

CHORAL EVENSONG
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

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 Kaurua 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.

One of the hardest things in the Christian life, I find, is to pray. It could be, and some may say it should be, otherwise. When we stop to pray, often other things get in the way. We get distracted. Other things must be done. We find many reasons why we can't stop to pray just now. There may even be more cynical reasons. Why pray, God doesn't listen anyway. My prayers are never answered, so why bother.

Over the last 4 weeks we have been talking about prayer. Each preacher has really been saying what prayer means to them and why the Lord's Prayer is important to them, and to the church as well. We have been unpacking this simple prayer and finding prayerful treasures buried within it. Tonight, it is my turn to reflect on The Lord's Prayer. In this prayer we find not only a model of prayer but an invitation to be transformed as the prayer takes root in us.

Blessings,

The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod, Dean.

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson
Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod
Readers: Henry Vaughan, Michael Doherty
Choir: St Peter's Cathedral Choir
Conductor: Andrew Chatterton
Organist: David Heah
Hymns: 153, 181

Please stand as the clergy and choir enter.

The choir sings

THE PRECES

William Smith (1603-1645)

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

O 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.

Please be seated for the welcome.

The choir sings

PSALM 39

Chant: James Turle

*I said, I will take heed to my ways: that I offend not in my tongue.
I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle: while the ungodly is in my sight.
I held my tongue, and spake nothing:*

*I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.
My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing the fire kindled:
and at the last I spake with my tongue;*

*Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days:
that I may be certified how long I have to live.*

*Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long:
and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee;
and verily every man living is altogether vanity.*

*For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain:
he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.*

*And now, Lord, what is my hope: truly my hope is even in thee.
Deliver me from all mine offences: and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.
I became dumb, and opened not my mouth: for it was thy doing.*

Take thy plague away from me: I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

*When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away,
like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.*

*Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling: hold not thy peace at my tears.
For I am a stranger with thee: and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.*

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength: before I go hence, and be no more seen.

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.*

THE FIRST LESSON

NUMBERS 21.4-9

A reading from the Book of Numbers, chapter 21, beginning at verse 4.

Now Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, so he did not go, as at other times, to look for omens, but set his face towards the wilderness. Balaam looked up and saw Israel camping tribe by tribe. Then the spirit of God came upon him, and he uttered his oracle, saying:

'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor,
the oracle of the man whose eye is clear,
the oracle of one who hears the words of God,
who sees the vision of the Almighty,
who falls down, but with eyes uncovered:
how fair are your tents, O Jacob,
your encampments, O Israel!
Like palm groves that stretch far away,
like gardens beside a river,
like aloes that the Lord has planted,
like cedar trees beside the waters.
Water shall flow from his buckets,
and his seed shall have abundant water,
his king shall be higher than Agag,
and his kingdom shall be exalted.
God, who brings him out of Egypt,
is like the horns of a wild ox for him;
he shall devour the nations that are his foes
and break their bones.
He shall strike with his arrows.
He crouched, he lay down like a lion,
and like a lioness; who will rouse him up?
Blessed is everyone who blesses you,
and cursed is everyone who curses you.'

Here ends the Lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

MAGNIFICAT

Francis Jackson (1917-2022) in G

*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

MARK 15.21-41

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark, chapter 15 beginning at verse 21.

The soldiers compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

Here ends the lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Francis Jackson (1917-2022) in G

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

William Smith (1603-1645)

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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O 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.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS

THE COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

John Stainer (1840-1901) *God so loved the world*

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,
But have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might be saved.

Please kneel or remain seated

THE PRAYERS

Please stand to sing the Office Hymn

HYMN 153 – THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY (HORSLEY)

During this hymn a cash collection is taken to support the costs of the Cathedral. 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. For online or electronic donations, please refer to the details below the Blessing.

Please sit

SERMON

The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod

Please stand to sing the Final Hymn.

HYMN 181 – O SACRED HEAD, SURROUNDED (PASSION CHORALE)

Remain standing

THE BLESSING

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; 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.*

POSTLUDE

Francis Jackson (1917-2022) *Meditation: Love Unknown*



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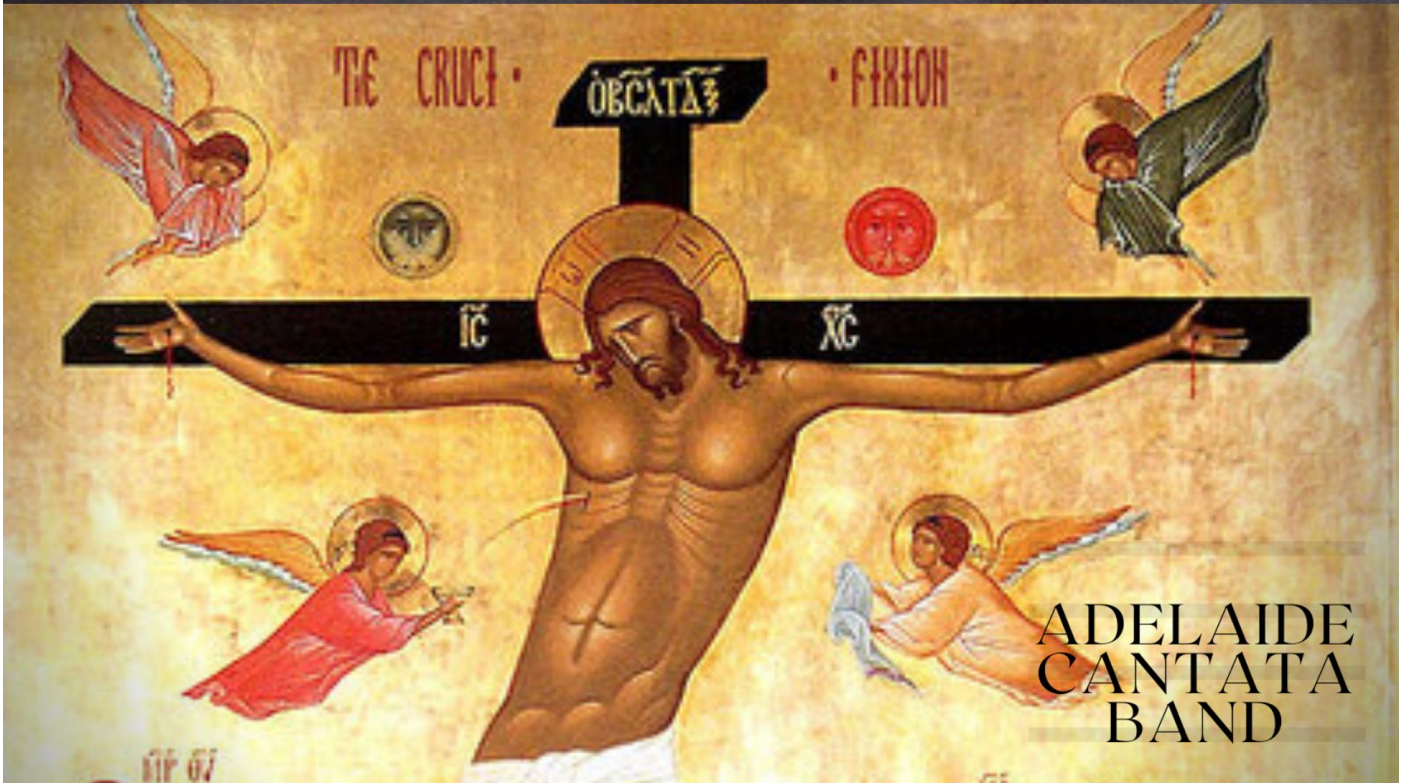
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'Le Reniement de St Pierre' - Charpentier
'Son of God' Mass - James Whitbourn

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David Heah - Cathedral Organist
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NOTICES

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

- The Wednesday 10 am community have tea and coffee after the first Wednesday each month. The next gathering will take place on Wednesday 3 April.
- The Sunday 8 am community have tea and coffee after the first Sunday of each month. The next gathering will take place on Sunday 7 April.
- After the 10.30 am Eucharist, there is tea and coffee provided every week.

Lent Sermon Series – During Lent a sermon series focusing on the Lord's Prayer will take place over 5 Sunday Evensongs. We do hope you will join us.

Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold (7 pm on 1079Life). Lynn's guest this week will be Valerie Volk. They will be discussing her new book, 'Finding Emma', a historical fiction novel, and companion piece to the 2019 'In Search of Anna'.

Cathedral Serving Vacancies – We are currently inviting expressions of interest from the Cathedral community in joining our team of 30+ altar servers. An additional server is needed for each of the following services: 8 am Sunday Eucharist, 6 pm Sunday Evensong and 10 am Wednesday Eucharist. This is a once-a-month role, and training will be given before starting. Please address enquiries to lesmilner@hotmail.com.

Hot Cross Buns – This year the Friends will be selling packets of Kytos hot cross buns and gluten free buns. They will be available to purchase on Palm Sunday, 24th March, after the 10.30 service in the CP Hall. A packet of traditional fruit (12 snack buns) will be \$12.50, and a packet of Lifestyle Bakery's gluten free buns (3 buns) will be \$7.50. If you wish to order some buns, please email or text me and I will put them aside for you. Payment will only be received on 24th March when packets can be picked up. We can take cash of course, and also card on the day, using the tap and go machine. If you haven't ordered any there will still be a number of packets available for sale, first come first served. Please contact me if you have any questions! Pam Saint psaint@adam.com.au 0419031871.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the Church

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Diocese of Willochra Port Augusta - Quorn: Sheridan Brand (Anthony)

Diocese of The Murray Tatiara (Bordertown, Keith): locum tenens Robert Hupfeld (Gerri)

For the People

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

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, Edna Allison, Jane Mitchell, Audrey Ball.

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

17th Stanley Trevor Pointer

18th Michael Richardson
Allan Perryman

19th Paul Williamson
Frank Bourne

20th David Westwood Thomas (2023)

21st Christopher Nutter Thomas
Diane Hocking
Marie McCreadie
Ronald Keith Bambery

22nd Margaret Barnitt

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 17 MARCH FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	8 am	Eucharist (BCP)
	10:30 am	Choral Eucharist
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
MON 18 MARCH	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 19 MARCH	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 20 MARCH	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 21 MARCH	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 22 MARCH	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
SAT 23 MARCH		Cathedral Closed
SUN 24 MARCH PALM SUNDAY	8 am	Eucharist (BCP)
	10:30 am	Choral Eucharist Passion Gospel of Mark
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
		Preacher – The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

CATHEDRAL STAFF

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