

# Choral Evensong

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

6:00pm 12 September 2021

**Welcome:** Jesus asks a very important question of his disciples today. Initially he asks them who the people think he is, and they speak of John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets. It is all very vague and speculative. Jesus then asks, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter responds by stating that Jesus is the Messiah.

This question includes us. Who do we say Jesus is? This is a question that demands a very close and careful examination of our faith.

Where does our Lord fit in our thinking, our relationships, our conversations? Are we able to respond as Peter did and declare that Jesus is the Messiah? Will we explain that Jesus is the one who lived and died for our salvation? Or do we try to rationalise Jesus and turn him into a tame pet that we like to have around, so that he will come when we call.

The second part of the Gospel reading reflects the outcome of this approach. Peter wanted Jesus to stay, and he chastised him for speaking of his coming passion and death. Jesus' response was cutting and confronting. Our Lord is not to be confined to time and space. He is not a convenience. Jesus is our salvation.

*The Rev'd Adrian Stephens, Locum Dean*

*Officiant*

The Rev'd Peter Jin

*Preacher*

The Rev'd Adrian Stephens

*Canticles*

Mathias Jesus College Service

*Responses*

Ayleward

*Choir*

St Peter's Cathedral Choir

*Director of Music*

Anthony Hunt

*Organist*

David Heah

**Hymns: 603, 281, 663**

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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)*

<b>Hymn: #603</b> [ <i>Laus Deo (Redhead No. 46)</i> ]	<b>Bright the vision that delighted</b>
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| 1. Bright the vision that delighted<br>once the sight of Judah's seer;<br>sweet the countless tongues united<br>to entrance the prophet's ear. | 4. Heaven is still with glory ringing,<br>earth takes up the angels' cry,<br>'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,<br>'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.' |
| 2. Round the Lord in glory seated<br>cherubim and seraphim<br>filled his temple, and repeated<br>each to each the alternate hymn:              | 5. With his seraph train before him,<br>with his holy church below,<br>thus unite we to adore him,<br>bid we thus our anthem flow:                |
| 3. 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;<br>earth is with its fullness stored;<br>unto thee be glory given,<br>holy, holy, holy, Lord.'           | 6. 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;<br>earth is with its fullness stored;<br>unto thee be glory given,<br>holy, holy, holy, Lord.'              |

Richard Mant (1776–1848) based on Isaiah 6:1-6  
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*Please sit as the Choir sings Psalm 116 (Chant: Frederick Wadely)*

I am well pleased: that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;  
That he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.  
The snares of death compassed me round about:  
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.  
I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord:  
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.  
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous:  
yea, our God is merciful.  
The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.  
Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath rewarded thee.  
And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death:  
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.  
I will walk before the Lord: in the land of the living.  
I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled:  
I said in my haste, All men are liars.  
What reward shall I give unto the Lord:  
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?  
I will receive the cup of salvation: and call upon the Name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people:  
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.  
Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant:  
I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid;  
thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.  
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and will call upon the Name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people:  
in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.  
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: Esther 2:18-3:6 (read by Gerald Varley)*

Then the king gave a great banquet to all his officials and ministers – 'Esther's banquet.' He also granted a holiday to the provinces, and gave gifts with royal liberality.

When the virgins were being gathered together, Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate. Now Esther had not revealed her kindred or her people, as Mordecai had charged her; for Esther obeyed Mordecai just as when she was brought up by him. In those days, while Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, Bigthan and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, became angry and conspired to assassinate King Ahasuerus. But the matter came to the knowledge of Mordecai, and he told it to Queen Esther, and Esther told the king in the name of Mordecai.

When the affair was investigated and found to be so, both the men were hanged on the gallows. It was recorded in the book of the annals in the presence of the king.

After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the officials who were with him. And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and did obeisance to Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance. Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, 'Why do you disobey the king's command?' When they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them, they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would avail; for he had told them that he was a Jew. When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance to him, Haman was infuriated. But he thought it beneath him to lay hands on Mordecai alone. So, having been told who Mordecai's people were, Haman plotted to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

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 9:2-13 (read by Henry Vaughan)*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean. Then they asked him, 'Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?' He said to them, 'Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things. How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about 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. <i>(Please kneel/sit)</i>	
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 Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity*

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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)*

<b>Hymn: #281 [Carlisle]</b>	<b>'Tis good, Lord, to be here</b>
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| 1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,<br>thy glory fills the night;<br>thy face and garments, like the sun,<br>shine with unborrowed light. | 3. Fulfiller of the past,<br>promise of things to be,<br>we hail thy body glorified,<br>and our redemption see.                   |
| 2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,<br>thy beauty to behold,<br>where Moses and Elijah stand,<br>thy messengers of old.                   | 4. Before we taste of death,<br>we see thy kingdom come;<br>we fain would hold the vision bright,<br>and make this hill our home. |
| 5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,<br>yet we may not remain;<br>but since thou bidst us leave the mount,<br>come with us to the plain.   |   |

Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858–1933)

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*Please sit for the Sermon: The Rev'd Adrian Stephens*

*Silence may follow*

*The Choir sings the Anthem:*

William Mathias (1934-1992) – *Let the people praise thee*

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,  
and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: [yea] let all the people praise thee.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God,  
shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.  
God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance,  
and be merciful unto us.

That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

– *Psalm 67*

*Please kneel/sit for the Intercessions*

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

**Hymn: #663 [Coe Fen]**

**How shall I sing that majesty**

1. How shall I sing that majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?
2. Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face.  
They sing, because thou art their Sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun  
there alleluias be.
3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part  
with that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.
4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.

John Mason (c.1645–1694)

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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 Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*You are invited to listen reflectively to the organ postlude*

*Alain (1911-1940) – Litanies, JA 119*

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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.**

<b>International</b>	The Anglican Church of Tanzania Primate Abp Maimbo Mndolwa
<b>National</b>	Grafton: Murray Harvey (Leanne)
<b>South Australia</b>	
<i>Diocese of Adelaide</i>	Retired Clergy
<i>Diocese of Willochra</i>	Leigh Creek (Blinman, Hawker, Leigh Creek, the North East): Trevor Briggs (Anne), Arthur Tanner (Jane)
<i>Diocese of The Murray</i>	Upper Limestone Coast (Tatiara)
<b>Immediate Prayer</b>	Diana Singh, Max Lennard, Rosalie Shaw, Henry Nicholls, Alan Smith, Peter Kelly, Brother Daniel SSF, Chris, Geoff Eastick
<b>Long Term Prayer</b>	Cynthia Thomas, Nicholas Tipping, Bridie Maxwell, Meredith Chesterman, Edna Allison, Heather Scott, Mary Halczuk, Bob, John Pearse, Ossy Grotto, Richard Haselgrove, Liz Johnson, Anne Hogben, Cricket Fox, Pauline Van Buren, Peter Garland, Natalia
<b>Rest in Peace</b>	Peter Muffet (brother of Lindy Driver), Margaret Brown
<b>Year's Mind</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Wilford Gordon Williams, Clynton Spooner, Henri Nouwen 13 <sup>th</sup> Richard Adderley Campbell, Rawden Rickaby Robinson 14 <sup>th</sup> Leonie Fowler 15 <sup>th</sup> Edwin Gilbert ("Joe") Fulwood, Colin George Bridgman 16 <sup>th</sup> Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Gilbert Wilson, Ailsa Pfitzner, William Arthur Curran, May Elsie Neale 17 <sup>th</sup> Harold Woolnough, Arthur James Kendall Baker, William Pitcher, Luke Taylor 18 <sup>th</sup> Jean Maxwell-Wright

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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 Greg Sheridan, discussing his latest book *Christians: The Urgent Case for Jesus in our World*.

**One Welcomer Needed:** On Saturday 18 September from 11am-1pm, one extra volunteer welcomer is needed. If you are available to help, please contact Cathedral Office. Keeping the Cathedral open in these uncertain COVID times remains a challenge, and we are extremely grateful to all volunteers on the welcomers' roster for their dedication and support. Thank you, all!

**Concert in the Cathedral:** This Saturday 18 September at 2pm, the City of Adelaide Concert Band will give a free concert in the Cathedral. For more information and online bookings, please visit the link below: [www.trybooking.com/BTAXV](http://www.trybooking.com/BTAXV)

**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 12<sup>TH</sup> 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*

## WEEKDAYS

7:30am Eucharist

*(Lady Chapel)*

8:45am Morning Prayer

*(Dean's Chapel)*

## WEDNESDAY

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

*(Lady Chapel)*

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

*Pentecost 17*

**8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

*Preacher: The Rev'd Adrian Stephens*

**10:30am Choral Eucharist**

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**6:00pm Choral Evensong**

*Preacher: The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould*



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