



THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF

Christmas

11:00pm • 24th December 2022

St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide

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The Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith
Archbishop of Adelaide

Deacon: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson
Dean: The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod

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Choir: The St Peter's Cathedral Choir
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A message from the Dean

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. (Isaiah 9: 6)

Christmas is a time of great joy and celebration. At the heart of Christmas is the story we know so well – the birth of Jesus. We often say, ‘Jesus is the reason for the season’, which is entirely true, of course! At Christmas we celebrate that God is Emmanuel (God with us). God is with us all year long, not just at Christmas. I hope you had a sense of this over the last year. The world we live in needs to remember and celebrate the story of Jesus and God’s ongoing presence with us. We proclaim that Jesus is the ‘Prince of Peace’, and the world we live in certainly needs to hear this truth. As we celebrate Christmas with great joy, let us also pray and work for peace. The message of Christmas has the power to change the world!

On behalf of the clergy and staff of St Peter’s Cathedral I wish you God’s blessings, providence and peace for Christmas and the New Year.

The Rt Rev’d Chris McLeod, Dean

Please stand when the handbell rings.

The Choir enters in procession followed by the Altar party.

The baby Jesus is carried in procession and placed in the crib by the youngest chorister singing tonight.

All sing

**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: David Willcocks (1919-2015)
Words: C. Wesley (1707-1788) and others
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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 sit/kneel

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 (in English or Greek)

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy Kyrie eléison
Christ, have mercy Christe eléison
Lord, have mercy Kyrie eléison

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Silence may be kept.

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, 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.

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 (in English or Latin)

GLORIA

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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 coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, 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.

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please sit for the first reading: (read by Reuben Jacob, the People's Warden)

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

ISAIAH 9:2-7

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.

The Choir sings

PSALM 96

Chant: Coby Mellor

*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 second reading: (read by Susan McLeod)

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO TITUS

TITUS 2:11-14

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

1. **It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
'Through all the earth, goodwill and peace
from heaven's all-gracious king!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**
2. **With sorrow brought by sin and strife
the world has suffered long
and, since the angels sang, have passed
two thousand years of wrong:
the nations, still at war, hear not
the love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise and cease the strife,
to hear the angels sing!**
3. **And still the days are hastening on –
by prophets seen of old –
towards the fulness of the time
when comes the age foretold:
then earth and heaven renewed shall see
the prince of peace, their king;
and all the world repeat their song
which now the angels sing.**

Music: English traditional melody. Adapted by Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)
Words: Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876) by Jubilate Hymns
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Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The choir sings the alleluia, which is repeated by the congregation



*I bring you news of great joy:
today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.*

After the verse, the alleluia is sung again by all

THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

LUKE 2:1-20



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!'

Please stand

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

THE PRAYERS

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

Silence may be kept to aid reflection and private prayer

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 expectation.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

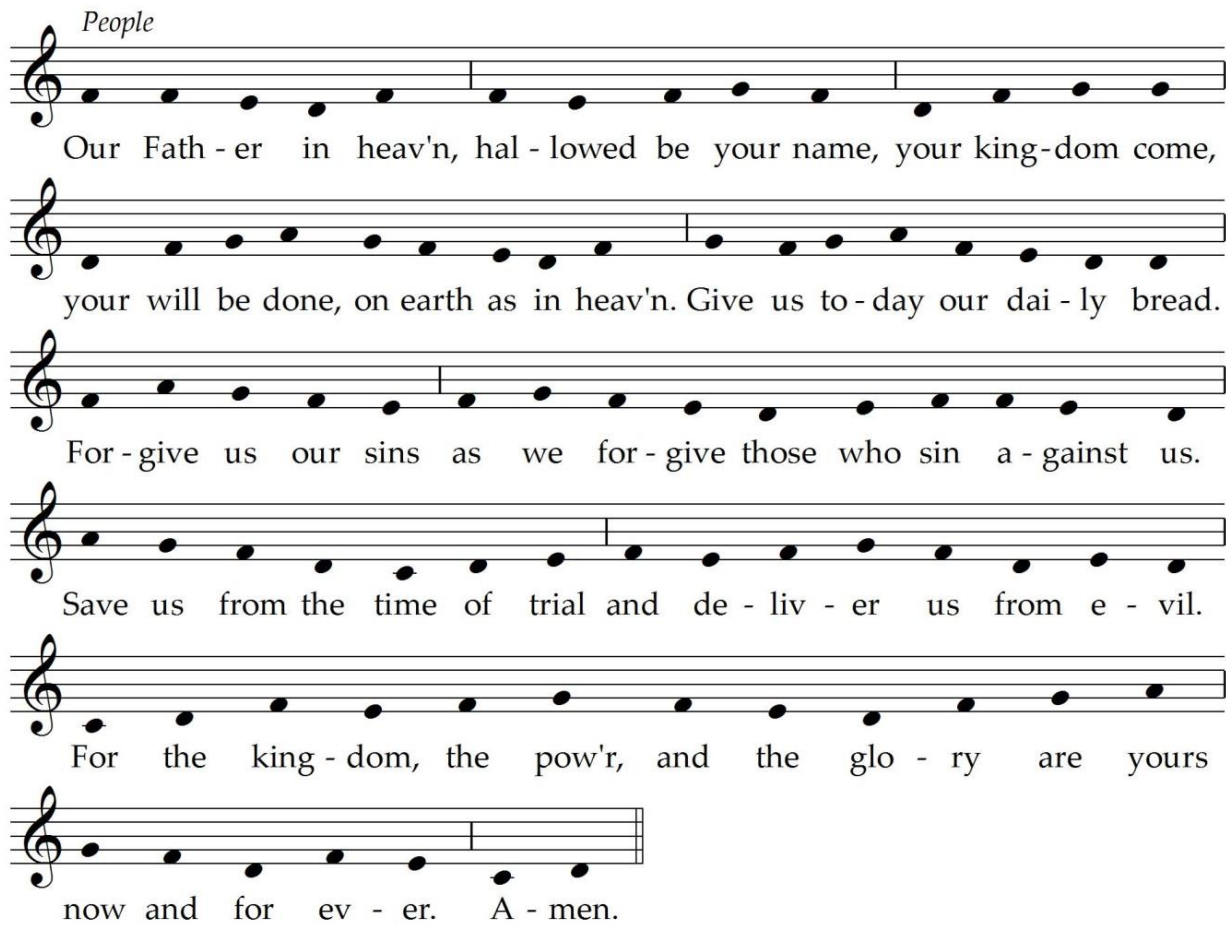
Prince of Peace, bring in the endless kingdom of your peace.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

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

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

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

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. *Words:* Bishop P. Brooks (1835–1893)
Harmony: R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) *Descant:* David Hill (1957 -)
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Please remain standing

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.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: '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.

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:

The Choir sings (in English or Latin)

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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:



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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

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 (in English or Latin)

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

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

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.

Gluten free bread is available at the Nave Altar.

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 Communion the Choir will sing a selection of Christmas Carols.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

Father, **we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Please stand to sing

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!**
2. **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...**
4. **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...**
5. **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...**

*Music: ADESTE FIDELES att. J.F. Wade 1711–1786. Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)
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Please remain standing

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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. After this, you are invited to sit and listen to the organ postlude.

Louis Vierne (1870-1937) *Carillon de Longpont, Op. 31 No. 21*



*Wishing you a blessed,
holy, and happy Christmas.*

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Mon 11.00am-1:00pm

Tues-Fri 10.30am-3:30pm

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8:00am Eucharist (BCP)

10:30am Sung Eucharist

6:00pm Night Prayer

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Wednesday 7:30am & 10:00am Eucharist

Friday 7:30am Eucharist

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