Festive Choral Eucharist

10AM - CHRISTMAS DAY

25th December 2021

Celebrant and Preacher The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod Dean of St Peter's Cathedral

Deacon: The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould Subdeacon: Carol Sim Master of Ceremonies: Larissa Bailey

Mass Setting: Hunt – St Peter's Setting Director of Music: Anthony Hunt Choir: The St Peter's Cathedral Choir Organist: David Heah

St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide

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8:00am	Eucharist (BCP)
10:30am	Sung Eucharist

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06:00pm	Night Prayer

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Regular service schedule will resume on Sunday 30 January 2022.

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Welcome from the Dean

Christmas is one of the happiest of seasons. It has been greatly challenged in recent years due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but Christmas is still with us. Nothing can take that away. At the heart of Christmas, of course, is the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the middle of all our wonderful festivities and celebrations stands this truth that Jesus is truly the 'reason for the season'. Our worship services proclaim this through the beauty of scripture, liturgy, and music.

In all the busyness of Christmas it is good to be reminded of the simplicity which is at its heart. In the child Jesus God comes to the world in love. It is a story of redemption. God comes to bring us back to God. As we look out into our world we are confronted with anger, war, injustice, disease, racism, hatred, sexism, abuse, and, sadly, the list could go on. The world is in desperate need of God. Christmas is not just a celebration, but it is also a proclamation. The message is Good News! God has come into his world and wants to put it right. Christmas acknowledges this and asks us to join God in this mission.

Susan and I bring you Christmas greetings, and we pray for peace on earth and good will for all. May your Christmas season be a joyful and blessed one.

The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod, Dean



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- 1. O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him Born the King of Angels: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- God of God, Light of Light, Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, Begotten, not created: O come, let us adore him...
- 3. See how the shepherds, Summoned to his cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear; We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps O come, let us adore him...
- 6. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God in the highest: O come, let us adore him...

7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore him...

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The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given. – *Isaiah 9:2, 6*

Let us pray: (*please kneel/sit*)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen. *The Choir sings the Kyrie* Kyrie eleison *Lord, have mercy*

Christe eleison *Christ, have mercy* Kyrie eleison *Lord, have mercy*

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to God, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith; pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as the Choir sing the Gloria (sung in Latin)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please remain standing for the Collect

God Most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Please sit for the reading: Isaiah* 9.2-7 (*Read by Kevin Stracey, Dean's Warden*) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hear the word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96 (*Chant: Jonathon Bielby*)

O sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name: proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations: and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: he is more to be feared than all gods. As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols: it is the Lord who made the heavens. Majesty and glory are before him: beauty and power are in his sanctuary. Render to the Lord, you families of the nations: render to the Lord glory and might. Render to the Lord the honour due to his name: bring offerings and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him. Say among the nations that the Lord is king: he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved; and he shall judge the peoples with equity. Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:

let the sea roar, and all that fills it: Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them: then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord; For he comes, he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Please sit for the reading: Titus 2:11-14 (Read by The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson) For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

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

- 'Glory to God!' all heav'n with joy is ringing; angels proclaim the gospel of Christ's birth,
 'Glory to God!', and still their song is bringing good news of God incarnate here on earth.
- 2 Lowly in wonder shepherds kneel before him, no gift to bring save love of heart and mind: come like those shepherds, sing his praise, adore him, a babe so weak, yet Saviour of mankind.
- 3 Humble, yet regal, wise men kneel before him, gold, incense, myrrh, their gifts to Christ they bring: come like those wise men, sing his praise, adore him a babe so poor and modest, yet a King.
- 4 Though now no crib or cradle is concealing Jesus our Lord in that far-distant shrine, Christ at each eucharist is still revealing his very self in forms of bread and wine.

Music: Highwood R R Terry (1865-1988) Words: John Edward Bowers (b. 1923) Reproduced from Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition, number 63 Words: © John E. Bowers Gospel Reading: Luke 2.1-20

Choir sings: Alleluia!
All sing:

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Al - le-lu - ia!

All sing:



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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This is the Gospel of the Lord,

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All sing:



Please sit

Children are invited to follow the gospel procession to the crib.

Prayer at the Crib

O God the Son, highest and holiest, you humbled yourself to share our birth and our death: bring us with the shepherds and the wise men to kneel before your holy cradle, that we may come to sing with your angels your glorious praises in heaven; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Trebles sing "Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Children are invited to go to the Cynthia Poulton Hall for some special Christmas craft activities, re-joining their parents later in the service. They are also welcome to remain in the Cathedral if they prefer.

The Sermon: The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod *Silence may follow*

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

1	Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew, come to make all things new; bear his people's burden, freely love and pardon.	3	Mary, hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed. In her womb, God is laid: till the time expected, nurtured and protected,
	Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing! When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?	4	Journey ends! Where afar Bethlem shines, like a star, stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry!
2	God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan: he will come, as a man, born himself of woman, God divinely human.		Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring ! sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing ! Jesus comes ! Jesus comes ! We will make him welcome !

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Please remain standing for the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel/sit for the prayers of the Church, led by The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

Let us bring before God our needs and the needs of the world.

We keep silence for a moment

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

Wonderful Counsellor,

give your wisdom to the rulers of the nations.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Mighty God,

make the whole world know that the government is on your shoulder.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father, establish your reign of justice and righteousness for ever, and bring healing in this time of pandemic.

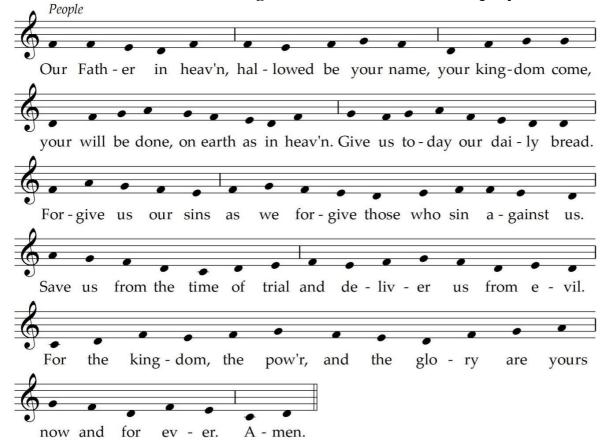
Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Prince of peace, bring in the endless kingdom of your peace. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:



Please stand for the Greeting of Peace A child has been born for us, a son given to us: And his name is called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

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

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
- 2. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth; For Christ is born of Mary; And, gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love
- 3. How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.
- 4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell: O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

Music: FOREST GREEN, English Traditional Harmony: R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Descant: David Hill (1957-) Words: Bishop P. Brooks (1835–1893) Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition, number **79**

Please remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Choir sings: Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

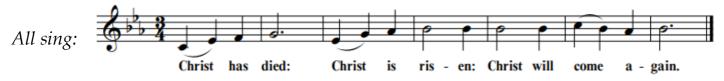
Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

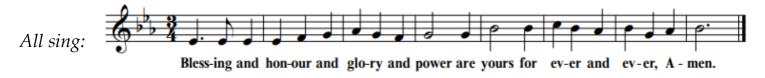
After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread**.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please kneel/sit as the Choir sings: Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered at the Nave platform. **Please follow the guidance of stewards and servers and approach the altar via the central aisle, returning via the side aisles.** Gluten free bread is available at the Nave platform only; please ask for this from the priest giving communion. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward and receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal).

During the administration of Holy Communion the Choir will sing carols.

Prayers after Communion (please kneel/sit)

God of heaven, dwelling among us, we thank you for feeding us with this holy food. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh that as his body in the world we may bring your presence to all people.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

Please stand to sing the Post-Communion Hymn (masks must be worn while singing)

1. Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King, Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, **Risen with healing in his wings:** Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King

Music: MENDELSSOHN Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847) Descant: Anthony Hunt (b 1981) Words: C. Wesley (1707-1788) and others Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition, number 66

Please remain standing for the Blessing

May Christ our infant saviour give you the joy of the Bethlehem shepherds, the awe of the worshipping sages and the humility and love of the holy family: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please remain standing as the Choir and Clergy depart in procession.

You are invited to listen reflectively to the postlude: Henri Mulet (1878-1967) Carillion-Sortie

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

Wishing you a blessed, holy and happy Christmas.

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