

Ascension Day

6.00pm Choral Eucharist

Thursday 26 May 2022



Celebrant

The Rev'd Peter Jin

Preacher

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Music Setting

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo

Choir

St Peter's Cathedral Choir

Director of Music

Anthony Hunt

Cathedral Organist

David Heah

Hymns: 227, 686, 224, 491

St Peter's Cathedral strives to be a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, mission-oriented, faith community.

The Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kaurna people whom we acknowledge as the original custodians of the Adelaide Region.

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CATHEDRAL

Please stand to sing the Introit Hymn

Hymn: #227 [*Diademata*]

Crown him with many crowns

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God has raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named. *Ephesians 1.20–21*

Please kneel/sit

Let us pray:

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.

Christ has entered heaven itself there to appear before God on our behalf.

The Choir sings the Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy

Christe eleison

Christ, have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

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.

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 sings the Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,

adoramus te, glorificamus te,

gratias agimus tibi

propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

we worship you,

almighty God and Father,

we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram;
qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
Tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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 of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the first reading: Acts 1:1-11 (Read by Kevin Stracey)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings Psalm 110 (Chant: Herbert Murrill)

The Lord said to my lord:

‘Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’

The Lord commits to you the sceptre of your power:

reign from Zion in the midst of your enemies.

Noble are you, from the day of your birth upon the holy hill:

radiant are you, even from the womb, in the morning dew of your youth.

The Lord has sworn and will not turn back:

‘You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.’

The king shall stand at your right hand, O Lord:

and shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

Glorious in majesty, he shall judge among the nations:

and shatter heads over a wide land.

He shall slake his thirst from the brook beside the way:

therefore shall he lift up his head.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 (Read by Lavinia Gent)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

Hymn: #686 [Metzler's Redhead No 66]

Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire

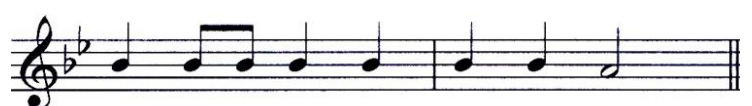
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Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All sing



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ

Then Jesus said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All sing



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ

Please sit for the Sermon: The Rev'd Peter Jin

Silence may follow

Please kneel/sit for the Intercessions

Let us pray for the world and for the Church

The intercessor concludes:

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray

People

Our Fath - er in heav'n, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heav'n. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
 Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain standing to sing the Offertory Hymn

Hymn: #224 [Christchurch]

Ascended Christ, who gained

Please remain standing

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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.

You have highly exalted him, and given him the name which is above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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

The Choir Sings the Sanctus & Benedictus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus
Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

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 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:

All sing:  Christ has died: Christ is ris - en: Christ will come a - gain.

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:

All sing:  Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power are yours for ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

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.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Come, let us celebrate the feast. Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Alleluia!

Please kneel/sit as the Choir sings the Agnus Dei (Plainchant)

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered at the nave platform in one kind (bread) only. If wearing a mask, please keep it on as you line up.

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). Gluten free bread is available; please ask for this from the priest giving communion.

During the administration of Holy Communion the Choir will sing the Ascension Day Motet:

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956) *God is gone up*

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:
Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

Edward Taylor 1646?-1729

Please kneel/sit

God of glory you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to preach the gospel of the kingdom. Strengthen us who share this meal to continue his mission by living the good news we proclaim.

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. Amen.

Please stand to sing the Post-Communion Hymn

Hymn: #491 [Engelberg]

Go to the world! Go into all the earth

Please remain standing for the Blessing

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; 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.**

You are invited to listen reflectively to the postlude, played by Anthony Hunt:

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992) – *Transports de joie* from *L'Ascension*

"Outbursts of joy from a soul before the Glory of Christ, which is its own glory"