



The SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 19 January 2025 11.00am

The service is conducted by Rev Philip Campbell,
Rev Dr Arthur Keefer, and Rev Litha Heshusius.

The Director of Music and organist is Douglas Lawrence AM
The singers are Felicity Young, Elizabeth Anderson,
Lyndon Green and Kieran Macfarlane

PRELUDE Take pity on us, O Lord God
Erbarm dich mein. O Herre God
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev Dr Arthur Keefer

INTROIT Turn unto the Lord, the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful.

Text: Joel 11: 13

Music: Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

HYMN 63 All People that on Earth do Dwell

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1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Text: Psalm 100

Music: Melody from Genevan Psalter 1551

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev Phil Campbell

Welcome! Thanks for joining us in-person at Scots' Church, and if you're just getting back into your usual routines, Happy New Year! Welcome too if you're joining us online via YouTube live streaming.

If you're new to Scots', new to Melbourne, or looking for a new church home, please use our Introduction Card to say "Hi" - fill it in and leave it at the foyer desk, or scan the QR code with your phone and give us your contact details online. We'd love to make you welcome and keep you in touch with happenings at Scots'.

Please join us for a cuppa and chat after the service on the mezzanine level at the Westpac building.

Our problems with the free Wilson Parking system are ongoing but we're making progress. When you scan the validation paper, wait for the screen prompt, "Please insert ticket" before tapping your card. Please bear with us! Helpers from Wilson Parking will assist at the gate.

Join our Tuesday night small groups starting 28 January! We kick off with prayer at 6pm, enjoy a meal together at 6:30pm, and discuss the Bible in small groups from 7 to 8:30pm. This term we'll dive into a 10-week course on 1 Corinthians called "**Living a Cross-Shaped Life in a Self-Centred World.**" We meet in the Robert White Hall – Level 1 of the Assembly Hall (156 Collins Street, enter via the glass doors). Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build friendships, and be encouraged by God's Word. Everyone's welcome – see you there! For more information, speak to Justin.

The full choir resumes on Sunday February 2.

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Women only

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him!
widely as his mercy flows.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) from Psalm 103

Music: John Gross (1800-1880) Descant: George Henry Ley

Men only

4. Frail as summer's flower we
flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the high eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Rev Dr Arthur Keefer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

ANTHEM Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men; the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Let your request be made known unto Him. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Text: Philippians 4:1-7

Music: Anon (16th Century)

A NOTE ABOUT THE OFFERING

If you're part of the Scots' Church family and you're not already giving electronically, this is your opportunity to join us in financial partnership. If you're visiting today, please feel no obligation to contribute – be our guest. If you are in financial need, our Care Committee has various ways to help. Please speak to one of our Ministers after the service.

KidsChurch is currently on break for the school holidays.

OFFERTORY HYMN 560 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee St Agnes

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| <p>1. Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.</p> <p>2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can
frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
Saviour of humankind!</p> <p>3. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall how kind thou art!
how good to those who seek!</p> | <p>4. But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is
none but his loved ones know.</p> <p>5. Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.</p> |
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Music: Probably 12th Century

Text: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

PASTORAL PRAYER with Rev Litha Heshusius

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 20:1-16

Read by Elder, Mr Graeme Harris

After the uproar [in Ephesus] ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia. ² When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. ³ There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. ⁴ Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus. ⁵ These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, ⁶ but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. ⁹ And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him."

¹¹ And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed.

¹² And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

¹³ But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land.

¹⁴ And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. ¹⁵ And sailing from there we came the following day opposite Chios; the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after that we went to Miletus. ¹⁶ For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

CHORAL PSALM 103: vs 1-8, 21-22 to a chant by Walford Davies

Praise the Lord O my soul: and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
Praise the Lord O my soul: and forget not all his benefits;
Who forgive all thy sin: and health all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement: for all them that are oppressed with wrong. He shewed his ways unto Moses: his works unto the children of Israel. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering and of great goodness.
O praise the Lord all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
O speak good of the Lord all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord O my soul.

SCRIPTURE READING Continuing in Acts 20 from verse 17
Read by Read by Elder, Mr Graeme Harris

¹⁷ Now from Miletus Paul sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, **to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.** ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to **the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those**

who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

SERMON A Few Ups and Downs (Acts 20)
Rev Phil Campbell

As Paul concludes his third missionary tour and turns his mind back to Jerusalem, he's very aware that things won't end well. As he gathers his team of 'disciples' in an Upper Room on the Day of Unleavened Bread, there are clear echoes of a famous earlier occasion. And as one of the disciples demonstrates, even when things seem to go all the way down, there's still hope in the resurrecting Jesus.

HYMN 512 To God be the Glory

To God be the Glory

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord; Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
for every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.
Refrain

Text: Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

Music: William H. Doane (1832-1903)

BENEDICTION AND AMEN Rev Phil Campbell

POSTLUDE Chaconne in G minor
Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

Freewill offering

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- By Planned Giving envelopes – Contact the office for details.
- By cheque, made out to The Scots' Church Melbourne and posted to 1/156 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000
- By the Tap and Pay terminal in the foyer. (Note that you can make multiple taps if the preset amount is insufficient.)
- By credit card over the phone, 9650 9903