

# ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Sydney Square



## Sunday after Ascension Day Mother's Day

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

10.30am

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## Welcome to St Andrew's Cathedral!

We're glad that you've joined us today. As a church, we meet together to hear God speak through his word, the Bible. We sing and pray to encourage each other and bring glory to Jesus.

If you don't belong to a church of your own, we'd love you to join us regularly or help you find a church near where you live.

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## Important information

1. **If you feel unsafe** at any time, please let a staff member or usher know immediately.
2. Never leave your bags or other personal possessions **unattended**.
3. Please **no photographs/ video to be taken** during a church service without permission.
4. If children become unsettled, our **Parents' Room** is located adjacent the North Door (Town Hall side). A video feed of the service is provided.

#### **Toilets** (including accessible):

- by the North Door (Town Hall side)
- downstairs in Dean Cowper Hall - accessed from rear of Cathedral, using stairs or lift.

#### **Prayer Needs**

1. If you would like *personal prayer*; Visit [www.SydneyHeal.com](http://www.SydneyHeal.com), clicking on the 'pray for me' tab.
2. A Prayer (Healing) Service is held at 6pm Wednesdays in the Cathedral.

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### **Believer's Prayer**

Dear God, I know that I am not worthy to be accepted by you. I am guilty of rebelling against you and ignoring you. Thank you for sending Jesus to die for me; paying my debt and bearing my punishment that I may be forgiven. Please forgive me and change me that I may live with Jesus as my ruler. *Amen.*

# PRAISING GOD

## Scripture Sentences:

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures..." Psalm 23:1-2a

Paul writes to Timothy: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

2 Timothy 1:5

## Hymn

## Rejoice the Lord is King

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| 1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!<br>your Lord and King adore:<br>mortals, give thanks and sing,<br>and triumph evermore:<br>Lift up your heart,<br>lift up your voice:<br>Rejoice! - again I say, rejoice!   | 3 His kingdom cannot fail,<br>he rules both earth and heaven;<br>the keys of death and hell<br>are to our Jesus given:<br>Lift up your heart,<br>lift up your voice:<br>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! |
| 2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,<br>the God of truth and love;<br>when he had purged our stains<br>he took his seat above:<br>Lift up your heart,<br>lift up your voice:<br>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  | 4 He sits at God's right hand,<br>till all his foes submit<br>and bow to his command<br>and fall beneath his feet:<br>Lift up your heart,<br>lift up your voice:<br>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!     |
| 5 Rejoice in glorious hope!<br>Jesus the judge shall come<br>and take his servants up<br>to their eternal home:<br>We soon shall hear the archangel's voice:<br>God's trumpet call shall sound –rejoice! |  |

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Music: 'Darwall's 148th' John Darwall (1731-1789) arr. R.Cobb(b.1970)*

## Prayer of thanksgiving

Gracious God,  
We humbly thank you  
for all your gifts so freely given to us,  
for life and health and safety;  
for power to work, leisure to rest,  
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.  
But, above all, we praise you  
for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
for his death and resurrection;  
for the gift of your Spirit,  
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.  
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Anthem

### O clap your hands

*O, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph, For the Lord most high is terrible, he is a great king over all the earth! God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises; for God is King of all the earth; sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. Sing praises unto our King, sing praises!*

Words: Psalm 47

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*At this time, children will leave for Cathedral Kids. Trained leaders will meet them at the rear of the Cathedral.*

## Prayer for hearing God's word

### Bible Reading

Genesis 13:1-18

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So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. <sup>2</sup> Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. <sup>3</sup> From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier <sup>4</sup> and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. <sup>6</sup> But the land could not support them while they stayed

together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. <sup>7</sup> And quarrelling arose between Abram's herdsmen and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. <sup>8</sup> So Abram said to Lot, 'Let's not have any quarrelling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are close relatives. <sup>9</sup> Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left.' <sup>10</sup> Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan towards Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) <sup>11</sup> So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out towards the east. The two men parted company: <sup>12</sup> Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. <sup>13</sup> Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD. <sup>14</sup> The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, 'Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. <sup>15</sup> All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring for ever. <sup>16</sup> I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. <sup>17</sup> Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.' <sup>18</sup> So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD.

*At the conclusion of the reading:* This is the word of the Lord  
*Congregational response:* **Thanks be to God**

## **Anthem            For the beauty of the earth**

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of All; to thee we raise- this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light; Lord of All; to thee we raise- this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of All; to thee we raise- this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven; Lord of All; to thee we raise- this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*Words: F Pierpoint (1835-1917)  
Music: John Rutter (b.1945)*

<sup>11</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. <sup>12</sup> I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup> to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. <sup>17</sup> I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. <sup>18</sup> Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup> I saw none of the other apostles – only James, the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup> I assure you before God that what I am writing to you is no lie. <sup>21</sup> Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup> I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup> They only heard the report: 'The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.'  
<sup>24</sup> And they praised God because of me.

*At the conclusion of the reading:* This is the word of the Lord

*Congregational response:* **Thanks be to God**

## Affirmation of faith

**Jesus Christ, in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Genesis 12:16-13:18 – Wandering Abraham**

**“The Lord’s my shepherd, I shall not want”**

**1. Land and Altar – 12:6-9**

**2. Test in Scarcity – 12:10-20**

**3. Test in Plenty – 13:1-18**

**4. Tent and Altar – Hebrews 11:9-10, 13:10-14**

# PRAYING TO GOD

## Hymn:

## King of Kings, Majesty

1 King of kings, majesty,  
God of Heaven living in me,  
gentle Saviour, closest friend,  
strong deliverer, beginning and end,  
all within me falls at your throne.

2 Earth and Heaven worship you,  
love eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to your throne;  
all within me cries out in praise.

### *Refrain*

### *Refrain:*

*Your majesty, I can but bow,  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve your majesty.*

3 King of kings, majesty,  
God of Heaven living in me,  
gentle Saviour, closest friend,  
strong deliverer, beginning and end,  
all within me falls at your throne.

### *Refrain*

*Words and Music: Jarrod Cooper © 1996 Sovereign Lifestyle Music  
Arr. R. Cobb (b.1970)*

## Confession

Although we are the people of God, Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us and intercedes for us with the Father. Let us draw near to God, who freely forgives through his infinite goodness and mercy, and pray to him with sincerity and confidence.

### **Heavenly Father**

**we praise you for adopting us as your children  
and making us heirs of eternal life.**

**In your mercy you have washed us from our sins  
and made us clean in your sight.**

**Yet we still fail to love you and serve you as we should.**

**Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,  
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,  
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

## Prayer of the day

### Sunday after Ascension Day

O God, the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: leave us not desolate, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to where our Saviour Christ has gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. **Amen.**

## Prayers for our world

## Anthem

### The Lord is my shepherd

*'The Lord is my Shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Words: Psalm 23

Music: John Rutter (b.1945)

## Notices

## Hymn:

## Alleluia, sing to Jesus

- 1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
hark, the songs of holy Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.'
- 2 Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?
- 3 Alleluia! King Eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia! born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, Heav'n thy throne:  
hark, the songs of holy Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.'

*Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

*Music: 'Hyfrodol': Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)*

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### Closing prayer

May Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and may the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face to shine on upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

### Organ Postlude

'Le Jardin Féérique' from 'Ma Mère l'Oye' - Ravel, Maurice (1875-1937)

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**J.S. BACH**

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## **Acknowledgement of Country**

As we gather in the presence of God, we acknowledge with respect the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet. In his wisdom and love, our Heavenly Father gave this land to the Gadigal people of the Eora nation (see Acts 17:26). On this land, they met for generations before the coming of British settlers.

As we now live together on these lands, we pray that God would unite us all in a knowledge of his Son, Jesus Christ, in whom and for whom all things were created.

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### WHAT'S ON during the week

### SATURDAYS

#### MONDAYS

5:15pm Choral Evensong (during term)  
6pm Cathedral Bible Study  
1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays

9am Men's Prayer (1<sup>st</sup> Sat)

10am Women's Prayer (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat)

#### WEDNESDAYS

10am Women's Bible Study  
(during term)  
(including Easy English)  
5:30pm Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed)  
6pm Healing Service  
7:30pm Overcomers Outreach (1<sup>st</sup> Wed)

#### THURSDAYS

10am Bible & English (during term)  
1:10pm Organ Recital (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs)  
5:15pm Choral Evensong (during term)

### SUNDAYS

8:30am Holy Communion (1662 BCP)  
9am Bible Studies  
10:30am Morning Church  
(with children's program)  
12pm Chinese Bible Study  
3pm Bible Studies  
3:30pm Chinese Bible Study  
(Young Adults)  
5pm Cathedral Evenings Service

## Giving

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