

Choral Evensong

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

6:00pm 7 February 2021

Welcome: This morning's readings are what we might call 'feel good' readings. The latter part of Isaiah 40 (set in the context of good news to those who have been languishing in exile in Babylon) offers the thrilling metaphor of being carried on eagles' wings. St Paul speaks about how he attempts to draw close to people, not putting obstacles in their way when it comes to faith. St Mark offers the delightfully personal account of the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and Jesus getting on with his ministry of healing.

By contrast, the Evensong reading from Genesis 4 enters some dark territory and includes those chilling words of Jacob: "Am I my brother's keeper?" These early chapters (1-11) of Genesis are often categorised as 'myth', described by some as true stories that never happened. It does not take much to see very contemporary parallels to what is going on between Jacob and Esau.

Welcome to all as we gather to worship God this day, and a special welcome to all newcomers and those who have been away. Welcome too to all worshipping via the livestream.

The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson, Dean

Officiant

The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

Preacher

The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

Canticles

Stanford in C

Responses

Sanders

Choir

St Peter's Cathedral Choir

Assistant Director of Music

Andrew Chatterton

Organist

Mark Joyner

Hymns: 118, 142, 24

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nurturing spirit and mind
CATHEDRAL

The logo for St Peter's Cathedral, featuring a diamond-shaped emblem with a cross and four smaller crosses inside, positioned between the words 'St Peter's' and '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.

1. Drop, drop, slow tears,
and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven
the news and Prince of Peace.
2. Cease not, wet eyes,
his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance
sin doth never cease.
3. In your deep floods
drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye
see sin, but through my tears.

WORDS: Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

MUSIC: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

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Please sit as the Choir sings Psalm 147:12-20 (Chant: Sir C. V. Stanford)

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

He hurls down hail like crumbs – who can stand before his cold?

He sends out his word, and melts them;

he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

Praise the Lord!

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: Genesis 4:1-6 (read by Kirsty Munro)

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, 'I have produced a man with the help of the Lord.'² Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground,⁴ and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering,⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.⁶ The Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen?'⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.'

⁸ Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let us go out to the field.' And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' He said, 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?' ¹⁰ And the Lord said, 'What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.' ¹³ Cain said to the Lord, 'My punishment is greater than I can bear! ¹⁴ Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.' ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, 'Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.' And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

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: 1 John 3:7-14 (read by Michele de Courcy)

Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸ Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. ¹⁰ The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters.

¹¹ For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.

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 stand to sing the Second Hymn

Hymn: #142 [Caswall]	Glory be to Jesus
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| 1. Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life-blood
from his sacred veins. | 4. Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies;
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries. |
| 2. Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion
infinitely kind. | 5. Oft as it is sprinkled
on our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
terror-struck departs. |
| 3. Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream,
which from endless torments
did the world redeem. | 6. Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel-hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply. |
| 7. Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood. | |

WORDS: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

MUSIC: Friedrich Filitz (1804-1876)

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Please sit for the Sermon: The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

Silence may follow

Please sit as the choir sings the Anthem:

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) – *If ye love me*

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;

E'en the spirit of truth.

Please kneel/sit for the Intercessions

Please stand to sing the Final Hymn

Hymn: #24 [St Clement]

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.
5. So be it, Lord: thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

WORDS: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

MUSIC: Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904)

Last verse arrangement by Christopher Robinson (b. 1936)

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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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

You are invited to listen reflectively to the organ postlude:

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) – *Fantasia in G minor BWV 542*

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

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- Envelopes and/or cash in the Donation Box provided.
- Direct Credit: BSB 305-122 Account Number 0256051
(Include your name as reference).
- Direct Debit, please contact the Cathedral Office on 8267 4551.
- Use the Tap & Go machine to make an instant \$10.00 donation
(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

The Anglican Church of Burundi
Primate Abp Martin Blaise Nyaboho

National

Brisbane: Phillip Aspinall (Christa)

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Diocese of Adelaide

St John's, Adelaide: Peter Balabanski (Vicky)

Diocese of Willochra

Coober Pedy

Diocese of The Murray

The Hills (Strathalbyn): Thomas Karamakuzhiyil, Margaret Holt

Immediate Prayer

Natalie

Year's Mind

7th Marjorie Lachlan, Anne Meyer

8th Errold Prosper Pfitzner, Clarence Bath

9th Allen Starke

10th Alexander Bissland

11th Anthony David Mugg

12th Henry Edward Inger

13th Walter Franz Wehrstedt, Eric Thomas Thornton,
Helen Mary Iles

Ash Wednesday Services

17 February 2021

Imposition of ashes at all services

7:30am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

10:00am Holy Communion (*Nave*)

6:00pm Choral Eucharist

Nomination Committee Update

We are pleased to advise members of the Cathedral community that the position of Dean has been advertised in the print and online version of The Melbourne Anglican newspaper, the most appropriate location for such notices in Australia. The advert can also be found on the Adelaide Anglicans website, here: <https://adelaideanglicans.com/contact-support/positions-vacant/>. We hope and pray that the advert and other networks will bring the position to the attention of suitable candidates.

The advert includes a link to the Cathedral Profile, which has been prepared by the Nomination Committee with input from the Cathedral Council. The profile gives information about the Cathedral, the diocese and the city of Adelaide, and about our expectations of candidates for the position. In preparing the profile, it was especially helpful that so many members of the Cathedral community took part in the NCLS survey before lockdown last year, so we were able to include well-founded data about the congregation and its values and priorities.

Please continue to 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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

New to the Cathedral? Connect with us using the green Connect card or online

<http://www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/connect-with-us/>

Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold: 7pm on 1079Life. Tonight, Lynn's guest will be Jonathan Jackson, actor, singer and author of "The Mystery of Art: Becoming an Artist in the Image of God".

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

Adult Baptism and/or Confirmation: Adults wishing to be baptised and/or confirmed at Easter should speak to Dean Frank or one of the clergy ASAP.

Magdalene Centre Groceries: Sunday collections for the Magdalene Centre have resumed. Place your offering of long-life groceries in the baskets provided.

Palm Crosses: Please return your 2020 Palm Cross by Sunday 14 February 2021, so they can be burnt for Ash Wednesday 17 February.

Weekday Eucharists: Daily at 7:30am in the Lady Chapel from Monday February 1st.

Exploring Faith Matters - EfM: Susie Clarke sj.clarke1@bigpond.com and Jan Tregenza jtregenza@walford.asn.au are the mentors for this challenging and exciting adult learning opportunity. Meeting on Thursdays at 6.30pm at the Cathedral, EfM invites in-depth reading and study of the Bible, Church History and ancient and contemporary issues and thinking in the Church.

A Bounty of Beanies: Cathedral member Jennifer Bailey has begun a beanie collection project and aims to donate 500 beanies to AnglicareSA. Can you help? You can knit, crochet, donate wool, or buy a beanie and donate it to this great cause. Please bring your beanies and/or wool to the Cathedral and place in the box underneath the shop desk. For further details, including pattern advice, please contact Jennifer by email on [blessings16@optusnet.com.au](mailto: blessings16@optusnet.com.au)

Meeting God on Mondays: The Monday Study Group will meet tomorrow, Monday 8th February in the CP Hall at 10am. It will be lovely to gather again, to pray our Examen, to say our new psalm and to reflect on the story of Jesus' baptism. Please bring your own drinks. All are welcome.

Lenten Study Books - on sale in the Cathedral Shop: Our Lent Studies this year will commence on Mon Feb 22nd following Ash Wednesday on Feb 17th. Studies will be led by Canon Jenny on Mondays at 10am and by Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold on Mondays at 7pm. We will be studying Rowan Williams' book 'Candles in the Dark'. This powerful and timely book brings together 26 weekly Christian meditations originally posted online from March to September 2020, during lockdown in the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, for the congregation of Bp Rowan's local parish church. We will find 'Candles in the Dark' a book of insight and comfort as we journey through Lent this year. 'Candles in the Dark' is now available at the Cathedral Shop for \$20. **Please email Rachel** on events@stpeters-cathedral.org.au to register.

Keeping the Cathedral Open to Visitors:

More volunteers are needed to ensure the Cathedral remains open. Please consider joining this important ministry. In February we are looking to fill the following places:
Tuesday 9 February: 11am – 1pm
Wednesday 24 February: 11am – 1pm
Every Saturday afternoon 1pm – 3pm
Please call the Cathedral Office on 8267 4551 if you can assist.

Divine Intervention Exhibition Opening:

Saturday 13 February 2021 at 2pm, presented by The Friends of St Peter's Cathedral. Your \$10 ticket includes a drink on arrival, a savoury snack, and a raffle ticket. Book now: <https://www.trybooking.com/BODGW>

Organ meets Opera: Concert in the Cathedral on Sunday 14 February 2021 at 2pm.

Tickets: Adult \$35 | Concession \$20

Book online:

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

Dates for your Diary: As well as other notices in today's service sheets, please note the following dates:

17 February – Ash Wednesday

21 March – Annual Vestry Meeting followed by Cathedral family farewell to Dean Frank and Christine

4 April – Easter Day and Dean Frank's final service as Dean, Evensong at 6.00pm.

Following some holiday time in SA and quarantine in New Zealand, Frank and Christine will move to Dargaville, north of Auckland, where Frank will be vicar of the parish of North Wairoa.

A Gift for Frank and Christine: Frank and Christine are busy making their arrangements to move to New Zealand, including all the complications of quarantine. One very important ticket they need to buy is for their cat, Viva, and it turns out that pet travel is even more expensive than human travel! Viva has been a much-loved member of the Cathedral community (as well as a celebrated author!) As part of the Cathedral's parting gift to Frank and Christine in gratitude for their eight years with us, we plan to pay for Viva's relocation to their new life in Dargaville. We have opened a special bank account for this gift collection. If you would like to donate by electronic bank transfer, please use the following bank details:

BSB: 705-077

Account No: 00041316

Account name: St Peter's Cathedral Special Collections

If you would like to contribute by cash or cheque, please put your gift in a clearly marked envelope and drop it into the collection box on Sunday, or into the office during the week. It will also be possible to use EFTPOS at the shop on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for your donations.

– *Reuben Jacob, People's Warden,*
and *Kevin Stracey, Dean's Warden*

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2021

Epiphany 5

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 Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

WEEKDAYS

7:30am Eucharist

(Lady Chapel)

8:45am Morning Prayer

(Dean's Chapel)

WEDNESDAY

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

(Lady Chapel)

SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

Epiphany 6

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 Choral Evensong

Preacher: The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould



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