

CHORAL EVENSONG
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023

6 PM

Welcome to St Peter's Cathedral. We are delighted to have you worship with us today for this service of Choral Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer. As the choir and clergy lead this service, allow the music and words to bring you into a stillness and prayerful reflection with God. Please join us in saying the words in bold. The hymns can be found in the separate hymn book. Indications for sitting, kneeling, and standing are a guide only.

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-
Today we are keeping the feast of Christ the King.

Have you ever heard the saying, "If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is?" In the second reading this evening we will hear how Zechariah was visited by an angel and told the wonderful news that he and his wife Elizabeth would conceive and bear a child, despite their advanced age. For Zechariah this sounded too good to be true, and he questioned that this could actually happen. His reaction was based on wanting to understand that this was a possibility, instead of having faith that God could make it happen. We too can become focused on trying to understand how various parts of the Christmas story could have happened, but having some answers does not automatically lead to faith, and we will never have all the answers. Believing in our Triune God is not based on facts, but our trust in God's faithfulness to us.

Blessings,

The Rev'd Sally Sandford-Morgan

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson
Preacher: The Rev'd Sally Sandford-Morgan
Readers: Michael Doherty, Henry Vaughan
Choir: Lay Clerks of St Peter's Cathedral Choir
Conductor: Anthony Hunt
Organist: David Heah
Hymns: 48, 603, 319

Please stand as the clergy and choir enter.

INTROIT

*Nesciens mater virgo virum
peperit sine dolore
salvatorem saeculorum.
Ipsum regem angelorum
sola virgo lactabat,
ubere de caelo pleno.*

Thomas Bytteryng (c. early 14th c) *Nesciens Mater*

Knowing no man, the Virgin mother
bore, without pain,
the Saviour of the world.
He, the king of angels,
only the Virgin suckled,
breasts filled by heaven.

PRECES

Bernard Rose (1916-96)

○ Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Remain standing to sing the Office Hymn

HYMN 48 – SING WE OF THE KINGDOM (POWERSTOCK)

Please be seated. The choir sings

PSALM 87

Chant: Henry Harding (1855-1930)

*Her foundations are upon the holy hills:
the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
Very excellent things are spoken of thee: thou city of God.
I will think upon Rahab and Babylon: - with them that know me.
Behold ye the Philistines also: and they of Tyre with the Morians lo, there was he born.
And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her: and the most High shall stablish her.
The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people: that he was born there.
The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse: All my fresh springs shall be in thee.*

Please stand

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

Please sit

FIRST LESSON

MALACHI 3.1-10

The Lesson is written in the 3rd Chapter of the Book of Malachi, beginning at verse 1.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

Here endeth the lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

MAGNIFICAT

Anthony Hunt (b.1981) *ATB Canticles*

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

he hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please sit

SECOND LESSON

LUKE 1.5-25

The Lesson is written in the 1st chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 5th verse.

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.'

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favourably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

Here endeth the lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Anthony Hunt (b.1981) *ATB Canticles*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,

which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

to be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Remain standing

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Remain standing. The choir sings

THE LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES

Bernard Rose (1916-96)

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please kneel/sit

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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. Amen.*

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please remain seated. The choir sings

ANTHEM

Anthony Hunt (b.1981) *There is a balm in Gilead*

*There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.*

Please kneel or remain seated

THE PRAYERS

Please stand to sing the Second Hymn

HYMN 603 – BRIGHT THE VISION THAT DELIGHTED (LAUS DEO)

During this hymn a collection is taken to support the work of the Cathedral.

For online or electronic donations, please refer to the details below the Blessing. Many choose to make regular donations electronically or by using envelopes. Complete a Planned Giving form to become a regular and faithful financial supporter of the ministry of the Cathedral.

Please sit

SERMON The Rev'd Sally Sandford-Morgan

Please stand to sing the Final Hymn.

<p>HYMN 319 – SING WE THE PRAISES OF THE GREAT FORERUNNER (DIVA SERVATRIX)</p>

Remain standing

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.

After this, you are invited to sit to listen to the organ postlude played by organ scholar, Charlie Wells.

POSTLUDE

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) *Cantabile* from the 6th Symphony



Thank you for worshipping with us today. The life and work of this Cathedral is made possible through the generosity of individuals like you. Your gift helps us to maintain this iconic building for all people to enjoy, to continue a strong music and liturgy tradition, and to support the mission of the Church. You can donate in these ways:

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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, Syntony Chamber Choir and organ 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.

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Friday 22nd December 7pm
Saturday 23rd December 7pm
St Peter's Cathedral



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 1:6) 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

With the St Peter's Cathedral Choir and Cathedral Organ.

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 25 December 2023

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

10:00am: Festive Choral Eucharist



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, Heather Scott.

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, 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

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

Dean	The Right Reverend Chris McLeod
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Honorary Assistant Priest	The Reverend Joan Claring-Bould
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Assistant Director of Music	Andrew Chatterton
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