

Choral Evensong

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

6:00pm 19 September 2021

Welcome: When Jesus constantly tells his disciples of what will happen in the future, they cannot understand. When he tells them for the umpteenth time, they still do not understand. We can imagine the frustration that Jesus must have felt: "What is it about death and resurrection that confuses you?" The disciples want Jesus to be their trophy. They want to hang out with him and see glory in his miracles. They want power in the new order.

How very human! Our Lord has no such plans for them. What they will receive is the violent removal of their friend and miracle worker.

What they will receive is persecution and abuse. What they will receive is fear and trepidation. That is what they will receive, until they do come to understand the true message before them.

The true message is that they will become servants. They will become messengers. They will become people chosen by God to teach the true meaning of Jesus' words regarding his death and resurrection. Salvation in Christ will become their cry. Eternal life and how it is given to us is their God-given role.

When we are confused about the death and resurrection of Christ, we are reminded that we too are servants, messengers, and teachers of the love of God and salvation in Christ.

The Rev'd Adrian Stephens, Locum Dean

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Officiant

The Rev'd Adrian Stephens

Preacher

The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Canticles

Murrill *in E*

Responses

Sanders

Choir

St Peter's Cathedral Choir

Director of Music

Anthony Hunt

Organist

Coby Mellor

Hymns: 2, 528, 779

St Peter's
nurturing spirit and mind
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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: #2 [Ratisbon]	Christ, whose glory fills the skies
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| 1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear. | 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart. |
| 3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day. | |

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
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Please sit as the Choir sings Psalm 54 (Chant: Charles Macpherson)

Save me, O God, for thy Name's sake: and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God: and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me:

and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord:

because it is so comfortable.

For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble:

and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

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 3:8-11,15-4:5,12-14 (read by Kevin Stracey)

Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, 'There is a certain people scattered and separated among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not appropriate for the king to tolerate them. If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued for their destruction, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, so that they may put it into the king's treasuries.' So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. The king said to Haman, 'The money is given to you, and the people as well, to do with them as it seems good to you.' The couriers went quickly by order of the king, and the decree was issued in the citadel of Susa. The king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Susa was thrown into confusion.

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.'

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 9:14-29 (read by Kirsty Munro)

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, 'What are you arguing about with them?' Someone from the crowd answered him, 'Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so.' He answered them, 'You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.' And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it threw the boy into convulsions, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, 'How long has this been happening to him?' And he said, 'From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.' Jesus said to him, 'If you are able! — All things can be done for the one who believes.' Immediately the father of the child cried out, 'I believe; help my unbelief!' When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, 'You spirit that keep this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!' After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, 'He is dead.' But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, 'Why could we not cast it out?' He said to them, 'This kind can come out only through prayer.'

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 Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; 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: #528 [Ottery St Mary]

Lord, if faith is disenchanted

1. Lord, if faith is disenchanted,
if our pain persists too long,
show us that your love is planted
deeper far than all time's wrong.
2. If we feel ourselves forsaken,
overwhelmed by sin and grief,
prove your love, though faith is shaken,
deeper than our unbelief.
3. Where injustice and oppression
make the poor and weak despair,
prove your love's profound compassion,
deeper than their deepest prayer.
4. When the children, Lord, are dying,
anguished parents asking, 'Why?',
prove your love, in grief and crying,
deeper than grief's deepest cry.
5. Let the cross, your love's perfection,
present with us all along,
prove itself, in resurrection,
deeper far than all time's wrong.

Alan Gaunt (b. 1935)

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Please sit for the Sermon: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Silence may follow

The Choir sings the Anthem:

Anthony Hunt (b. 1981) – *I lift up my eyes to the hills*

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time on and forevermore. – *Psalms 121*

Please kneel/sit for the Intercessions

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

Hymn: #779 [*Cross of Jesus*]

Sing, my soul, when hope is sleeping

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| 1. Sing, my soul, when hope is sleeping,
sing when faith gives way to fears;
sing to melt the ice of sadness,
making way for joy through tears. | 3. Sing, my soul, of him who shaped me,
let me wander far away,
ran with open arms to greet me,
brought me home again to stay. |
| 2. Sing, my soul, when sickness lingers,
sing to dull the sharpest pain;
sing to set the spirit leaping:
healing needs a glad refrain. | 4. Sing, my soul, when light seems darkest,
sing when night refuses rest,
sing though death should mock the future:
what's to come by God is blessed. |

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

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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

Alec Rowley (1892-1958) – Resurgam

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers for Afghanistan: God of the nations, have mercy on your broken and divided world. Guide us to live in peace with each other and remove from us all that makes for war. May we learn to live together in peace. We pray for people who are in conflict and think at this time of the people of Afghanistan. Take away prejudice, cruelty, and revenge. Grant that all barriers between your people may be removed and may suspicion disappear and hatred cease. We offer our prayer in our faith, hope, and through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** (*Based on Prayers for the World and the Nation, page 202, APBA*)

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 Church of the Province of Uganda Primate Abp Stephen Kazlimba
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<i>Diocese of Adelaide</i>	Area Deanery of Adelaide: Jenny Wilson (Nicholas)
<i>Diocese of Willochra</i>	The Parish of Flinders Plain (Port Broughton, Crystal Brook and the Cathedral Parish of SS Peter and Paul Port Pirie): Mark Hawkes (Fiona), Sandra Bryson, Lettie Allen
<i>Diocese of The Murray</i>	Southern Suburbs: Cliff Greaves, Andrew Forder (Debra), Richard Burr (Rhiannon), Deacon Carol Cornwall (John), Deacon Jonathan Jackson (Rebecca)
Immediate Prayer	Diana Singh, Max Lennard, Rosalie Shaw, Henry Nicholls, Alan Smith, Peter Kelly, Brother Daniel SSF, Chris, Geoff Eastick, Anne Fitzgerald
Long Term Prayer	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
Rest in Peace	The Rev'd Peter Clifford
Year's Mind	19 th James Thacker 20 th John William Clark, Bill Schroder 21 st Sydney Rayner, Colin Phillips 22 nd Edith Mary Biggs, Vernon Desmond Hartwig 25 th Richard Southey, Charles Soward Hornabrook

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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 Timothy Pietsch, manager of *Wantok Place*, museum of Papua New Guinea (PNG) artefacts owned by the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) and governed by the LCA Committee for International Mission.

Clergy in the Regions: Canon Jenny Wilson is guest preacher this morning at St Matthew's Church, Hamilton in the Parish of Kapunda, and the Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould will be leading a Taizé service this evening at St Augustine's Victor Harbor.

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.

Weekday Evensong: On Wednesday 29 September, a special Choral Evensong service will be sung in the Cathedral for St Michael & All Angels. All welcome.

Rank on Rank: The next event in the St Peter's Cathedral Music Foundation's Concert Series is just under one month away! On Saturday 16 October 2021, Cathedral Organist David Heah will present a sparkling program, exploring the full range of the recently restored Cathedral Organ. David will take you on a musical tour of this most complex of machines, with fascinating insights into the inner workings of the King of Instruments. Including music by Mendelssohn, Boëllmann and Howells. Book your tickets online at www.trybooking.com/BQKGD, or call the Cathedral Office.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Pentecost 17

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher: The Rev'd Adrian Stephens

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Adrian Stephens

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 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Pentecost 18

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

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