

CHORAL EVENSONG

6:00pm 13 December 2020

The Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome: The history of the Advent wreath appears to have its origins in the Lutheran Church of the 16th century, but really only gained traction in the 19th. Johan Wichern, working with children in a Hamburg mission, found a way of curbing the children's excitement at the approach of Christmas and, in the process, a teaching tool. Wichern's wreath was an old wagon wheel with twenty-four candles – a larger one marking each Sunday.

Advent as a time of reflection and preparation for Christmas goes back into the 4th century when it was treated rather like a mini-Lent, complete with fasting and alms-giving. This would be where the purple candles and vestments come from. It's a complicated liturgical time – combining repentance and sorrow for sin, along with a growing excitement and expectation of the celebration of the birth of the one called Emmanuel.

For many, this Christmas will be a difficult time after this most extra-ordinary of years. Next Sunday's "Blue Christmas" service may be one worth considering. As I write we still do not have any real indication of numbers allowed for Christmas services, or whether there will be congregational singing.

Welcome to all as we light the third Advent candle – the candle of joy.

The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson, Dean

Officiant

The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

Preacher

The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

Canticles

Batten Fourth

Responses

Smith

Choir

St Peter's Cathedral Choir

Assistant Director of Music

Andrew Chatterton

Organist

Anthony Hunt

Hymns: 93, 48, 815

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

The Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kaurna people whom we acknowledge as the original custodians of the Adelaide Region.

St Peter's
nurturing spirit and mind
CATHEDRAL

Please stand as the Choir and Clergy enter

Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

Confession (please kneel/sit)

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live; and hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Officiant and choir sing the Versicles and Responses

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand for the Doxology

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.
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's Name be praised.

Please sit as the Choir sings the Office Hymn

Hymn: #93 [*Church Triumphant*]

Arise, shine out, your light has come

1. Arise, shine out, your light has come,
unfolding City of our dreams.
On distant hills a glory gleams:
the new creation has begun.
2. Above earth's valleys, thick with night,
high on your walls the dawn appears,
and history shall dry its tears,
as nations stream towards your light.
3. From walls surpassing time and space,
unnumbered gates, like open hands,
shall gather gifts from all the lands,
and welcome all the human race.
4. The sounds of violence shall cease
as dwellings of salvation rise
to sparkle in eternal skies
from avenues of praise and peace.
5. The dancing air shall glow with light
and sun and moon give up their place
when Love shines out of every face:
our Good, our Glory, our Delight.

WORDS: Brian Wren (b. 1936) based on Isaiah 60 (*A Song of the New Jerusalem*)

MUSIC: James William Elliott (1833-1915)

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Please remain seated as the Choir sings Psalm 18:1-6, 48-50 (Chant: Paul Sartin)

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my stony rock, and my defence:
my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler,
the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised:
so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me:
and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.

The pains of hell came about me:
the snares of death overtook me.

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord:
and complain unto my God.

So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple:
and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears.

Even the God that seeth that I be avenged:
and subdueth the people unto me.

It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies,
and setteth me up above mine adversaries:
thou shalt rid me from the wicked man.

For this cause will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles:
and sing praises unto thy Name.

Please stand for the Gloria:

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 sit for the first reading: Isaiah 60:15-22 (read by Kirsty Munro)

Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic for ever, a joy from age to age. ¹⁶ You shall suck the milk of nations, you shall suck the breasts of kings; and you shall know that I, the Lord, am your Saviour and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

¹⁷ Instead of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron I will bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, instead of stones, iron. I will appoint Peace as your overseer and Righteousness as your taskmaster. ¹⁸ Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

¹⁹ The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. ²⁰ Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

²¹ Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land for ever. They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands, so that I might be glorified. ²² The least of them shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the Lord; in its time I will accomplish it quickly.

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

Please stand while the choir sings the Magnificat: Luke 1:46-55

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 sit for the second reading: Luke 7:18-28 (read by Christine Beal)

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹ and sent them to the Lord to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ²⁰ When the men had come to him, they said, 'John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"' ²¹ Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. ²² And he answered them, 'Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. ²³ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

²⁴ When John's messengers had gone, 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?

²⁵ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. ²⁶ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ 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."

²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.'

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

Please stand while the choir sings the Nunc Dimittis: Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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 remain standing to say The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and

buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father

Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of

Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life

everlasting. Amen.

The Officiant and Choir sing the response and prayers

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee

Endue thy ministers with righteousness

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord

Because there is none other that fighteth
for us but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Evening Collect

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please sit as the Choir sings the Second Hymn

Hymn: #48 [*Powerstock*]

Sing we of the Kingdom, giving thanks to God

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| <p>1. Sing we of the Kingdom,
giving thanks to God,
sing we of the advent of the Son of God.
Enable me, truly,
to live my life for God.</p> <p>2. Sing we of the Baptist,
giving thanks to God,
sing we of his mission
and his life for God.
Enable me, truly,
to live my life for God.</p> | <p>3. Sing we now of Mary,
giving thanks to God,
sing we of her lowliness and love for God.
Enable me, truly,
to live my life for God.</p> <p>4. Sing we now of Jesus,
giving thanks to God,
sing we of his life
and of the love bestowed,
enabling me, truly,
to live my life for God.</p> |
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WORDS & MUSIC: Peter Nardone (b. 1965)

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Please sit for the Sermon: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

Silence may follow

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the Anthem:

Wood (1866-1926) – *O Thou the Central Orb*

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming clay
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Please kneel/sit for the Intercessions

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the Final Hymn

Hymn: #815 [Irish]	Thy kingdom come! On bended knee
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| 1. Thy kingdom come! On bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day | 4. The day in whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed; |
| 2. But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong. | 5. When knowledge, hand in hand with
peace, shall walk the earth abroad:
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God. |
| 3. And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near: | |

WORDS: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

MUSIC: *A Collection of Hymns*, Dublin, 1749

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Please stand 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.**

You are invited to listen reflectively to the organ postlude:

Francis Jackson (b. 1917) – *Toccata-Prelude on "Wachet Auf"*

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

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Place envelopes and/or cash in the Donation Box provided.

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(can be tapped more than once)

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	Falkland Islands Extra-Provincial to Canterbury Bp Timothy Thornton
National	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council
South Australia	
<i>Diocese of Adelaide</i>	South Sudanese Congregation, St Luke's Whitmore Square: John Magak (Mary)
<i>Diocese of Willochra</i>	Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula: Andrew & Louise Lang, David Amery (Coralie), Christine Smith (Don)
<i>Diocese of The Murray</i>	Murraylands: David Price (Lesley), Scott Mudd (Melissa), Ian Jansse (Eva), Des Ackland (Raelene), Bruce Hicks (Melita)
Immediate Prayer	Moyse Family, Sue Garland, Richard Haselgrove Those working on the 'front-line' in our health services
To be Married	Josephine Imbrogno & Daniel Uglesic (<i>wedding Sunday 20 December in the Cathedral</i>)
Rest in Peace	Andrew James Douglas-Stewart (<i>funeral Monday 11am in the Cathedral</i>) Betty Thomas
Year's Mind	13 th John Charles Bannon AO 15 th Betty Gurney, Garry Green, Samuel Raymond Baron Cornish, David Robin, Gordon Hugh St Aidan Oakey, Colin Brown 17 th Reginald William Mathews 18 th Harold Aubrey Williams, Alan Hayward 19 th Geoffrey Tremayne Sambell, Kenneth William George Treagus

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.**

We continue to give thanks to God for the loving ministry of Dean Frank and Christine and hold them in our prayers as they prepare for the move to New Zealand after Easter.

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

Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold: 7pm on 1079Life. Tonight Lynn's guests will be The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson with members of the Cathedral Pastoral Care team, discussing caring church communities.

Cathedral Weekday Visiting Hours: The Cathedral is open for visiting and private prayer. Opening hours are Monday 11am-1pm, and Tuesday to Saturday, 11am-3pm.

Welcomers Needed: Tuesday 29 December 2020 from 11am-1pm and Wednesday 30 December 2020 from 1pm-3pm. Please contact Kate or Rachel in the Cathedral Office if you can assist. Tel: 8267 4551.

Christmas Services: Online booking for Christmas services opens on Tuesday 15 December at 12 noon. By then we hope to have a better idea of numbers allowed. Should you book and then find you are not able to come, please 'unbook'. See your email booking receipt for details as to how to do this. Please also consider coming to only one of the Christmas services - and watch the others live-streamed or later online. The Cathedral Office can help those who genuinely cannot do their own online booking.

Meeting God on Mondays: You are warmly invited to join Canon Jenny for a Eucharist to celebrate the end of the year. The Eucharist will take place in the CP Hall at 10am next Monday 14th December. (There will be a funeral in the Cathedral that morning.) Please note that **no parking** will be available in the Cathedral car park.

Exploring Faith Matters (EFM): Congratulations to Greg Crombie on completing the full four years of EFM. Susie Clark will take over responsibility for EFM in 2021. Prospective students are invited to contact her via the Cathedral Office.

AnglicareSA Hampers: What a wonderful response from Cathedral congregations. **85 full boxes** of goodies have been collected in recent weeks - our best effort to date! Well done and thank you everyone.

Christmas Giving: Looking for something different this year? Here are two Cathedral funds worthy of your consideration; and two a little further afield.

1. St Peter's Cathedral Restoration Fund - National Trust (details below)
2. St Peter's Cathedral Music Foundation www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/music/music-foundation/
3. The Magdalene Centre (or other AnglicareSA appeals) www.anglicaresa.com.au/donate/
4. ABM Christmas appeals www.abmission.org/appeals.php/186/

St Peter's Cathedral Restoration Fund - National Trust: Tax deductible donations specifically intended for building works or restoration of St Peter's Cathedral may be channelled through the National Trust. The donation will thereby be deductible for income tax purposes. Donations for building restoration and/or conservation works which do not require tax deductibility are better given directly to the Cathedral. There is a specific form to accompany National Trust donations. Please contact Cathedral Administrator Kate Palmrose KPalmrose@stpeters-cathedral.org.au or 8267 4551

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

Friday 25 December 2020

8.00am Eucharist (with Christmas carols)

10.00am Choral Eucharist

