

Choral Eucharist

With Baptism

The Third Sunday of Advent

10:30am 15 December 2019

Celebrant:

The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

Preacher:

The Rev'd Wendy Morecroft

Deacon:

Lavinia Gent

Subdeacon:

Larissa Bailey

Master of Ceremonies:

Reuben Jacob

Setting:

Noble in B minor

Choir:

St Peter's Cathedral Choir

Director of Music:

Leonie Hempton OAM

Organist:

David Heah

Hymns: 99, 395, 812, 41, 652

Welcome: John the Baptist is one of those enigmatic personalities found in the Bible. He emerges to do a very specific work – prepare the way of the Lord. But once that is done, John moves out of the way to let people encounter the Lord, Jesus Christ. As we look back on our lives, who have the John the Baptist figures been? Who is it who has been instrumental in pointing us towards Christ? Take a moment to thank God for them.

Today is a special day for me. Forty years ago, on a hot summer's day in Bloemfontein, in a red brick cathedral dedicated to St Andrew and St Michael, I was ordained to the priesthood. My priestly journey has taken me to all sorts of places and people – all of whom have enriched my life in ways unimagined all those years ago. For most of that journey Christine has been my beloved companion. And who would have thought, back in 1979, that forty years on, I would be baptizing our grand-daughter?

Welcome to all who worship today as, together, we follow Him to whom John the Baptist pointed.

*The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson,
Dean*

When the handbell rings, please stand to sing the Introit Hymn

Hymn: #99 [Crüger]

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Omit v4)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. *Matthew 11:11*

Please kneel/sit

Let us pray:

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.

The Choir sings the Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, 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 in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

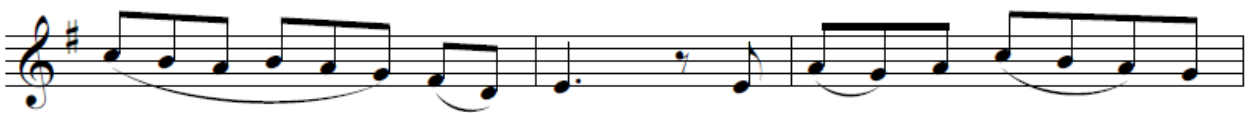

Please stand for the Collects

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lighting of the third Advent Candle – The Candle of Joy

Cantor: 
 Bless-ed are you, _____ Sov'-reign Lord,

All sing: 
 Just _____ and true: to you be praise _____ and

 glo - ry for _____ ev - er!

The pink candle is lit.

Choir: Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom,

Cantor: 
 Je - sus our Sa - viour and King of the a - ges.

All sing: 
 Bles - sed be God _____ for _____ ev - er.

Please sit for the reading: James 5:7-10 (read by Kathy Teague)

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

Hymn: #395 [Tune #51: St Stephen (Newington)]

With Mary let my soul rejoice

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Are you the one who is to come: or are we to wait for another?

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All sing:



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All sing



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ

Children are invited to follow the Gospel procession down the aisle to the altar where their cross will be collected, then go to the Cynthia Poulton Hall for Cathedral Kids. They will return in time for Communion.

Please sit for the Sermon: The Rev'd Wendy Morecroft

Silence may follow

After the Sermon the altar party move to the font.

Please stand to sing the Baptism Processional Hymn

Hymn: #812 [Wiltshire]

Through all the changing scenes of life

Please remain standing for the Baptism: The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

We welcome Teresa Grace Maria Nelson and Ross Alfred Williams who come to be baptised.

I invite their sponsors to present them now.

We present Teresa Grace Maria Nelson / Ross Alfred Williams to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing these children for baptism? **I will.**

Are you willing to answer on behalf of these children? **I am.**

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage these children in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

The Decision

Before God and this congregation,
you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins? **I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust? **I reject them all.**

Do you renounce Satan and all evil? **I renounce all that is evil.**

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

To the congregation:

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling? **We will.**

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that Teresa and Ross may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in them.

May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them. **Amen.**

Give to their sponsors and their families the desire to share with them what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May they know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May they proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith.

Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

The Baptism (water is poured into the font)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom. **Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that you have called Teresa and Ross to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

This is the faith of the Church.

All respond:

This is our faith: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The candidates are brought to the water

Teresa / Ross, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teresa / Ross, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

The newly baptised takes their first steps of Christian pilgrimage to the nave altar while the organist plays.

A candle is presented by members of the congregation to the baptised

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Teresa and Ross are welcomed into the Church.

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as members with us of the body of Christ, as children of the one heavenly Father, and as inheritors of the kingdom of God.

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Please remain standing to sing the Offertory Hymn

Hymn: #41 [Helmsley]

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

During this hymn a collection is taken to support the costs of the Cathedral.

Many choose to make regular donations electronically (BSB 305-122, Ac No. 0256051)

or by using envelopes. Complete a Planned Giving form to become a regular and faithful financial supporter of the ministry of the Cathedral.

Please 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.**

Priest *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Priest *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Priest

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. We thank you that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence stand before him who redeems us from sin and death and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

The Choir Sings the Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All sing:

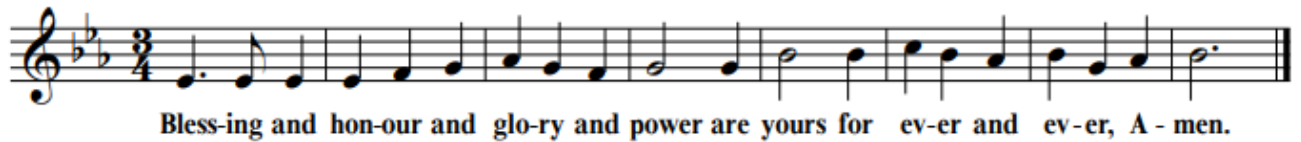


Christ has died: Christ is ris - en: Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows a musical staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), A5 (quarter), B5 (quarter), C6 (quarter). The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens under 'ris - en' and 'a - gain'.

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:

All sing:



As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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 heav'n. 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/sit as the Choir sings the 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. 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).

Gluten free bread is available; please ask for this from the priest giving communion.

During the administration of Holy Communion the Choir sings the Motet:

Stanford in C – Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please kneel/sit for the prayers after Communion

God for whom we wait, we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful that we may be ready to stand before him on the day of his coming.

**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 to your praise and glory.**

Please stand to sing the Post-Communion Hymn

Hymn: #652 [Cwm Rhondda]

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Please remain standing for the Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

You are invited to listen reflectively to the organ postlude:

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) – *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 599

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

***Please join us for refreshments in the Cynthia Poulton Hall (across the carpark)
and enjoy a 'cool' surprise!***

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

International

Sokoto Nigeria Bp Augustin Omole;
El Salvador Central America Bp Juan David Alvarado Melgar
Melbourne: Philip Freier (Joy)

National

South Australia

Diocese of Adelaide

Payneham: Janet Phillips (Paul)

Diocese of Willochra

Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula: Louise & Andrew Lang

Diocese of The Murray

The Murray Mallee

Immediate prayer

Steve Curtis, Anne Price, Glyn Harris, Dan Lester, Arthur McKay,
Rod Fowler, Bishop Keith Joseph (North Queensland)

Year's Mind

15th Betty Gurney, Garry Green, Samuel Raymond Baron Cornish,
David Robin, Gordon Hugh St Aidan Oakey, Colin Brown;
17th Reginald William Mathews; 18th Harold Aubrey Williams,
Alan Hayward; 19th Geoffrey Tremayne Sambell,
Kenneth William George Treagus; 20th Hazel Shirley Whittney;
21st Kate Abel Smith

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Newcomers: To join the Cathedral community, fill in a CONNECT card and hand it to a steward, place it in the offertory bags or return it to the Cathedral Office. You will receive the weekly eNews.

Toilets are in the Cathedral Close, across the car park from the Cathedral.

Name Badges: Order a Cathedral name badge from Pam Saint on 0419 031 871 or Cathedral Office 8267 4551. \$20 each.

Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold: 7pm on 1079Life. Tonight Lynn's guest will be Rev Simon Jackson who will be talking about the International Justice Mission.

Meeting God on Mondays: You are warmly invited to join Canon Jenny on Monday 16/12 at 10am in the CP Hall for morning tea and a study of next Sunday's readings.

Thank you: The end of the year is always a time to say thank you and farewell to some.

- Next Sunday we will acknowledge and thank Leonie Hempton for her magnificent twenty four years as Director of Music at the Cathedral. Cake will be served!
- The Rev'd Wendy Morecroft will celebrate the 10:30am service on Sunday 29 December as her last formal act on the Cathedral Staff. She takes up the position of chaplain at St John's Grammar in 2020.
- A number of people are leaving Adelaide, and others are giving up ministries (brass cleaning, welcoming as examples) after many years.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019

Advent 3

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher: The Rev'd Wendy Morecroft

10:30am Choral Eucharist with Baptism

Preacher: The Rev'd Wendy Morecroft

6:00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

WEEKDAYS

7:30am Holy Communion (*Lady Chapel*)

8:45am Morning Prayer (*Dean's Chapel*)

WEDNESDAY

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP) (*Lady Chapel*)

No Wednesday Evensong (school holidays)

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2019

Advent 4

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher: The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

6:00pm Blue Christmas Service

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2019

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Children's Crib Service

(with Carols)

**7:00pm Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols** *(with Choir and Organ)*

9:00pm Sudanese Christmas Service

**11:00pm The First Eucharist
of Christmas (Midnight Mass)**

(with Choir and Organ)

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2019

Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

(with Carols)

10:00am Festive Choral Eucharist
(with Choir and Organ)

More information: www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/events/christmas-at-st-peters-cathedral-2019/

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