

BCP EUCHARIST PROPERS

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2022

8AM



A warm welcome to St Peter's Cathedral as we gather for worship this morning.

St Peter's Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kurna people. We give thanks for their ancestors and acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country. We are committed to work and pray towards a more just settlement for all Indigenous people and pay our respect to First Nations people with us.

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

Welcome to our time of worship together. We will shortly hear the beautiful Song of Mary, a biblical piece which our Archbishop, Geoffrey Smith, has suggested is a call to a radical rethinking of what the message of Joy at Christmastime should mean to us all – a message that is a call to all the faithful to be active participants in fulfilling those words we say in the Lord's prayer – 'Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' Further reflecting on Mary's song, writing in C4, St Ephrem wrote: 'Christ, the Light of the World, dwelt first in the womb of the Virgin ... and then in the womb of the Jordan; he emerged from both as the Incarnate Word, the Savior of mankind. Those who are baptized thus become children of Mary and partakers of the body, blood, and divinity of her Son'

At our 10.30am service today, there will be a sacrament of baptism; so, in the light of Mary's Song and the words of St Ephrem, I will be exploring the significance of the holy sacrament of baptism.

Blessings,

The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Celebrant: The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Readers: David Docwra, Alyson Morrison

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COLLECT

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.**

CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Celebrant Today is the third Sunday in Advent.
We light a candle each week to remind us that Jesus brings light into the dark places of the world.

Reader We light the candle of hope to proclaim that God's light is coming into the world.

The first candle (purple, the Candle of Hope) is lit

Reader We light the candle of peace to proclaim that God's promises will be fulfilled in the birth of Jesus – Prince of Peace.

The second candle (purple, the Candle of Faith) is lit

Celebrant We rejoice and sing out with gladness at the message of God's salvation.

Reader We light the candle of joy to celebrate that God's saving power is coming into the world.

The third candle (pink, the Candle of Joy) is lit

All **God of joy, we rejoice as we look forward to your breaking into human history, revealing in person your justice and your love. Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

ISAIAH 35.1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus

it shall blossom abundantly,

and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord ,

the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,

and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And 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.

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

THE SONG OF MARY

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:

from this day all generations will call me blessed;

The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:

to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James.

JAMES 5.7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

The Holy Gospel is written in the 11th Chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 2nd verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord

MATTHEW 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see:

the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



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Diocese of Willochra The Copper Coast (Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo): Sarah Wiles (Steve)

Diocese of The Murray Upper Limestone Coast (Naracoorte): Wayne Corker

For the People

We hold before God all those who have asked for our prayers, particularly:

Immediate Prayer: Marion Ferguson, Heather Scott, Audrey, Peter Black, David Shephard, David Thomas, Jean Arnold

Long Term Prayer: Francis Brooks, Peter Garland, Michael Ford, Max Lennard, Chris, Cynthia Thomas, Bridie Maxwell, Meredith Chesterman, Vernon Lewis, Pauline Van Buren, Alisha Coe-Fox, Anne Hogben, Matilda Lane, Patsy & Joan, Helena Fernandes, Norton and Judy Schenscher, Cricket Fox, Daniella

We pray for those whose years mind occurs at this time:

11th Anthony John Sims Bridgman

12th Sybil Longman

Wal Trogler

Frances Fielden

Lesley Anne Taylor-Maddern

13th John Charles Bannon

15th Betty Gurney

Garry Green

Samuel Raymond Baron Cornish

David Robin

Gordon Hugh St Aidan Oakey

Colin Brown

17th Reginald William Mathews

NOTICES

Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold – Tonight Lynn Arnold's guests will be The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould and The Rev'd Juliana Si to talk about the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of women to the Priesthood celebrations.

Tea/coffee after regular services:

Our community has slowly been returning to having morning tea on a semi-regular basis. We are now able to have the following gatherings:

- The Wednesday 10am community have tea and coffee after the first Wednesday each month. The next gathering will take place on Wednesday 4th January
- The Sunday 8am community have tea and coffee after the first Sunday of each month, The next gathering will take place on Sunday 1st January
- After the 10:30am service, please join us for tea and coffee provided every week from now until December 18th.

New opportunities for Welcomers - We are delighted to be opening the Cathedral morning and afternoon, 10.30-1 and 1-3.30 from this month. If you are interested in volunteering to help us achieve this, please contact Suzanne in the office. Even one shift a month would help. Training provided.

Brass and Silver Polishing - The small, dedicated, and friendly team of brass and silver polishers are looking for willing hearts and hands to help with this rewarding task. Meet once a fortnight on a Friday or Saturday morning; no prior experience needed. **All welcome!** For more information or to express an interest, please contact Ranjini on 0412 790 544, or the Cathedral Office.

Planned Giving – The Cathedral is migrating its Planned Giving Bank Account to Anglican Funds SA. Please arrange for your Planned Giving to go to BSB: 705-077, Account No: 00040056, Account Name: St Peter's Cathedral Planned Giving, Reference: Your Name.

Company of Preachers Book Group - A joint initiative with St Barnabas College. You are warmly invited to join the Company of Preachers Book Group on the second Wednesday each month 2-3pm at St Barnabas College, in person and on Zoom. Our next meeting will take place this Wednesday – 14th December. Please contact Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson at jwilson@stpeters-cathedral.org.au for further details.

Company of Preachers – Entering the Year of Matthew – A date for our diaries!

On Wednesday 1st February at 7pm, Rev'd Professor Vicki Balabanski, Principal of the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology, will give a lecture on Matthew's Gospel - in the Cynthia Poulton Hall at St Peter's Cathedral. As we enter the Year of Matthew, this lecture will give inspiration to not only preachers but to bible study leaders, parishioners and all who find wisdom in the scriptures.

Happy birthday to the Friends of St Peter's Cathedral - 90 years old on 8th December 2022. We will celebrate with birthday cake at morning tea on Sunday 11th December. Please join us in the CP hall after the 10.30 service.

Donate flowers for our Christmas display – The Cathedral flower guild are planning a 'garden Christmas' this year! If you have holly or blue and white agapanthus in your garden with some to spare, we'd be happy to receive some. They can be left at the Cathedral or office on Thursday 22nd December during opening hours - Julie and Elspeth will be collecting.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

For some services, the West Doors of the Cathedral are not opened. Please make your way to the northern (carpark) side of the Cathedral and enter through the St Barnabas Porch.

MON 12TH DEC	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	9.15am	Morning Prayer (St Barnabas College)
	10:30am-1:00pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
TUES 13TH DEC	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
WED 14TH DEC	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:00am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
THURS 15TH DEC	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
FRI 16TH DEC	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
SAT 17TH DEC		Closed
SUN 18TH DEC FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:00am	Eucharist from The Book of Common Prayer
	10:30am	Choral Eucharist Preacher – The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson
	6:00pm	Blue Christmas Service Preacher – The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

CATHEDRAL STAFF

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