

St Paul's Anglican Church

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Patronal Festival

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St. Paul as painted in the Upper Basilica in Assisi, Italy.

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Priest welcomes and Greets the congregation

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn—AHB 72/TiS 136. tune, Cross of Jesus

- 1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea,
and forgiveness in his justice
sealed for us on Calvary.**
- 2. There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.**
- 3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**
- 4. But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.**
- 5. If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the goodness of our Lord.**

Frederick William Faber 1814–63 alt.
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The Confession

St Paul says

'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.'

Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A few moments for silent thought

So let us confess our sins to God who forgives us in Christ.

**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 Absolution

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image,
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostle Paul
glorified you in his death as in his life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by his teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah [1. 4-10]

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'
Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am
only a boy.' But the Lord said to me,
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.'
Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth;
and the Lord said to me,
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Side A = plain. Side B = italics Altogether = bold

Let God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,

*That your ways may be known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.*

**Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing:
for you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.**

*Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:
and God, our God, will bless us.*

**God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians [1. 11-17]

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn: AHB 78/TiS140. Tune, Sharon or Shipston

- 1. Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.**
- 2. And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.**
- 3. Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.**
- 4. And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
holy church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.**
- 5. Adoration ay be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

John Henry Newman 1801–90

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [16. 13-19]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

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

The Sermon

A time of quiet reflection follows the sermon

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in the company of Paul, Peter and all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

St Paul wrote "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity"

Almighty God hear our prayers for those who lead the peoples of this world. Give them the desire to pursue the peace that comes from above, that all may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Paul and Peter proclaimed the Good news of God's love so may your bishops and other ministers of your Church, faithfully proclaim your word so that your church may continue to be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

We pray for the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia remembering particularly, Clarence, our Bishop, Geoffrey the Primate of Australia, Philip our Metropolitan and all the Bishops of the Province of Victoria at this time of the anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Melbourne.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

St Peter calls Christian people a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit that we may live as that royal priesthood and holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

St Paul wrote: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind”

Creating God, empower us by the gift of your Holy and life-giving Spirit that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

St Paul wrote “encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all”

Compassionate God, hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; all who bring light to those in darkness.

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, or suffering: particularly those commended to the prayers of the parish-- Shirley C. Robert P. Bp Garry Weatherill. Nina Colson.

Melanie. Wayne. Warren G. Kaye McKenzie. Josef.

raised from death to life in Christ, may their sorrow be turned to eternal joy.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity;

Especially this week we remember —

Those people who brought the Good News to the Torres Strait,

Thomas More and John Fisher,

and those whose Year’s Mind occurs at this time;

Graeme Hall, and Reginald Peacock.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom, and grant us your peace at all times.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for Paul our Patron, Peter, Mary, Michael, George, and the whole company of your saints in glory,

with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;

by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

Concluding prayer

Almighty God,
you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles
and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:
**so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Let the peace of God which surpasses all understanding,
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 gifts of the people are collected and presented during the singing of
the Offertory Hymn*

Hymn— tune, Cwm Rhondda (AHB 478)

- 1. God called Paul from hate to loving,
showed him Christ alive again,
helped him see the cross as wisdom,
life as Christ, and death as gain.
May our church, with Paul's devotion,
look to Jesus as our Lord.**
- 2. God gave Paul the Holy Spirit,
bringing faith and hope and love,
grace to see the gifts of others,
joy in prayer, and strength to serve.
May we, too, be Spirit-gifted,
strong and gentle, holy, wise.**
- 3. God used Paul to teach the churches
what their common life should be,
one in Christ, both Jew and Gentile,
male and female, slave and free.
May we share Paul's generous vision,
welcome all in Jesus' name.**

4. **God brought Paul from law to freedom,
taught how faith alone could save,
sent him preaching to the nations
in the power the Spirit gave.
May our church, with Paul's own passion,
tell the saving love of God.**
5. **Now may we, like Paul, live boldly,
go wherever God may send,
witness in and out of season,
run our race until the end.
May we find our peace in Jesus,
see our Saviour face to face.**

Elizabeth J. Smith
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection Jesus sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief corner stone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels
with Paul and all the company of heaven we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,

help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Paul and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

We offer our prayer and praise, Father,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

**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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

All sing

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

The Invitation to Communion is given

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*An invitation is extended to all communicant members
of the Christian Church to receive Communion.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing and not Communion
please come to the communion rail and keep your hands behind your back
This will be the sign that you want a blessing and not communion.*

AFTER COMMUNION

A moment of silence

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

Notices

Hymn—AHB 186/TiS 247. tune, St Peter.

Philippians 2:5–11

1. **Let all be one in mind and heart
with Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who, though he was by nature God,
God’s glory laid aside.**
2. **He laid his heavenly glory down;
God’s servant he became;
obediently he lived, to die
in shame upon the cross.**
3. **Now God has raised him up,
to bear the name above all names;
at Jesus’ name all knees shall bow,
all tongues proclaim him Lord.**
4. **All glory now the Father shares
with his exalted Son,
whom God the Holy Spirit raised
from death to heaven’s throne.**

James Quinn 1919–

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THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May God, whose glory is reflected in the lives of his saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
and equip you and strengthen you to proclaim his word:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among and remain with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

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

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What is a Patronal Festival?

A Patronal Festival is the celebration of the Saint's Day who is the Patron Saint of a particular place. In the case of St Paul's Geelong we have a couple of dates we can choose from either:

the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul on 25th January OR

the joint feast for SS Peter and Paul which is observed in both the Eastern and Western Christian Churches on the 29th June.



The Sunday closest to the actual day is often chosen for the celebration for the obvious reason that more people come to church on Sunday compared to other days of the week.

The June date is chosen because in January lots of people are on holidays and it is hard to get a celebration happening.

A patron saint.

A saint who, by tradition or otherwise, has been chosen as the special intercessor and advocate in heaven of a particular place, person, or organization. The custom of having patron saints for churches arose from the practice of building churches over the tombs of martyrs. The expression 'titular' is also used in the same sense. Since the middle of the 19th century the traditional celebration of the patronal feasts of churches has been widely revived in the Anglican Church.

Dedication of churches.

The earliest recorded instance of the dedication of a Christian church is that of the cathedral at Tyre in 314, described in the 'oratio panegyrica' of Bishop Eusebius. There is a 7th-century formulary in the Gelasian Sacramentary consisting of prayers, blessings, and sprinkling with holy water. In the following centuries the ceremonies increased in number, and by the 13th century the ritual had reached in essentials the form used until modern times.

The Feast of the Dedication is the annual celebration of the day of the dedication of the church, and is to be kept, strictly speaking, only by consecrated churches.

It is to be distinguished, of course, from the Patronal Feast.

The first recorded observance of a dedication feast is that of the Church of the HOLY SEPULCHRE in Jerusalem, described by Egeria in her 'travelogue' written between 381-4.



St. Paul the Apostle (born ca. 10, died ca. 67), the "Apostle to the Gentiles" (Romans 11:13, Galatians 2:8) was, together with St. Peter, the most notable of Early Christian missionaries. Unlike the Twelve Apostles, Paul did not know Jesus in life; he came to faith through a vision of the risen Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:8–9) and stressed that his apostolic authority was based on his vision. As he wrote, he "received it [the Gospel] by revelation from Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:11-12); according to Acts, his conversion took place as he was travelling the road to Damascus.

Paul is the second most prolific contributor to the New Testament (after Luke, whose two books amount to nearly a third of the New Testament). He provides the first written account of the relationship of the Christian to the Risen Christ—what it is to be a Christian—and thus of Christian spirituality.

According to Acts 9:30, Acts 11:25, and Acts 22:3, Paul was born in Tarsus, Cilicia in Asia Minor, or modern-day Turkey, under the name Saul, "an Israelite of the tribe of Benjamin, circumcised on the eighth day" (Philippians 3:5).

He first appears in the pages of the New Testament as a witness to the martyrdom of Stephen (Acts 7:57–8:3). He was, as he described himself, a persistent persecutor of the Church (1 Corinthians 15:9, Galatians 1:13) (almost all of whose members were Jewish or Jewish proselytes), until his experience on the Road to Damascus which resulted in his conversion.



Whether Paul died in Rome or was able to go to Spain as in his letter to the Romans (Romans 15:22–27) he hoped, is uncertain. Eusebius of Caesarea, who wrote in the fourth century, states that Paul was beheaded in the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero. This event has been dated either to the year 64, when Rome was devastated by a fire, or a few years later, to 67. An ancient liturgical solemnity of Peter and Paul, celebrated on 29th June, could reflect the day of martyrdom, and many ancient sources articulated the tradition that Peter and Paul died on the same day (and possibly the same year). A number of other sources including Clement of Rome say that Paul survived Rome and went to "the limits of the west." The traditional story is that Paul was interred with Saint Peter *ad Catacumbas* by the via Appia until moved to what is now the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. Bede, in his Ecclesiastical History, writes that Pope Vitalian in 665 gave Paul's relics (including a cross made from his prison chains) from the crypts of Lucina to King Oswy of Northumbria, northern Britain. However, Bede's use of the word "relic" was not limited to corporal remains.

Taken from Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_of_Tarsus



St Paul & St Peter

Window in St Paul's Geelong.