



# BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

6:00pm • 18 November 2022

St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide

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Organist: Anthony Hunt

Hymns: 45, 79

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Welcome to St Peter's Cathedral as we gather on this final Sunday night before Christmas, the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We know that the telling of the story of the Birth of the Christ Child is coming. Our task is a gentle one ....to embrace the waiting.

For many, we approach Christmas hoping to know it a season of joy and hope. For many, perhaps all of us, the joy is woven with the sadnesses of our own lives, the griefs in our families' lives, the struggles of the world in which we live. For some of us, the grief is all we can know at Christmas. And so, at this service of Blue Christmas, we spend time with that grief. We will light candles, we will listen to the music of the organ, we will ponder words of scripture and we will sing hymns.

As we gather this night, may we know that the God of love who was born as a baby in Bethlehem is with us, may we know that the light of God's love shines in the darkness.

*Jenny Wilson, Canon Precentor*

*Please stand as the procession enters*

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners to repentance,

**have mercy on us.**

Lord Jesus, sent to heal those who are burdened in soul,

**have mercy on us.**

Lord Jesus, now seated at the Father's right hand to intercede for us.

**have mercy on us.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**who made heaven and earth.**

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

**Praise the Lord!**

*Please join in singing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - a song of people in darkness longing for God's light. It is not calling us to rejoice in the worldly form of the word, but calling our spirits and souls to reflect the true hope and joy that only God can give.*

## **HYMN 45 – O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (VENI EMMANUEL)**

**1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**4. O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**5. O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866) translated from Latin Advent Antiphons

Music: Melody adapted from a French Missal by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

harmonised by Noël Tredinnick (b. 1949), descant by David Iliff (b. 1939)

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*The Christ Candle (Paschal Candle) is lit*

We light this candle, the candle of Christ's light and life, and symbol of God's presence with us even in the darkness. We remember all who gaze into the night sky with longing and with hope, all who listen for the song of the angels. We pray that this light will also kindle a flame of hope in our heavy hearts.

*Other candles are lit from the Christ Candle*

We light this **candle of memory and loss**, inviting Christ's light into our darkness. We remember those we have loved and lost. We acknowledge our sorrow and we look to the light in hope.

We light this **candle of compassion and community** in honour of the hope and support we have received from family and friends who have walked with us. We thank you, Holy God, for your expression of love through them.

We light this **candle of wisdom** as a prayer for the grace to accept what cannot be changed and to move forward even when our hearts are raging against the pain. May we be at peace in Christ's light.

We light this **candle of faith**, believing that even when we feel most alone, you, O Lord, are with us; even when we deny you and run from you, your love never changes. May our faith be strengthened day by day.

*Please listen reflectively as the organist plays*

*All are invited to light a candle at any of the stations on the Nave Platform. There is no hurry. Let your candle burn as a symbol of light and hope.*

## THE COLLECTS

Father of all, we pray to you for those whom we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the first reading*

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ruth

RUTH 4:9-22

Boaz said to the elders and all the people, 'Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses.' Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, 'We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.'

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

Hear the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Psalm*

## PSALM 80.7-19 (Spoken)

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

**The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches;**

**it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.**

Why then have you broken down its walls,

so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

**The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.**

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;

have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

**They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;**

**may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.  
**Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.**  
**Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:**  
**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated for the second reading*

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

MATTHEW 1:1-6(7-16)17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Hear the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## **REFLECTION**

The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod

*Please listen reflectively as the organist plays*

*Please kneel/sit*

## THE PRAYERS

*Led by The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson*

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the Hymn*

### **HYMN 79 – O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (FOREST GREEN)**

**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 wondering love.**

**3. How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
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.**

WORDS: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) MUSIC: English traditional melody harmonised by  
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) last verse arrangement by Thomas Armstrong (1898-1994)  
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May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

You are invited to listen reflectively to the organ postlude:  
Pietro Yon (1886-1943) *Gesu Bambino*

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



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*Diocese of The Murray*          Southern Suburbs: Cliff Greaves, Andrew Forder (Debra), Deacon Carol Cornwall (John)

## 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, 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:

18th    Alan Hayward

19th    Geoffrey Tremayne Sambell  
         Kenneth William George Treagus

20th    Hazel Shirley Whittney

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# Christmas at St Peter's Cathedral

## All Welcome

### Sunday 18 December 2022

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

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

### CHRISTMAS EVE

#### Saturday 24 December 2022

4:00pm: **Children's Crib Service**

Children are invited to come dressed as characters from the  
Christmas story. This service will last approximately one hour.

7:00pm: **Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**

With the St Peter's Cathedral Choir and Cathedral Organ  
*TO BE LIVESTREAMED*

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

Doors open at 10.15pm (not ticketed)  
With the St Peter's Cathedral Choir and Cathedral Organ  
*TO BE LIVESTREAMED*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

#### Sunday 25 December 2022

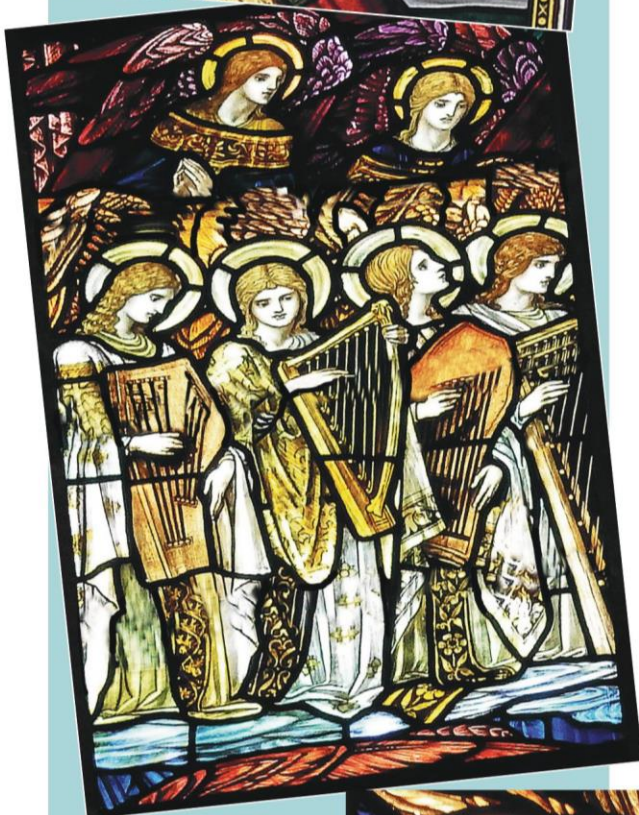
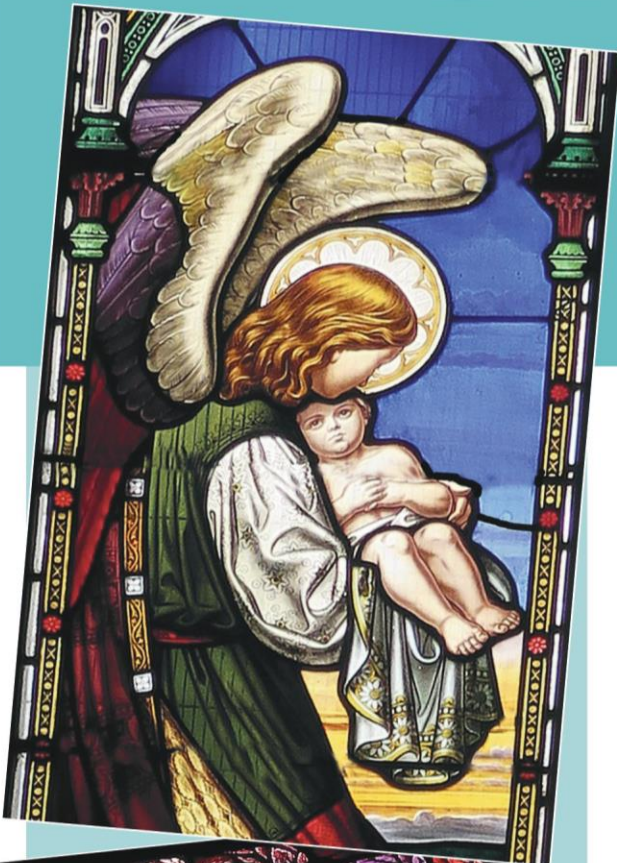
8:00am: **Holy Communion (BCP) with Carols**

10:00am: **Festive Choral Eucharist**

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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.

<b>MON 19<sup>TH</sup> NOV</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	9.15am	Morning Prayer (St Barnabas College)
	10:30am-1:00pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>TUES 20<sup>TH</sup> NOV</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>WED 21<sup>ST</sup> NOV</b> THOMAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR	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)
<b>THURS 22<sup>ND</sup> DEC</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>FRI 23<sup>RD</sup> DEC</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	4:00pm	Children's Crib Service
	7:00pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
	11:00pm	First Eucharist of Christmas (Midnight Mass)
<b>SUN 25<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b> THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS DAY	8:00am	Eucharist from The Book of Common Prayer Preacher – The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO
	10:00am	Choral Eucharist Preacher – The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

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