

Welcome to St Peter's Cathedral. We are delighted to have you worship with us today for this service of Night Prayer, exploring hope.

Please join us in saying the words in bold. The hymn can be found in the separate red hymn book. All indications for sitting, kneeling, and standing are a guide only.

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.

At the morning Eucharists today, we formally farewelled the Rev'd Sally Sandford-Morgan. Sally has been with us a little over a year and she has endeared herself to the Cathedral community. Sally has shown a particular gift for caring for those in need and supporting mission here and overseas. We will miss her as she goes to begin ministry as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Lockleys. We know that Sally will do a great job there and she goes with our prayerful support. We look forward to catching up with Sally as she attends the Cathedral from time to time for Diocesan celebrations. We hope that her brief time in formation here has been a positive and helpful one.

As we say goodbye to Sally, we welcome back the Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson, our Precentor, from a well-deserved holiday break. The choir return to services next week. Our thanks to the Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold for overseeing the beautiful offering of Night Prayer during Sundays in January.

I trust you enjoy our worship today.

Blessings,

The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod
Dean

The Officiant welcomes the congregation.

A SERVICE OF LIGHT

Please kneel/ sit

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. In him was life, and the life was the light of all.

Jesus Christ is the light is the world.

A light no darkness can extinguish.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise and thank you, O God, for you are without beginning and without end. Through Christ you are the creator and preserver of the whole world; but, above all, you are his God and Father, the giver of the Spirit, and the ruler of all that is, seen and unseen. You made the day for the works of light and the night for the refreshment of our minds and bodies. O loving Lord and source of all that is good, accept our evening sacrifice of praise. As you have conducted us through the day and brought us to night's beginning, keep us now in Christ; grant us a peaceful evening and a night free from sin; and, at the end, bring us to everlasting life. Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit, we offer you all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Amnesty International candle is lit in silence.

The following portion of Psalm 141 is said responsorially. During this time the High Altar candles are lit.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly,
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied with wickedness.
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God,
in you I take refuge;
do not leave me defenceless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
So may your mercy come down upon us,
To cleanse our heart and set us free to sing your praise, now and forever.
Amen.

THE READING

HEBREWS 11.1-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death, and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

For the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 51.10-17

Create in me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.
Do not cast me out from your presence:
do not take your holy spirit from me.
O give me the gladness of your help again:
and support me with a willing spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors your ways:
and sinners shall turn to you again.
O Lord God of my salvation, deliver me from bloodshed:
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips:
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
You take no pleasure in sacrifice, or I would give it:
burnt-offerings you do not want.
The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

THE REFLECTION

Following the spoken reflection, the organist will play to provide a time of quiet personal reflection.

THE LITANY OF HOPE

“Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’”

EZEKIEL 37:11

Let us pray:

God of hope we bring before you those whose lives are dried up:
O breath of God, breathe upon these that they may live.

We pray for those dried up – by disappointment, by bitterness, by guilt.
We pray for those whose spirit is drained by grief, by hunger, by despair.
O breath of God, breathe upon these that they may live.

God of hope we bring before you those whose hope is lost:
O breath of God, breathe upon these that they may live.

We pray for people persecuted, violated, left for dead
We pray for people bewildered, disillusioned, apathetic.
O breath of God, breathe upon these that they may live.

God of hope we bring before you those who feel themselves cut off:
O breath of God, breathe upon these that they may live.

We pray for those cut off by age, by disability, by thoughtlessness
We pray for those cut off from family, from neighbours, from God.
O breath of God, breathe upon these that they may live.

God of hope, we thank you for the promise of restoration, of a new day and a new life:
Thanks be to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

May God, the source of hope,
fill you with all joy and peace
by means of your faith in him,
so that your hope will continue to grow by the power
of the Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

THE COLLECT FOR THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Everlasting God, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: fill the world with your glory and show yourself to all the nations: through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY – THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending: enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please stand to sing

HYMN 132 – O FOR A HEART TO PRAISE MY GOD (STOCKTON)

Please remain standing

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Remain standing as the clergy depart. After this, you are invited to sit to listen to the organ postlude.

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NOTICES

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

Lynn Arnold's program in January will feature repeats of popular interviews from the 2023 series. Tune in on Sunday at 7 pm, or link to the podcasts via the Cathedral's Facebook page.

Tea/coffee after regular services: Our community offers 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 7 February.
- The Sunday 8 am community have tea & coffee after the first Sunday of each month. The next gathering will take place on Sunday 4 February.
- After the 10.30 am Eucharist, there is tea and coffee provided every week.

The **Rev'd Ben Falcon** joins the clergy team this year as Honorary Assistant Deacon. Welcome to Ben, his partner Stephanie and their son Teddy. Ben works full time for AnglicareSA in Mission and Anglican Community Engagement.

The Regular cycle of Sunday and weekday worship resumes tomorrow. The Eucharist will be celebrated daily (Monday to Friday) at 7:30 am, and Morning Prayer will be recited at 8:45 am.

Ash Wednesday is on 14 February. In addition to the regular celebrations of the Eucharist at 7:30 am and 10 am (BCP), there will be a Choral Eucharist with the blessing and imposition of ashes at 6 pm. The ashes used on this day are made from burning palm crosses from the previous year. There are baskets near the doors for returned crosses from past years.

Lent Study 2024 – A Truth Universally Acknowledged. Ash Wednesday is on 14 February, and our studies will commence in the following week. The Lent Study is based on a book *A Truth Universally Acknowledged* by the Venerable Dr Rachel Mann.

Dr Mann introduces Jane Austen, her world and her ideas, and for each day of Lent offers commentary on a short excerpt from Austen's writing to explore how her faith can illuminate ours. Our initial order of 50 copies of the book was exhausted last week, but further copies have now been received and are available through the Cathedral Shop for \$25.

Study groups are scheduled for Monday at 10 am (Jenny Wilson), Monday at 7 pm (Lynn Arnold) and Tuesday at 5 pm (Bishop Chris), but the Monday evening group is likely to be changed to Thursday at the same time. This is convenient for those who have registered, but perhaps that time would be suitable for some others who would not otherwise be able to attend. If you would like to join the re-scheduled group, please advise office@stpeters-cathedral.org.au as soon as possible.

Any inquiries can be directed to Canon Jenny at jwilson@stpeters-cathedral.org.au.

Mary Mags Dinner on Saturday 24 February. The Cathedral has agreed to take an extra turn in providing the Mary Mags Dinner on Saturday 24 February. We are looking for volunteers to assist on the night, to cook casseroles or provide a dessert, and for cash donations. Information including sign-up sheets, recipes and envelopes for donations are available today.

The Rev'd Sally Sandford-Morgan will be farewelled today, with a special morning tea after this service, and a presentation at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist. Her commissioning as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Lockleys is set for Thursday 8 February at 7 pm.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the Church

International The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
Primate, Archbishop Thabo Makgoba

National Anglicare Australia: Kasy Chambers

South Australia

Diocese of Adelaide Largs Bay: Simon Hill (Tania)

Diocese of Willochra Retired Clergy

Diocese of The Murray Registrar: Richard Earley (Caroline); Assistant Registrar: Christine Lubcke

For the People

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

Immediate Prayer: Audrey Ball, Kolton (WCH).

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, David, Christine Chomel, Oliver (WCH), Sarah Boorman, Stephen Lane, Sandra Morrison, Edna Allison.

Those whose have died recently, especially Margaret Hamilton.

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

- 28th Bruce Saddler
Alan Gray (priest)
- 29th John Steward Moyes (bishop)
Mary de Crespigny
- 31st William Auchterlonie Hardie (bishop)
Bruce Roberts
- 1st Muriel Pointer
Paul Anthony William Harris
- 2nd Albert Wyndham Clampett (priest)
Belinda Taylor
George Fuhrmeister
- 3rd Minnie Frances Riley

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.

SUN 28 JANUARY THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	8 am	Eucharist (BCP)
	10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	Night Prayer
MON 29 JANUARY	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	9:15 am	Morning Prayer (St Barnabas' College)
	10:30 am - 1 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
TUES 30 JANUARY	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45 am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
WED 31 JANUARY	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45 am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10 am	Eucharist (BCP) (Lady Chapel)
	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
THURS 1 FEBRUARY	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45 am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
FRI 2 FEBRUARY THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45 am	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
SAT 3 FEBRUARY		Cathedral Closed
SUN 4 FEBRUARY THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	8 am	Eucharist (BCP)
	10:30 am	Choral Eucharist
	6 pm	Choral Evensong & Candlemas Procession

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Dean	The Right Reverend Chris McLeod
Canon Precentor	The Reverend Canon Jenny Wilson
Assistant Priest	The Reverend Sally Sandford-Morgan
Honorary Assistant Priest	The Reverend Dr Lynn Arnold AO
Honorary Assistant Priest	The Reverend Joan Claring-Bould
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