

10:30 AM

Welcome to St Peter's Cathedral. We are delighted to have you worship with us today for this Choral Eucharist from A Prayer Book for Australia. Please join us in saying the words in bold. The hymns can be found in the separate hymn book. All indications for sitting, kneeling, and standing are a guide only: please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

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.

Biblical prophets were concerned with announcing God's judgement and restoration during a national crisis. Their message often contained a call to repentance, often in the hope that a national return to God would stave off the impending judgement. However, their message was not all doom and gloom. The biblical prophets offered hope, as well. Such is the message we find in this morning's Old Testament lesson, Isaiah 40: 1-11.

At the heart of this biblical prophecy is a pointing away from ourselves to the reign of God present among us. Christian prophecy does not make rash and irresponsible predictions, it invites people to consider the Kingdom of God, and its values, in a world that has grown weary. The Kingdoms of this world will inevitably fail and disappoint, but the Kingdom of God will stand forever. John the Baptist saw this and prepared the way for it.

Blessings,

The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod

Dean

Celebrant & Preacher: The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith

Readers: Susan Beal, Lavinia Gent

Intercessor: Wendy Dawes

Choir: Trebles of St Peter's Cathedral Choir

Conductor: Anthony Hunt

Organist: David Heah

Hymns: 39, 51, 99, 46

When the handbell rings, please stand to sing

The Choir is joined by the Junior Song School Choristers for this hymn.

HYMN 39 – HILLS OF THE NORTH, REJOICE (LITTLE CORNARD)

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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

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

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

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

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

**Faithful God, we thank you for fulfilling your promise of a Saviour.
May we be ready to receive the Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our
path. Amen.**

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

MARK 13.31

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

KYRIE

Anthony Hunt (b.1981) *Communion Service for Trebles*

<i>Kyrie eléison</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
<i>Christe eléison</i>	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
<i>Kyrie eléison</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, 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.**

The Choir sings

TRISAGION

*Agios o Theos, Agios ischyros, Agios athanatos, Eleison imas.
Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, Have mercy on us.*

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 40.1–11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
All flesh is grass;
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers; the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers; the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms
and carry them in his bosom
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

PSALM 85.1-2,8-13

Chant: Charles Lloyd (1849-1919)

*O Lord, you were gracious to your land: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people: and covered all their sin.
I will hear what the Lord God will speak:*

*for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him: and his glory shall dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
Truth shall flourish out of the earth: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will also give us all that is good: and our land shall yield its plenty.
For righteousness shall go before him: and tread the path before his feet.*

SECOND READING

2 PETER 3.8–15a

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

HYMN 51 – THE LORD WILL COME, AND NOT BE SLOW (ST STEPHEN)

During the hymn, children are invited to gather at the rear of the nave in the centre aisle to listen to the Gospel together. After the Gospel they will follow the procession to the altar and then move to the Cynthia Poulton Hall for Cathedral Kids. They will return to the Cathedral in time for Holy Communion.

Please remain standing

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



*Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all shall see the salvation of God.*

After the verse, the alleluia is sung again by all.

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL

MARK 1.1–8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way,
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’ ”

so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

The organist plays as the procession returns to the altar. Cathedral Kids, please move towards the altar now. Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith

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

Please stand

THE NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Please sit / kneel

The prayers conclude

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



Our Fa - ther 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 - li - ver us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er. A - men.

Notices may be given before the Greeting of Peace.

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 singing:

The choir sings

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS Anthony Hunt (b.1981) *Communion Service for Trebles*

*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 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:



When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Je - sus, un-til you come in glo - ry.

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:



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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE 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 sit / kneel. The choir sings

AGNUS DEI

Anthony Hunt (b.1981) *Communion Service for Trebles*

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

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

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

ANTHEM

Peter Warlock (1894-1934) *Adam lay ybounden*

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond,

Four thousand winter thought he not too long;

And all was for an apple, and apple that he took,

As clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,

Ne had never Our Lady ybeen heavene Queen.

Blessed be the time that apple taken was:

Therefore we moun singen: Deo Gratias.

Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to come forward and receive Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available on request. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward to receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal to the priest).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God for whom we wait, we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful that we may be ready to stand before him on the day of his coming.

Keep us in this hope that we have grasped; so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

Please stand to sing the Post-Communion Hymn

HYMN 46 – ON JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST’S CRY (WINCHESTER NEW)

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon 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.

After this, you are invited to sit to listen to the organ postlude.

POSTLUDE

Pietro Yon (1886–1943) *Toccata on the Gregorian Hymn*
"Creator alme siderum", from the *First Religious Suite for Organ*



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NOTICES

Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold (7 pm on 1079Life)

Lynn Arnold's program this week will feature Dr Peter Cahalan, foundation CEO of the History Trust of SA. They will be talking about matters sacred and secular in South Australia's history.

Tea/coffee after regular services: Our community offer hospitality at the following times:

- The Wednesday 10 am community have tea & coffee after the first Wednesday each month. The next gathering will take place on Wednesday 3 January.
- The Sunday 8 am community have tea & coffee after the first Sunday of each month. The next gathering will take place on Sunday 7 January.
- After the 10.30 am Eucharist, there is tea and coffee provided every week *other than on 24 December (10 am) and 31 December.*

Anglicare Christmas Hampers

There has been an amazing, wonderful and generous response to the Anglicare Christmas Hamper Appeal and Toy Drive. The number of hampers donated totalled a massive 118, in addition to a substantial pile of toys. Thank you to everyone who donated to both the hampers and the toys, many struggling families will benefit from your generosity.

Music Foundation performances of Handel's *Messiah*

The final Music Foundation Concert for the year is the performance of *Messiah* on 22 and 23 December. Tickets are available via the QR code or website, or at the door, if available.



Donate a star for the Cathedral Christmas tree supporting the ABM AID Al-Ahli Hospital Emergency Appeal

During December special envelopes will be available for donating a star for this ABM AID Emergency Appeal. Cash donations of any amount can be made in the envelopes or Eftpos donations can be made at the Cathedral Shop. Every star represents a donation to this vital appeal. Please help make our Cathedral Christmas tree shine with an abundance of stars, guiding the whole world into the way of peace this Christmas.

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 final meeting for the year will take place this Wednesday – 13th December. Please contact Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson at jwilson@stpeters-cathedral.org.au for further details.

Flowers for Christmas

The current abundance of beautiful blooming agapanthus in Adelaide gardens is a joyful sight and a sign that the season of Advent is here. Julie and Elspeth from the Cathedral flower team are seeking parishioners support in providing flowers for Christmas. Following our garden theme from last year we are seeking blue or white agapanthus and holly. We are particularly keen to have some holly!

In these times of financial constraints rather than buying flowers we want to use what is in our gardens. If you are able to help with these flowers please bring them to the Cathedral on Thursday 21st December where buckets will be available for you to place them in. Thank you in anticipation.

Blue Christmas Service next Sunday Evensong

Christmas can be a time when we struggle with the loss of loved ones, with loneliness, with pain as we witness the violence in the world, with questions about whether our lives have meaning and purpose. A Blue Christmas service of candle lighting, music, readings and prayers will take place at St Peter's Cathedral on Sunday 17th December at 6pm. The service led by Cathedral clergy and Syntony Choir will be a place to ponder the love of God when we are in a place of grief and struggle. We do hope you will join us.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the Church

International

The Church of Pakistan (United)
Moderator Archbishop Azad Marshall

National

Bishop to the Armed Forces: Grant Dibden (Jeanette)

South Australia

Diocese of Adelaide

Church Missionary Society: Mark Peterson (Alison)

Diocese of Willochra

Ministry District of Eyre (Colton, Cummins, Elliston, Minnipa, Sheringa, Tumby Bay, Wudinna): *vacant*

Diocese of The Murray

Mount Gambier (Mount Gambier, Mount Schank): Neil Fernando (Nalini)

For the People

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

Immediate Prayer: David, Christine Chomel, Oliver (WCH), Sarah Boorman, Stephen Lane, Sandra Morrison, Audrey Ball.

Long Term Prayer: Francis Brooks, Peter Garland, Max Lennard, Chris, Bridie Maxwell, Meredith Chesterman, Vernon Lewis, Pauline Van Buren, Alisha Coe-Fox, Anne Hogben, Matilda Lane, Helena Fernandes, Cricket Fox, Daniella, Heather Scott, Peter Black, Jean Arnold, Martin Reece, Norton & Judy Schenscher, Joseph Burgess (WCH), John Hankin, Brooke Garry.

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

- 10th Catherine Berry
- 11th Anthony John Sims Bridgeman
- 12th James Welsh
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

The Cathedral is compiling a database of the lives of those whose names appear on the Year's Mind list. If you have any biographical details of any of the people remembered today, please contact Stuart Langshaw - langshawstuart@gmail.com

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Saturday 23rd December 7pm
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Christmas at St Peter's Cathedral

All Welcome

Sunday 17 December 2023

**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) With Syntony Chamber Choir and Cathedral Organ.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday 24 December 2023

10:00am: Sung Eucharist service

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 Cathedral Choir, Cathedral Organ, and Brass

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

Doors open at 10.15pm

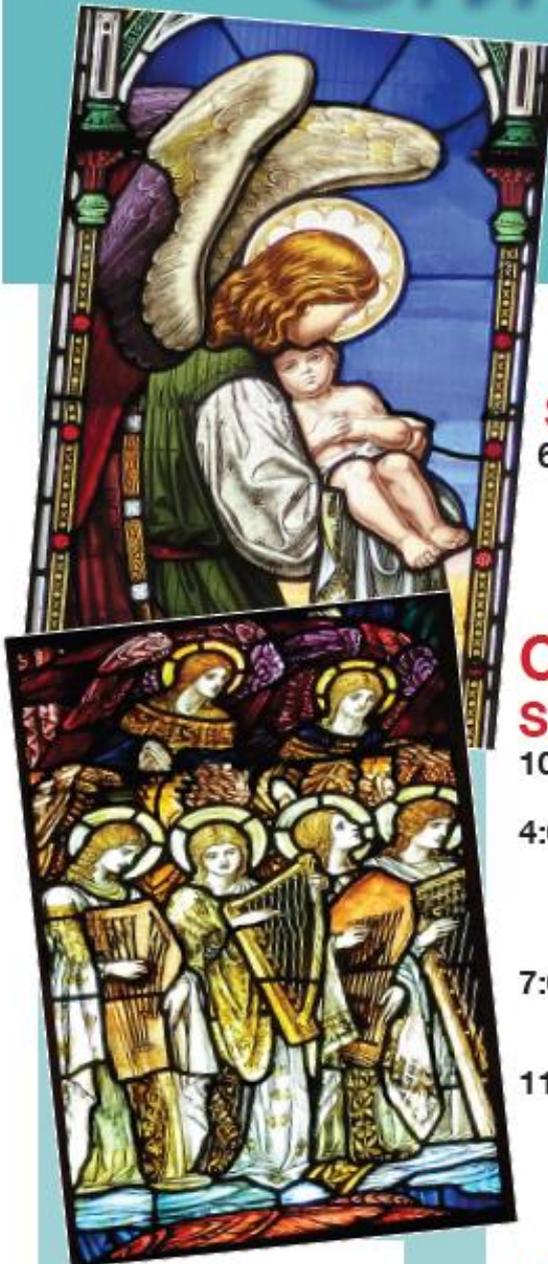
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CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 25 December 2023

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

10:00am: Festive Choral Eucharist



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

CATHEDRAL STAFF

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