

Choral Evensong

The Third Sunday in Advent – Gaudete Sunday

6:00pm 12 December 2021

Welcome:

The ransomed of the Lord shall return!

Has God gone to sleep; we often wonder? Have we been abandoned? Does God even care? These thoughts are not just ours, but the people of Judah during the time of Isaiah were wondering the same thing. Isaiah chapters 40 – 66 are generally believed to come to us from the time of Cyrus of Persia (539 B.C.E), and the author(s) are looking forward to the time of restoration and return after deportation to Babylon. The people of the time, however, needed convincing. Isaiah meets them with a word of promise – ‘the oppressed shall be released ...’ Why? Because ‘I am the Lord your God ... and ‘you are my people’ (Isa 51: 15 – 16).

The Advent theme of waiting is an important one. Salvation has come to us, but we wait for its completion. Patience is needed. We live by faith because God is who God promises to be, and we are who God says we are. We wait in joyful expectation for ‘the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing ... and sorrow and sighing shall flee away’ (Isa 51: 11). These are wonderful words of promise and hope, and they are ours!

Welcome to the Cathedral this evening. I trust you enjoy the worship, and that God fills you with all peace and joy as we prepare for Christmas and Jesus Christ’s return.

The Right Rev’d Chris McLeod - Dean

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Officiant

The Rev’d Peter Jin

Preacher

The Right Rev’d Chris McLeod

Canticles

Hewitt-Jones *Berkeley Service*

Responses

Nardone

Choir

Trebles of St Peter's Cathedral
Choir

Director of Music

Anthony Hunt

Organist

David Heah

Hymns: 37, 258, 751

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Please stand as the Choir and Clergy enter

The Officiant welcomes the Congregation

The Cantor 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: # 37 [Highwood]

Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing

1. Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
 stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
 Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
 Is it the music of his people's prayer?
2. Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
 shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
 surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
 glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!
3. This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
 This shall he do, and can we still despair?
 Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
 cast at his feet the burden of our care.

4. Through life and death, through sorrow and through sinning,
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

Frederic William Henry Myers (1843–1901)

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Please sit as the Choir sings Psalm 18:18-26 (Chant: Paul Walton)

They prevented me in the day of my trouble; but the Lord was my upholder.

He brought me forth also into a place of liberty:

he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.

The Lord shall reward me after my righteous dealing:

according to the cleanness of my hands shall he recompense me.

Because I have kept the ways of the Lord:

and have not forsaken my God, as the wicked doth.

For I have an eye unto all his laws:

and will not cast out his commandments from me.

I was also uncorrupt before him: and eschewed mine own wickedness.

Therefore shall the Lord reward me after my righteous dealing:

and according unto the cleanness of my hands in his eye-sight.

With the holy thou shalt be holy: and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect.

With the clean thou shalt be clean:

and with the froward thou shalt learn frowardness.

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: Isaiah 51:9-16 (read by Chris Goodes)

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord!

Awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago!

Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon?

Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep;

who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to cross over?

So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

I, I am he who comforts you; why then are you afraid of a mere mortal who must die,
a human being who fades like grass?

You have forgotten the Lord, your Maker,

who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth.

You fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor,

who is bent on destruction. But where is the fury of the oppressor?

The oppressed shall speedily be released;

they shall not die and go down to the Pit, nor shall they lack bread.

For I am the Lord your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar –
the Lord of hosts is his name.

I have put my words in your mouth, and hidden you in the shadow of my hand,
stretching out the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth,
and saying to Zion, 'You are my people.'

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: John 3:22-36 (read by Bill Goodes)

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized – John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.

Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.' John answered, 'No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, "I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him." He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.' The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

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 Cantor 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 Third Sunday in Advent

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **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: #258 [Hereford]	O thou who camest from above
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| 1. O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart! | 3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me. |
| 2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise. | 4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete. |

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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Please sit for the Sermon: The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

Silence may follow

The Choir sings the Anthem:

Margaret Rizza (b1929) – *Christ as a light*

Christ as a light, illumine and guide me;

Christ as a shield, overshadow and cover me.

Christ be under me, Christ be over me;

Christ be beside me on left hand and on right.

Christ be before me, behind and about me;

Christ this day be within and around me.

St Patrick (387-461)

Please kneel/sit for the Intercessions

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

Hymn: #751 [Cornwall]

O love divine, how sweet thou art!

1. O love divine, how sweet thou art!
When shall I find my longing heart
all taken up by thee?
I thirst, I faint, I die to prove
the greatness of redeeming love,
the love of Christ to me.
2. Stronger his love than death or hell;
its riches are unsearchable:
the first-born sons of light
desire in vain its depth to see;
they cannot reach the mystery,
the length and breadth and height.
3. God only knows the love of God;
O that it now were shed abroad
in this poor stony heart!
For love I sigh, for love I pine;
this only portion, Lord, be mine,
be mine this better part.
4. For ever would I take my seat
with Mary at the Master's feet:
be this my happy choice;
my only care, delight, and bliss,
my joy, my heaven on earth, be this,
to hear the Bridegroom's voice!
5. Thy only love do I require,
nothing on earth beneath desire,
nothing in heaven above:
let earth and heaven, and all things go,
give me thine only love to know,
give me thine only love.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876), Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
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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

Bairstow (1874-1946) - *Prelude on Veni Emmanuel*

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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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Immediate Prayer	Edna Allison, Anne Hogben, Margaret Minnis, Alison Lockett, Katie Calvert, Diana Singh, Jennifer Bailey
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	18 th Harold Aubrey Williams, Alan Hayward

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Meeting God on Mondays

The Monday Study Group will meet tomorrow, Monday 13 December at 10am in the CP Hall, to reflect on Christmas.

Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold:

7pm on 1079Life. Tonight, Lynn's guest will be The Rev'd Dr Michael Jensen, much published author and commentator on sociological and theological issues

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2021 Christmas at St Peter's Cathedral

Sunday 19 December 2021

6:00pm: Blue Christmas Service (Evening service with hymns)

A reflective service for Christmas. The simple act of lighting a candle serves to remind us that the darkness has not overcome the light. (John 1:5)

Wednesday 22 December 2021

7:00pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Cathedral Choir and Organ

CHRISTMAS EVE Friday 24 December 2021

4:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod

7:00pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Cathedral Choir and Organ

Booking via Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVWYY>

11:00pm The First Eucharist of Christmas (Midnight Mass)

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Most Rev'd Geoff Smith, Archbishop of Adelaide

The Cathedral Choir and Organ

Booking via Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVXAK>

CHRISTMAS DAY Saturday 25 December 2021

8:00am Holy Communion (BC) with Carols

Celebrant: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Preacher: The Rev'd Peter Jin

10:00am Festive Choral Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod

Booking via Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVXBR>

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2021

Advent III – Gaudete Sunday

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 Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

WEEKDAYS

7:30am Eucharist

(Lady Chapel)

8:45am Morning Prayer

(Dean's Chapel)

WEDNESDAY

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

(Lady Chapel)

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2021

Advent IV

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher: The Rev'd Peter Jin

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Peter Jin

6:00pm Blue Christmas



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