

Choral Evensong

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

6:00pm 5 September 2021

Welcome: The gospel reading today reminds me of the origin of the "*Prayer of Humble Access*" that we sometimes recite during the Eucharist. It says in part, "*We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.*"

Today we see Jesus breaking down very real social, and theological, barriers. Men did not speak with women; Jews did not associate with gentiles and pagans; the needs of the Jews were far more legitimate than the needs of women and pagans; perhaps especially pagan women.

It is when the woman accepts that she has no entitlement and suggests that all she needs is a mere crumb of his love, that Jesus acknowledges her need, and her apparent faith in him. Contrary to Jewish expectation he includes this woman in his love and mercy.

For us it is a powerful sign that our Lord wishes to override all human made barriers that have been created to exercise power over the lives of others. Far too often religion has been used as a tool for separation, rather than being an activity of love and unity. May we always recognise that the love we enjoy in Christ is not reserved for the elect. Only then will we be free to embrace and accept all people, even though their life expression and need may be very different from our own.

The Rev'd Adrian Stephens, Locum Dean

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Officiant

The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

Preacher

The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Canticles

Thomas Hewitt-Jones

The Berkeley Service

Responses

Aston

Choir

Trebles of St Peter's Cathedral Choir

Director of Music

Anthony Hunt

Organist

David Heah

Hymns: 778, 16, 673

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Please stand as the Choir and Clergy enter

The Officiant welcomes the Congregation

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 remain standing to sing the Office Hymn (masks must be worn while singing)

Hymn: #778 [Palace Green]	Sing praise to God who reigns above
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1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory!
2. The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing;
as with a mother's tender hand
he leads his own, his chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!
3. Thus all my gladsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises;
be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body bear your part:
to God all praise and glory!

Sei Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut, Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690)
translated by Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897)
Reproduced from *Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition*, number 778

Please sit as the Choir sings Psalm 146 (Chant: Roland Middleton)

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord:

yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man: for there is no help in them.

For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth:

and then all his thoughts perish.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help:

and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:

who keepeth his promise for ever.

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow:

as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore:

and throughout all generations.

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: Esther 2:1-11, 15-17 (read by Chris Goodes)

After these things, when the anger of King Ahasuerus had abated, he remembered Vashti and what she had done and what had been decreed against her. Then the king's servants who attended him said, 'Let beautiful young virgins be sought out for the king. And let the king appoint commissioners in all the provinces of his kingdom to gather all the beautiful young virgins to the harem in the citadel of Susa under the custody of Hegai, the king's eunuch, who is in charge of the women; let their cosmetic treatments be given them. And let the girl who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti.' This pleased the king, and he did so.

Now there was a Jew in the citadel of Susa whose name was Mordecai son of Jair son of Shimei son of Kish, a Benjaminite. Kish had been carried away from Jerusalem among the captives carried away with King Jeconiah of Judah, whom King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had carried away. Mordecai had brought up Hadassah, that is Esther, his cousin, for she had neither father nor mother; the girl was fair and beautiful, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai adopted her as his own daughter. So when the king's order and his edict were proclaimed, and when many young women were gathered in the citadel of Susa in the custody of Hegai, Esther also was taken into the king's palace and put in the custody of Hegai, who had charge of the women. The girl pleased him and won his favour, and he quickly provided her with her cosmetic treatments and her portion of food, and with seven chosen maids from the king's palace, and advanced her and her maids to the best place in the harem. Esther did not reveal her people or kindred, for Mordecai had charged her not to tell. Every day Mordecai would walk around in front of the court of the harem, to learn how Esther was and how she fared.

When the turn came for Esther daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had adopted her as his own daughter, to go in to the king, she asked for nothing except what Hegai the king's eunuch, who had charge of the women, advised. Now Esther was admired by all who saw her. When Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus in his royal palace in the tenth month, which is the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign, the king loved Esther more than all the other women; of all the virgins she won his favour and devotion, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

Here ends the first reading.

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: Mark 8:1-22 (read by Bill Goodes)

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, Jesus called his disciples and said to them, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way – and some of them have come from a great distance.' His disciples replied, 'How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?' He asked them, 'How many loaves do you have?' They said, 'Seven.' Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, asking him for a sign from heaven, to test him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, 'Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.'

And he left them, and getting into the boat again, he went across to the other side. Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. And he cautioned them, saying, 'Watch out – beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.' They said to one another, 'It is because we have no bread.' And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, 'Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?' They said to him, 'Twelve.' 'And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?' And they said to him, 'Seven.' Then he said to them, 'Do you not yet understand?'

They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him.

Here ends the second reading.

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 Responses 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 Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 stand to sing the Second Hymn (masks must be worn while singing)

Hymn: #16 [<i>Ar Hyd y Nos</i>]	God, that madest earth and heaven
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| <p>1. God, that madest earth and heaven,
darkness and light;
who the day for toil hast given,
for rest the night;
may thine angel-guards defend us,
slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
holy dreams and hopes attend us,
this livelong night.</p> | <p>2. Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
and, when we die,
may we in thy mighty keeping
all peaceful lie:
when the last dread call shall wake us,
do not thou our God forsake us,
but to reign in glory take us
with thee on high.</p> |
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Verse 1 Reginald Heber (1783–1826), Verse 2 Richard Whately (1787–1863)
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Please sit for the Sermon: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Silence may follow

The Choir sings the Anthem:

John Rutter (b. 1945) – *All things Bright and Beautiful*

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.	The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one;
Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.	He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.
The purple-headed mountain, The river running by, The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky;	All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Please kneel/sit for the Intercessions

Please stand to sing the Final Hymn (masks must be worn while singing)

Hymn: #673 [Monmouth]	I'll praise my Maker while I've breath
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| 1. I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death
praise shall employ
my nobler powers:
my days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought
and being last,
or immortality endures. | 3. The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind;
he sends the labouring
conscience peace;
he helps the stranger in distress,
the widow and
the fatherless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release. |
| 2. Happy are they whose hopes rely
on Israel's God! He made the sky,
and earth and sea,
with all their train:
his truth for ever stands secure;
he saves the oppressed,
he feeds the poor,
and none shall find his promise vain. | 4. I'll praise him while he lends me breath;
and when my voice is lost in death
praise shall employ
my nobler powers:
my days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought
and being last,
or immortality endures. |

Isaac Watts (1674–1748) based on Psalm 146

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Please remain standing for the Blessing

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all,
fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth
and the life of Christ in creation,
through whom all things are reconciled and renewed
And the blessing of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
who each create, save and sanctify us and all creation,
be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

You are invited to listen reflectively to the organ postlude

Alain (1911-1940) – Chorale Dorien

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers for Afghanistan: for the people of Afghanistan; for the 36,000 veterans who have been deployed to Afghanistan over the last 20 years and their families; for the safety of our ADF members currently deployed/deploying to evacuate Australian and Afghan citizens; for wisdom for Government and Defence leaders. (*Prayer points from The Bishop to the Defence Force, Grant Dibden, who as an officer in the ADF was deployed to Afghanistan*)

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.**

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Alan Smith, Peter Kelly, Margaret Brown, Brother Daniel SSF,
Chris, Geoff Eastick

Thank You for Blessings Received Cricket Fox, Peter Garland

Rest in Peace Philip Satchell

Year's Mind 5th Edward Gerald Radcliffe, Arthur Edward Kain,
George Shetliffe, Hilda MacRae Jamieson, Arthur Dibben
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Cathedral Opening Hours: The Cathedral is open for visiting and private prayer on Mondays from 11am-1pm, and Tuesday-Saturday from 11am-3pm.

Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold: 7pm on 1079Life. Tonight, Lynn's guest will be actor and musician Ben Cosford.

September Creation Study 2021: Both study groups start **this Monday!** It's still not too late to register – please email events@stpeters-cathedral.org.au or call the Cathedral Office if you wish to attend.

On Mondays in the month of September, Jenny Wilson and Lynn Arnold will each lead a study on “Creation and the Cross” by Elizabeth J. Johnson. This book engages in a conversation about a central Christian belief in a God who saves, and how this belief affects life and practice at our crucial ecological juncture. There is no need to purchase the book, as all materials will be supplied. The 10am group will be led by Jenny in the CP Hall, with the 7pm group led by Lynn in the John Dunn Room. Both groups commence on Monday 6 September for 4 weeks. Registrations are essential so we can keep our numbers COVID-safe.

Beanie Project: “Thank you to all those who knitted and contributed yarn to the ‘Beanies 500’ project. The project is now officially closed. We have realised our 500 beanies and they are now going to AnglicareSA. It was great to hear people saying how they got the knitting needles out for the first time in years! Again, thank you to all – you have made many people warm for years to come.” – Jennifer Bailey
P.S. Blanket project continues... 68 rows, 40 stitches, garter stitch, 8 ply acrylic yarn!

Company of Preachers: The next Company of Preachers event will be held in the CP Hall on Wednesday 15 September, 2pm-4pm. The third of four seminars for 2021 will be presented by The Rev'd Dr Jo Armour and Mr Peter Burke, and is entitled, “Preaching Justice”. All welcome to register at <https://companyofpreachers32021.eventbrite.com.au>

International Day of Peace Event: Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 6.30pm in the Cathedral: A Program
Commemorating the 2021 International Day of Peace: Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world. Featuring The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO as Keynote Speaker, and Guest Speakers Ms Nadia Rahim and Ms Gillian Aldridge OAM. Visit <http://www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/events/international-day-of-peace/> to register your attendance.
Program organisers: Pinnacle College, St Peter's Cathedral, City of Salisbury, Centacare, and Multifaith SA.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Pentecost 15

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

6:00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

WEEKDAYS

7:30am Eucharist

(Lady Chapel)

8:45am Morning Prayer

(Dean's Chapel)

WEDNESDAY

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

(Lady Chapel)

SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Pentecost 16

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 Adrian Stephens



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