

Adapted from Celebrating Common Prayer (a Version of the Daily Office SSF) and A Prayer Book for Australia, for use in St Peter's Cathedral after Christmas.

The Blessing of Light

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. In him was life, and the life was the light of all.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Who is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever! In the beginning you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. To dispel the darkness of our night, you sent forth your Son, the first-born of all creation. He is our Christ, the light of the world, and him we acclaim, as all creation sings to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: **Blessed be God for ever!**

The Paschal candle is lit in silence (please kneel/sit)

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God, in you I take refuge;
do not leave me defenceless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Silence

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen**
Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners to repentance, **have mercy on us.**
Lord Jesus, sent to heal those who are burdened in soul, **have mercy on us.**
Lord Jesus, seated at the Father's right hand to intercede for us, **have mercy on us.**
Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.**
Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Alleluia!

Please stand to sing the Hymn: #210

Strength and stay

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-12

Psalm 2

Why are the nations in tumult: and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?
The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together:
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
'Let us break their bonds asunder: let us throw off their chains from us.'
He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:
the Lord will hold them in derision.
Then will he speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury:
'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'
I will announce the Lord's decree, that which he has spoken:
'**You are my son, this day have I begotten you.**
'Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:
the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.
'**You may break them with a rod of iron:**
and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
Now therefore be wise, O kings: be advised, you that are judges of the earth.
Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:
lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.
For his wrath is quickly kindled: blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.
Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: John 1:19-34

Reflection

The organist will play to aid our reflection

The Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.
Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon)

**Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now and for ever.

**Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.**

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

Please stand to sing the Hymn: #641ii (Austria)

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Prayers

The Collect for the Baptism of our Lord

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Please stand to sing the Hymn: #451

Just as I am

Blessing

Organ Postlude

You are invited to sit and listen to the organ postlude
or else to leave quietly so as not to disturb those who are listening.

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Tues-Sat 11.00am-3:00pm

Holiday Sunday Services:
8:00am Eucharist (BCP)
10:30am Sung Eucharist
6:00pm Night Prayer

Holiday Weekday Services:
Wednesday 7:30am & 10:00am Eucharist
Friday 7:30am Eucharist

**Regular service schedule will resume on Sunday
31 January, 2021.**

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