



*The* SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Sunday 23 March 2025 11.00am**

**The service is conducted by Rev Phil Campbell,  
Rev Philip Court, and Rev Litha Heshusius**

**The Director of Music is Douglas Lawrence AM**

**The organist is Jennifer Chou**

**The Assistant Conductor is Elizabeth Anderson**

**PRELUDE** **By the waters of Babylon BWV 653**  
*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

**ENTRANCE** **We all believe in one true God**  
*Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Rev Phil Campbell*

**INTROIT** God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that we might have life, everlasting.

*Text: John 3:16*

*Music: Ian Tracey (b.1955)*

**HYMN 397** **In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

*Stuggart*

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

2. When the woes of life o’ertake me,  
hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me;  
lo! it glows with peace and joy.

4. Bane and blessing, pain and  
pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more lustre to the day.

5. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o’er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

*Text: John Bowring (1792-1872)*

*Music: Adapted from a melody in Christian Witt’s Psalmodia Sacra  
(1715)*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to our Service.** Thanks for joining us in-person at Scots’ Church, and welcome too if you’re joining us online via YouTube live streaming.

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

**Our small groups on Tuesday evenings are a great way to become part of our Scots’ community.** We eat from 6:30pm, then discuss the Bible in small groups from 7 to 8:30pm in the Robert White Hall – Level 1 of the Assembly Hall Building (156 Collins Street, enter via the glass doors). For more information, or for a copy of our study booklet, email Justin.

Our next **“LunchBreak”** service is on Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It’s a short service from 12:30-1:00pm. Bring a lunch, bring a friend, and get a coffee on us!

With the departure of Jonathan North, **we’re recruiting a new General Manager.** If you know anyone who’s interested, please direct them to our website.

**HYMN 380 There is a Green Hill Far Away**

*Horsley*

1. There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified,  
who died to save us all.
2. We may not know, we cannot tell  
what pains he had to bear;  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.
3. He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.
4. There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven, and let us in.
5. Oh, dearly, dearly has he loved,  
and we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood,  
and try his works to do.

*Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)*

*Music: William Horsley (1776-1858)*

*Descant: John Scott (1956-2015)*

**PRAYER OF APPROACH** *Rev Philip Court*

**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 Abendlied**

Bide with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over.

*Text: Luke 24:29*

*Music: Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901)*

**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.

## The kids and teens leave for KIDSCHURCH

### OFFERTORY HYMN 509 Jesus Calls Us!

*St Andrew*

1. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his voice is sounding,  
saying, 'Christian, follow me'.

2. As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, 'Christian, love me more'.

4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
'Christian, love me more than  
these'.

5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Saviour, make us hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

*Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)*

*Music: Edward Henry Thorne (1834-1916)*

### PASTORAL PRAYER *with Rev Litha Heshusius*

### SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:31, then 14:1-18

*Read by Rev Phil Campbell*

<sup>12:31</sup> But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way...

... <sup>14:1</sup> Pursue **love**, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. <sup>3</sup> On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their **upbuilding** and encouragement and consolation. <sup>4</sup> The one who speaks in a tongue **builds up himself**, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. <sup>5</sup> Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, **so that the church may be built up.**

<sup>6</sup>Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, **how will I benefit you** unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? <sup>7</sup>If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? <sup>8</sup>And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? <sup>9</sup>So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. <sup>10</sup>There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, <sup>11</sup>but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. <sup>12</sup>So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, **strive to excel in building up the church.**

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. <sup>14</sup>For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup>What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. <sup>16</sup>Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup>For you may be giving thanks well enough, **but the other person is not being built up.** <sup>18</sup>I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup>Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

#### **CHORAL PSALM 4 to a chant by James Soaper**

Hear me when I call O' God of my righteousness: thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble, have mercy upon me and hearken unto my prayer. O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour: and have such pleasure in vanity and seek after leasing? Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly: when I call upon the Lord he will hear me. Stand in awe and sin not: commune with your own heart, and in your chamber be still. Offer the sacrifice of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord. There be many that say: Who will shew us any good? Lord lift thou up: the light of thy countenance upon us. Thou has put gladness in my heart: since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased. I will lay me down in peace and take my rest: for it is thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.

## SCRIPTURE READING Continuing in 1 Corinthians 14 from vs 20 to 26

Read by Rev Phil Campbell

<sup>20</sup> Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. <sup>21</sup> In the Law it is written, "By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord." <sup>22</sup> Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers. <sup>23</sup> If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? <sup>24</sup> But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, <sup>25</sup> the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

<sup>26</sup> What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, has a lesson, has a revelation, has a tongue, or has an interpretation. **Let all things be done for building up.** <sup>27</sup> If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret.

### For further reflection (v27-40)

<sup>28</sup> But if there is no one to interpret, *let each of them keep silent in church* and speak to himself and to God. <sup>29</sup> Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. <sup>30</sup> If a revelation is made to another sitting there, *let the first be silent.* <sup>31</sup> For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, <sup>32</sup> and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. <sup>33</sup> For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

As in all the churches of the saints, <sup>34</sup> the wives *should keep silent* in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. <sup>35</sup> If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it brings shame for a wife to speak in church.

<sup>36</sup> Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached? <sup>37</sup> If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. <sup>38</sup> If anyone does not recognise this, he is not recognised. <sup>39</sup> So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. <sup>40</sup> But all things should be done decently and in order.

**SERMON Cross-Shaped Words (1 Corinthians 14)**

*Rev Phil Campbell*

Earnestly desire the 'greater gifts', said Paul back in chapter 12, before launching into his famous description of 'love.' But in a world both then and now fixated with the spiritually spectacular, what do the 'greater gifts' look like? The answer might surprise you!

**HYMN 124 Praise to the Lord**

*Lobe Den Herren*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
praise God, my soul, for in him are your health and salvation;  
come all who hear,  
into his presence draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who in all things so wondrously reigning,  
shields you from harm and is gently yet firmly sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
how your heart's wishes have been  
granted by God's wise ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do:  
God will for ever befriend you.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from God's people again:  
gladly for ever adore him.

*Text: Joachim Meander (1650-1680)*

*Music: Melody from Pietatis Melica, 1668*

*Descant: John Scott (1956-2015)*

**BENEDICTION AND AMEN** *Rev Phil Campbell*

**POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in G minor BWV 535**

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

### **Freewill offering**

You are welcome to continue your giving by electronic means. Other freewill offering methods are:

- By electronic transfer to BSB **083 004**, Account number **630 327 585**
- 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