

BCP EUCHARIST

8:00am 20 December 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome: It is sometimes said that there is nothing quite like the love of a mother for her child. Throughout the Christian centuries Mary has been exalted as the epitome of that love – and rightly so. But there is so much more to Mary than ‘simply’ being a mother. Her song, the Magnificat, with its emphasis on the overturning of the unjust power structures, must surely rank among the great subversive messages in the world. In this Mary is very much in tune with the prophetic figures of the Bible.

Anglican Overseas Aid is a relief and development agency of the Anglican Church of Australia offering an expression of Christian faith which seeks to bring about a peaceful, just and sustainable world for all. One of the projects which resonates with today’s focus on Mary is a partnership with the Church in Kenya aimed at educating communities about the rights of women and girls, so that they can advocate and negotiate for themselves.

<https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/>

Welcome to all who gather to worship the God of Mary, the one who said, ‘Here I am, the servant of the Lord.’

The Very Rev’d Frank Nelson, Dean

Celebrant

The Rev’d Canon Jenny Wilson

Preacher

The Very Rev’d Frank Nelson

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 Kurna people whom we acknowledge as the original custodians of the Adelaide Region.

St Peter’s
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 fourth Advent Candle – The Candle of Love

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,

Merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever!

The candle is lit.

Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Collects

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, 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: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (read by Brian White)

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³ Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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

The Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:

from this day all generations will call me blessed;

The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Second reading: Romans 16:25-27 (read by Barbara White)

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — ²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

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 Luke, beginning at the twenty-sixth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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 Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

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

Mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world

National

Riverina: Donald Kirk (Camryn)

South Australia

Diocese of Adelaide

Flinders Medical Centre: Michael Rogers (Joanne)

Diocese of Willochra

Roxby Downs: Glen McDonald (Beth)

Diocese of The Murray

Western Fleurieu: Simon Waters (Susie), Brenton Dick (Lyn), Peter Chapman (Heather)

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 (*wedding Sunday 20 December in the Cathedral*)

Year's Mind

20th Hazel Shirley Whittney

21st Kate Abel Smith

22nd Daniel Ditmar-Jansse, Kathleen Moyle, Jean Douglas McNicol

23rd Priscilla Mary Gilbert Brown

25th Walter James Park, Marjorie Wickes, Marian Evans

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Message from the Cathedral Wardens: Nomination Committee

Please pray for the Nomination Committee's work of identifying who God is calling to the role of Dean:

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 programme will be a recording of the St Peter's Cathedral 2020 Advent Carols service.

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 5 January 11am-1pm and Thursday 7 January 11am-1pm. Please contact Kate in Cathedral Office if you can assist. Tel: 8267 4551.

Cathedral Cinema Group: Monday 21 December 5.40pm at the Palace Cinema, Rundle Street. Film: 'Rams'. All welcome to attend the cinema and to join the group afterwards for pizza or coffee. Enquiries to Les Milner 0416 090 143.

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 – Please contact Cathedral Administrator Kate Palmrose

KPalmrose@stpeters-cathedral.org.au or 8267 4551

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/

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Christmas 2020

Bookings are essential for all attendees; be ready to check-in using the QR Code - 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 - **Fully Booked** & will be livestreamed on Facebook

11.00pm Midnight Mass - **Fully Booked** & will be livestreamed on Facebook

Friday 25 December 2020

8.00am Eucharist (with Christmas carols)

10.00am Choral Eucharist

