



DIOCESE *of* PARRAMATTA

# Order of Service *for the* Commencement of the Law Year



## St Patrick's Cathedral

Wednesday, 3 February 2016

## PRESIDER

- ♦ Very Rev. Fr. Robert Bossini; Dean St Patricks Cathedral Church, Parramatta

## CO-PRESIDERS

- ♦ Rev. Neil Atwood; representing Bishop Ivan Lee Anglican Bishop of Western Sydney
- ♦ Rev. Keith Hamilton; Senior Minister Leigh Memorial Uniting Church Parramatta

## CLERGY

- ♦ Rev. Fr. Paul Roberts; Director of the Institute for Mission Catholic Diocese of Parramatta
- ♦ Rev. Fr. Peter Blayney; Judicial Vicar Catholic Diocese of Parramatta

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

- ♦ Mr Christopher Ohlsen

## ASSISTANT MASTER OF CEREMONIES

- ♦ Mr George Manassa

## ORGANIST

- ♦ Mr Bernard Kirkpatrick – Director of Music

## CANTOR

- ♦ Mr Martin Hartley

## SERVERS

- ♦ Seminarians from the Holy Spirit Seminary and Servers of St Patrick's Cathedral Church

The Law Service is conducted in the presence of:

- ♦ Magistrates, Judges, and members of the Legal fraternity
- ♦ Members of Parliament, and other Civic leaders
- ♦ Members of the New South Wales Police Service
- ♦ Representatives and members of local Christian Churches in the Parramatta region

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Trumpet Tune in D

D. Johnson

When the bell is rung, all stand. Members of the legal fraternity, civic leaders and dignitaries, enter the Cathedral in procession, and take their places.

As the clergy of Churches in the Parramatta Community enter, the following hymn is sung by all, led by the cathedral cantor.

## GATHERING HYMN

O God, beyond all praising

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -  
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sa-viour, ac-cept the love we

1. day and sing the love a-maz-ing that  
2. bring, that we who know your fa-vour may

1. songs can-not re-pay; for we can on-ly  
2. serve you as our king; and whe-ther our to -

1. won-der at ev-'ry gift you send, at  
2. mor-rows be filled with good or ill, we'll

1. bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out  
2. tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you

1. end: we lift our hearts be-fore you and  
2. still: to mar-vel at your beau-ty and

1. wait up-on your word, we ho-nour and a-  
2. glo-ry in your ways, and make a joy-ful

1. dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
2. du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Priest says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**R** Amen.

The Priest says:

The Lord be with you.

**R** And with your spirit

## GREETING

Very Rev. Fr Robert Bossini; Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral Church, Parramatta

## PENITENTIAL ACT

The Priest says:

Dear brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to offer this service to God.

A brief pause for silence follows.

*Cantor:* Lord, Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.



*Cantor:* Lord Jesus, you have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth:  
Christ, have mercy.



*Cantor:* Lord, Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us to life eternal:  
Lord, have mercy.



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**The absolution by the Priest follows:**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**℟ Amen.**

## **COLLECT**

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever rejoice in his consolation.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**℟ Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**All Sit**

### **FIRST READING**

**Proclaimed by Rev. Neil Atwood**

A reading from the first book of Samuel

**1 Samuel 8:1-9**

When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's judges. The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."

The word of the Lord.

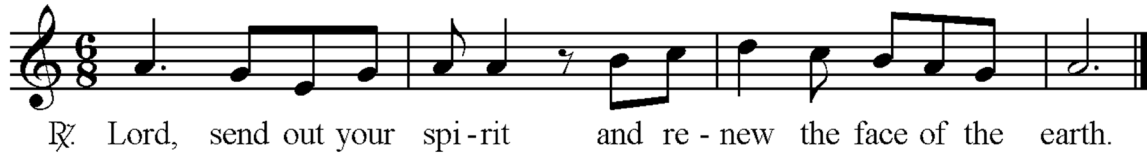
**℟ Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm: 103:1-24, 27-28, 30-31, 33-34**

The cantor sings the response the first time, all repeat.

It is then sung by all, between each of the psalm verses.



1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are.  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches. ℞
2. All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. ℞
3. You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.  
May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works! ℞
4. I will sing to the Lord all my life,  
make music to my God while I live.  
May my thought be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. ℞

## SECOND READING

Proclaimed by His Honour Justice Foster

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

5:16-17. 22-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All Stand

*The cantors alone intone the Alleluia; All repeat.*



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*Cantor:* The Father will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever, says the Lord.  
*All repeat the 'Alleluia'*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**21:23-32**

Jesus had gone into the Temple and was teaching, when the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him and said, ‘What authority have you for acting like this? And who gave you this authority?’ ‘And I’ replied Jesus ‘will ask you a question, only one; if you tell me the answer to it, I will then tell you my authority for acting like this. John’s baptism: where did it come from: heaven or man?’ And they argued it out this way among themselves, ‘If we say from heaven, he will retort, “Then why did you refuse to believe him?”; but if we say from man, we have the people to fear, for they all hold that John was a prophet.’ So their reply to Jesus was, ‘We do not know.’ And he retorted, ‘Nor will I tell you my authority for acting like this.’

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterward thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**✠ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**ADDRESS**

**All Sit**

**Rev. Fr. Paul Roberts, Director of the Institute for Mission, Diocese of Parramatta**



## HYMN

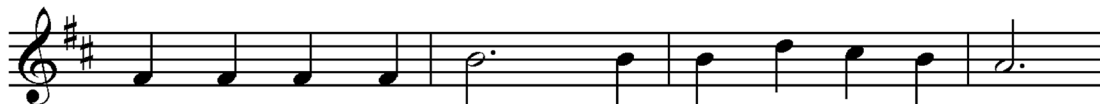
## The voice of God



1. The voice of God goes out through all the
2. The Lord has said: "Re - ceive my mes - sen -
3. The brok - en reed he will not tram - ple
4. A - noint - ed with the Spi - rit and with
5. His touch will o - pen eyes that dark - ness



1. world: his glo - ry speaks a - cross the u - ni -
2. ger, my pro - mise to the world, my pledge made
3. down, nor set his heel up - on the dy - ing
4. power, he comes to crown with com - fort all the
5. held, the lame shall run, the halt - ing tongue shall



1. verse. The great King's he - rald cries from star to star:
2. flesh, a lamp to ev - 'ry na - tion, light from light":
3. flame. He binds the wounds, and heals with his strong hand:
4. weak, to show the face of jus - tice to the poor:
5. sing, and pris - 'ners laugh in light and li - ber - ty:



- 1.-5. with pow'r with jus - tice, Christ will be the way.

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## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

All Stand

Led by Superintendent Dean Smith & Mr Chris Maley

The Priest says:

Brothers and sisters, as we now make our prayer for our communities and for our world, let us all pray to Christ the Lord, not only for ourselves and our own needs, but for the entire people.

1. For the Christian people; that we may be united as one body made of many parts.

Lord hear us:

**℟ Lord hear our prayer**

2. For our nation; may we seek to defend the marginalized and the poor and to defend the freedom of all men and women so that we may be a beacon of justice and peace to the nations.

Lord hear us:

**℟ Lord hear our prayer**

3. For the judiciary; may they be granted wisdom and emboldened to act justly for the good of the person and for the benefit of the community so that the rights and protections due to all men and women may be safeguarded.

Lord hear us:

**℟ Lord hear our prayer**

4. For the federal and state police forces; may they be protected from harm as they seek to protect from harm those they serve, and may they act diligently in the cause of right.

Lord hear us:

**℟ Lord hear our prayer**

5. For those who serve as volunteers or clerical staff in the courts and legal services; may they be blessed in their service of those in need and may they be encouraged in their work so that all men and women will be granted due care and accorded proper assistance.

Lord hear us:

**℟ Lord hear our prayer**

6. For those who have died, in particular, those who have served the cause of justice and peace; may they be granted the reward of their labours and may they be brought to the kingdom prepared for them by the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

Lord hear us:

**℟ Lord hear our prayer**

**The Priest says:**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who bring salvation to all  
and desire that no one should perish,  
hear the prayers of your people  
and grant that the course of our world  
may be directed by your peaceful rule.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**℟ Amen**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**The Priest says:**

Let us now pray in the words our Saviour gave us.

**All say:**

**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.**

## **PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**The Priest says:**

As we commence this new law year I invite members of the legal profession to pray the Prayer of Commitment.

**Members of the Legal Profession say:**

**Into your hands, O God,  
final and supreme judge of all,  
we commend ourselves  
at the beginning of this new year.**

**Let your presence be with us, to its close.  
Strengthen us to remember that,  
in whatsoever good we do,  
we are serving you.**

**Give us a diligent and watchful spirit,  
that we may seek in all things  
to know your will,  
and knowing it gladly to perform it  
to the honour and glory of your name.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

**℟ Amen**

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Priest says:

The Lord be with you

**℟ And with your Spirit.**

The Priest continues:

Bow down for the blessing.

May God, the source and origin of all blessing,  
grant you grace,  
pour out his blessing in abundance,  
and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

**℟ Amen.**

May he give you integrity in the faith,  
endurance in hope,  
and perseverance in charity  
with holy patience to the end.

**℟ Amen.**

May he order your days and your deeds in his peace,  
grant your prayers in this and in every place,  
and lead you happily to eternal life.

**℟ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**℟ Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**℟ Amen.**

The presider and co-presiders turn and face the Australian Flag as the National Anthem is sung.

### **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free.  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,  
Our home is girt by sea.  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare:  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross  
We'll toil with hearts and hands;  
To make this Commonwealth of ours  
Renowned of all the lands.  
For those who've come across the seas  
We've boundless plains to share.  
With courage let us all combine  
To advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia fair.

### **RECESSIONAL**

1st Movement from Symphonie Nr. 6

C. M. Widor

After the singing of the National Anthem, the Procession forms and leaves the Cathedral.

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**O God, beyond all praising**

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