



# Ash Wednesday

1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017

**6.30PM CHORAL EUCHARIST  
with IMPOSITION of ASHES**

*Celebrant:* The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

*Deacon:* The Rev'd Dianne Schaefer

*Sub-Deacon:* Larissa Bailey

*Master of Ceremonies:* Mike Smith

*Setting:* Tallis Short Service

*Choir:* St Peter's Cathedral Choir

*Director of Music:* Leonie Hempton OAM

*Organist:* Dr Josh van Konkelenberg

*In the early Church, it was the custom for baptisms to be celebrated at Easter following a period of preparation. It became the practice for all Christians to prepare for the Easter festival with a period of penitence, fasting, and meeting more frequently for worship and instruction. Any who had been separated from the body of the faithful were, during Lent, reconciled by penitence and fasting, so that together the members of the Church could celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in triumph over the power of death and evil.*

**Visitor hours:**

Mon-Sat 9.30am - 4pm, Sun 12.00pm-4pm.

**Daily services:**

Mon-Fri 7.30am Eucharist, 8.45am Morning Prayer.



*St Peter's Cathedral is a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, mission-oriented, faith community. The Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kurna people whom we acknowledge as the original custodians of the Adelaide Region.*

*Please stand when the handbell rings as the Choir and Altar party enter in silence.*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **Whose mercy endures for ever**  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has God set our sins from us.

Let us pray. *(please sit/kneel)*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God spoke these words, and said:

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any like-ness of anything that is in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God.
5. Honour your father and your mother
6. You shall do no murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
10. You shall not covet anything that is your neighbours.

**Lord, have mercy on us:**

**and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.**

*The choir sings: The Trisagion*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

*Agios o Theos, Agios ischyros, Agios athanatos, eleison imas.*

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the god of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the first reading: Isaiah 58.1-12*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did

not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in

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

*Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10*

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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*During the ashing the Choir will sing*

*Psalm 51: A Penitential Responsory (Andrew Gant b. 1963)*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness:

according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

*Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.*

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:

that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts:

and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness:

that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me

O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health:

and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee:

but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit

a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

Have mercy upon me, O God, Amen.

## LITANY OF REPENTANCE

*Led by The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO*

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, **have mercy on us.**

Incarnate Word, redeemer of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Abiding Spirit, giver of light and life, **have mercy on us.**

For turning away from your presence,

for disobeying your word and commandments, **forgive us, Lord.**

For trusting in our own strength instead of yours,

for betraying your trust and the trust of others, **forgive us, Lord.**

For resisting your grace and refusing your blessings,

for holding back from proclaiming our faith in you, **forgive us, Lord.**

For damaging this earth and exploiting its creatures,

for neglecting and wasting the gifts you have given us, **forgive us, Lord.**

For failing to forgive as we have been forgiven,

for judging others and bearing grudges, **forgive us, Lord.**

For skimping on our commitments and relationships,

for failing in hospitality, **forgive us, Lord.**

For tolerating oppression, injustice, and wrong,

for keeping silent when we should have spoken up, **forgive us, Lord.**

For turning away when others have offered us love,

for closing our hearts when others have needed compassion, **forgive us, Lord.**

For all we have done unkindly, unjustly and dishonestly,

for our careless speech and hurtful words, **forgive us, Lord.**

**Most merciful God, 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.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith, pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you to do his will, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

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| <p>1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,<br/>         forgive our foolish ways;<br/>         re-clothe us in our rightful mind,<br/>         in purer lives thy service find,<br/>         in deeper reverence praise.</p> | <p>3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!<br/>         O calm of hills above,<br/>         where Jesus knelt to share with thee<br/>         the silence of eternity,<br/>         interpreted by love!</p>                                  |
| <p>2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,<br/>         beside the Syrian sea,<br/>         the gracious calling of the Lord,<br/>         let us, like them, without a word<br/>         rise up and follow thee.</p> | <p>4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,<br/>         till all our strivings cease;<br/>         take from our souls the strain and stress,<br/>         and let our ordered lives confess<br/>         the beauty of thy peace.</p> |
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
 thy coolness and thy balm;  
 let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
 speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
 O still small voice of calm.

Tune: REPTON, Arranged from the oratorio *Judith* by C H H Parry 1848-1918

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-1892

*Remain Standing*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**





Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: *(said by all)*

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power are yours for e-ver and e-ver, A - men.



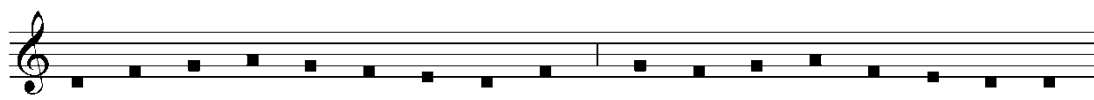
*Priest*

As our Sav - iour Christ has taught us, we are con - fi - dent to pray:



*People*

Our Fath - er in heav'n, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,



your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours



now and for ev - er. A - men.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please kneel as the Choir sings: Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (x2)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered at the nave platform.*

*Please follow the guidance of stewards and servers.*

*Gluten free bread is available; please ask for this from the priest giving communion. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward and receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal).*

*The Choir sings the Motet: Ave verum corpus: W Byrd 1543-1623*

*Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine. O dulcis, o pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae, miserere mei.*

*Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the virgin Mary born, On the cross thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn Cleanse us, by thy blood and water Streaming from thy pierced side; Feed us with thy body broken, Now in death's agony! O sweet, O gentle, O Jesu, son of Mary, have mercy on me.*

Let us pray: *(Please kneel)*

Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us and have reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory.**

*Please stand to sing the Post Communion Hymn*

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| <b>1. Be thou my guardian and my guide,<br/>and hear me when I call;<br/>let not my slippery footsteps slide,<br/>and hold me lest I fall.</b>      | <b>3. And if I tempted am to sin,<br/>and outward things are strong,<br/>do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,<br/>and save my soul from wrong.</b> |
| <b>2. The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell<br/>around the path I tread;<br/>O save me from the snares of hell,<br/>thou quickener of the dead.</b> | <b>4. Still let me ever watch and pray,<br/>and feel that I am frail;<br/>that if the tempter cross my way,<br/>yet he may not prevail.</b>       |

Tune: ABRIDGE, Isaac Smith 1734-1805 Words: Isaac Williams 1802-1865

*Please remain standing for the Blessing*

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always **Amen**.

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

*Organ Postlude: Schmüke dich, O liebe Seele JS Bach 1685-1750*

*Please refrain from conversation until the music is completed; applause is not normally appropriate during an act of worship.*

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***St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide***

# ***JUST WATER***

***- Lent Sermon Series -***

***SUNDAYS 6PM - CHORAL EVENSONG***

**This Lent, St Peter's Cathedral is joining cathedrals and churches worldwide in hosting a special sermon series – JustWater – for the United Nation's World Water Day.**

**Each week we will lift our voices in word, prayer and song to draw attention to our obligation to care for God's sustaining gift of water in all its forms.**

**5th March**

***'Water, water, everywhere'*  
Very Rev'd Frank Nelson**

**12th March**

***'Sir, give me this water'*  
Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson**

**19th March**

***'Deep Water, Troubling Water'*  
Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey**

**26th March**

***'Water & Creation:  
A Sacred Balance'*  
Rev'd Dr Theo McCall**

**2nd April**

***'Water & Justice'*  
Rev'd Christy Capper**

**9th April**

***'Living Water'*  
Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO**

***Light refreshments will be served after each service***