



BCP HOLY COMMUNION

Christmas DAY

8:00am • 25th December 2022

St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide

Welcome!

St Peter's Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kaurna 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

Celebrant:

The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould

Preacher:

The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Organist:

Marco Callisto

Hymns:

70, 79, 78

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Welcome 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 as the Clergy enter

Please kneel/ sit

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. (Read by Joanna Goldsworthy)

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.

PSALM 96

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.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to Titus. (Read by Stephen Hayter)

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 the song
which now the angels sing.**

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THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the 1st verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord

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!'

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.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please remain standing

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 sit at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Following the sermon, a brief period of silence may be kept to aid reflection.

THE PRAYERS 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.**

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

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 shoulders.

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.

Please stand 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.**

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Please kneel/sit

THE GENERAL CONFESSIOIN

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St. Matthew 11:28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

St. John 3:16

Let us pray:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**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.**

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and with thy Holy and Life-giving Spirit vouchsafe to bless and sanctify both us and these thy gifts of Bread and Wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to the end that we, receiving the same, may be strengthened both in body and soul.

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, according to his holy institution, entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

And with thy spirit.

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world; grant us thy peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

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).

Please kneel/ sit

THE THANKSGIVING

Having now by faith received the precious Body and Blood of Christ, let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Please stand and say together

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

Please remain standing 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. 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...**

**4. 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)

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Please remain standing

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 Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please remain standing as the Clergy depart in procession.
You are invited to listen reflectively to the organ postlude*

James Mitchell, *Festival Toccata*



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8:00am Eucharist (BCP)

10:30am Sung Eucharist

6:00pm Night Prayer

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