

BCP EUCHARIST

8:00am 6 December 2020

The Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome: As we light the 2nd of the Advent candles today, known as the Candle of Peace, we are offered several stunning readings to reflect on. Who could not be moved by the words of Deutero-Isaiah, so well-known from Handel's *Messiah* – "Comfort, O comfort my people..." How those ancient people of God longed to hear that God had not forgotten them. How the people in the Tigray area of Ethiopia, of Yemen, and elsewhere in the world must long to hear words of peace spoken.

The opening words of Mark's Gospel waste no time in bringing us to the very heart of the Gospel and the message of John the Baptist. How we need people today who can cut to the quick of issues, hold up a mirror to society, suggest meaningful change (repentance) and then direct us to the one who embodies the Good News.

Earlier this week forty packed hampers were collected by Anglicare SA staff. We are confident there will be another thirty boxes from the Cathedral. Today, Sunday 6 Dec, is the last opportunity to drop off your contributions. Thank you everyone – a magnificent effort which will bring joy and relief to many.

The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson, Dean

Celebrant

The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

Preacher

The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

St Peter's Cathedral strives to be a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, mission-oriented, faith community.

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nurturing spirit and mind
CATHEDRAL



Please leave the post-it note on your seat as a marker for the cleaners.

Please kneel/sit

Let us pray.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lighting of the second Advent Candle – The Candle of Peace

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,

Just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever!

The candle is lit.

Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets but in our days you speak through your Son whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Collects

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.**

Please sit for the first reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 (read by Helen Hall)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord 's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord , make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' ¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

O Lord, you were gracious to your land: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people: and covered all their sin.

I will hear what the Lord God will speak:

for he will speak peace to his people,

to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.

Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:

and his glory shall dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together:

righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

Truth shall flourish out of the earth:

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will also give us all that is good: and our land shall yield its plenty.

For righteousness shall go before him: and tread the path before his feet.

Second reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a (read by Alyson Morrison)

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹ Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³ But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

Please stand for the Gospel

The Holy Gospel is written in the first Chapter of the Gospel according to Mark, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ',

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

Please remain standing for the Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe One Holy Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Please sit for the Sermon: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Silence may follow, during which final preparations are done on the altar.

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Please kneel/sit for the Intercessions

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy apostle to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people: we ask you in your mercy to accept our alms and oblations and to receive our prayers which we offer to your divine majesty.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the ways of righteousness and peace, and guide their rulers in wisdom and justice for the tranquility and good of all. Bless especially your servant Elizabeth our Queen, her representatives and ministers, her parliaments, and all who exercise authority in this land.

Grant that they may impartially administer justice, restrain wickedness and vice, and uphold integrity and truth.

We beseech you to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Geoff our Archbishop, Denise, Tim and Chris our bishops, that, by their life and doctrine, they may set forth your true, life-giving word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, that they may receive your word with meek hearts and due reverence and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We ask you of your goodness, Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We also bless your holy name for all your servants who have died in the faith of Christ. Give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of your heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

The Priest then turns to the people and says:

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

The General Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Comfortable words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St Matthew 11:28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

St John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 St John 2:1

Let us pray: *The Prayer of Humble Access*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Preface and Sanctus

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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.

The Prayer of Consecration

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and with thy Holy and Life-giving Spirit vouchsafe to bless and sanctify both us and these thy gifts of Bread and Wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to the end that we, receiving the same, may be strengthened both in body and soul.

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Prayer of Oblation

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, according to his holy institution, entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;
And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world; grant us thy peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered at the nave platform in one kind (bread) only. 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.

The Thanksgiving

Having now by faith received the precious Body and Blood of Christ, let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Please remain standing for the Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please remain standing as the Clergy depart

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

A prayer for all affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

International

Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain
Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury
Abp Carlos López-Lozano

National

Bendigo: Matt Brain (Rachael)

South Australia

Diocese of Adelaide

The Barossa: Steven de Kleer SSM, Linda Brooker (Peter)

Diocese of Willochra

Ceduna: Susan Doughty, Ministry in the Gawler Ranges

Diocese of The Murray

The Hills (Onkaparinga Valley)

Immediate Prayer

Moyse Family, Sue Garland
Those working on the 'front-line' in our health services

Year's Mind

6th William John Northern
8th Sidney Mainstone, Lancelot Vivian Pellew,
David Stewart Paterson, Henry Rymill
9th Lucy Edith Williams
10th Catherine Berry
11th Anthony John Sims Bridgman
12th James Welsh, Sybil Longman, Wal Trogler, Frances Fielden,
Lesley Anne Taylor-Maddern

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Message from the Cathedral Wardens: Nomination Committee

We are pleased to report that the process for appointing a new Dean for the Cathedral has begun. In accordance with the Cathedral Ordinance, “the Dean shall be appointed by the Bishop after consultation with the Nomination Committee”. The membership of the Nomination Committee is, in turn, defined by the Parochial Administration Ordinance, and comprises:

- The Archbishop, the Most Rev’d Geoffrey Smith
- The Archdeacon of the City and the Port, the Ven David Bassett
- The Cathedral Churchwardens: Reuben Jacob and Kevin Stracey
- Two Diocesan Nominators: Geoff Bloor and the Rev’d Janet Phillips
- Three members elected by the Cathedral Vestry: Angela Evans, Rijke Mellor and Joe Thorp

In the coming weeks we will be distributing a draft Parish Profile to the Cathedral community for feedback. This is a document which will be given to candidates to provide them with information on the Cathedral and what the job of Dean entails. Members of the Cathedral community are encouraged to consider any priests they are aware of who might be suited to be our new Dean, and to bring their name to the attention of any of the members of the Nomination Committee. It is important that you do not approach potential candidates, formally or even informally. That is solely the responsibility of the Bishop. Please also note that the Nomination Committee’s work is confidential, and we will not be able to report on our discussions about possible candidates.

The Nomination Committee’s work of identifying who God is calling to the role of Dean may be relatively quick, or might take some time. Please pray for us. You might wish to use this prayer from A Prayer Book for Australia:

**Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ’s sake. Amen.**

– Reuben Jacob, People’s Warden & Kevin Stracey, Dean’s Warden

Friday 4 December 2020

Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold: 7pm on 1079Life. Tonight Lynn's guest will be Kel Richards, author of "The Aussie Bible (or little bits of it anyway)."

Advent Carols Service: Tonight at 6pm.

Cathedral Weekday Visiting Hours: The Cathedral is open for visiting and private prayer. Opening hours are Monday 11.00am-1.00pm, and Tuesday to Saturday, 11.00am-3.00pm.

Welcomer/Shop Volunteer Required:

Can you help welcome visitors to the Cathedral on either (or both) the 1st or 3rd Friday afternoons of each month?

The hours required are from 1pm - 3pm.

Please contact Cathedral Office if you can help: 8267 4551.

Christmas Hamper Drive: Today is the final day for collection of hamper items. A huge thank you to everyone who has made donations.

Organ meets Opera: Unfortunately due to the current COVID-19 circumstances, it has been decided that this concert will be postponed to Sunday 14 February 2021 at 2pm in the Cathedral. The booking link remains the same:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMMRN>

Christmas 2020

Bookings for all Christmas Services
will open on Tuesday 15 December 2020.

Due to COVID-19 safe practices, it is essential
that everyone books online – strictly no walk-ins.

Online Bookings: <http://www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/christmas-2020/>

Most of the following services will be livestreamed on the
Cathedral Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/StPetersCathedralAdelaide

Sunday 20 December 2020

6.00pm *Blue Christmas Service with candle lighting*

Tuesday 22 December 2020

7.00pm *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

Thursday 24 December 2020

4.00pm *Eucharist with Christmas carols*

7.00pm *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

11.00pm *Midnight Mass*

Thursday 24 December 2020

8.00am *Eucharist with Christmas carols*

10.00am *Choral Eucharist*



THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2020

Advent 2

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

6:00pm Advent Carols Service

WEEKDAYS

7:30am Eucharist

(Lady Chapel)

8:45am Morning Prayer

(Dean's Chapel)

WEDNESDAY

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

(Lady Chapel)

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2020

Advent 3

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher: The Rev'd Peter Jin

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Peter Jin

6:00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson



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