

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome to St Peter's Cathedral. We are delighted to have you worship with us today for this 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 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.

At Choral Evensong this evening we continue to look more closely at the Book Esther. Do come along to hear something a little different on a book of the bible you may not be familiar with. These more obscure books of the bible are not read by many of us, and they rarely turn up in the Sunday readings when most of us gather. So, we can miss some of the great insights that they bring. In tonight's reading the stage is being set for the tensions between Mordecai and the villain of the piece, Haman. However, before that occurs, Mordecai thwarts a plot to assassinate King Ahasuerus. The shrewdness of Mordecai comes into play and while God is not mentioned in the book, the assumption we make is that God is quietly guiding the hand of Mordecai. God is not always obvious in our lives but if we live by faith, we see God's hand at work even in the trials of life. God who is not mentioned does not mean God is not there.

Blessings,

The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

Dean

Celebrant: The Rev'd Dianne Schaefer **Preacher:** The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod **Readers:** Baden Teague, Kathy Teague **Intercessor:** Benjamin Opiyo Choir: St Peter's Cathedral Choir Conductor: Anthony Hunt Organist: Andrew Georg Hymns: 586, 787i, 550, 135

HYMN 586 - ALL PRAISE TO THEE, FOR THOU, O KING DIVINE (ENGELBERG)

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you And also with you.

Christ, we gather in your name to worship in this sanctuary called Earth; a planet filled with your presence.

God, reveal yourself to us, we pray, and show us your face in all creation. Holy, Holy, Holy God! Earth is filled with your presence.

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

Francis Jackson (1917-2022) in G

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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,

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.**

Please stand as the choir sings

GLORIA

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. Amen.

COLLECT

God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit

Jackson in G

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Proverbs. Wisdom cries out in the street: in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.' Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

PSALM 19

Chant: Edward Hopkins (1818-1901)

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork; One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge. There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard; Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth. There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course. Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb. Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults. Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters: Someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

HYMN 787 – TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE (ST BEES)

During the hymn, Cathedral Kids gather at the rear of the nave in the centre aisle to listen to the Gospel together. After the Gospel they move to the Cynthia Poulton Hall, returning to the Cathedral in time for Holy Communion.

Please remain standing

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The choir sings the acclamation, which is repeated by the congregation



The only thing I can boast about is the cross of the Lord, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

After the verse, the alleluia is sung again by all

GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.



Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

The organist plays as the procession returns to the altar. Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

Following the sermon, a brief period of silence may be kept. Please stand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm our faith.

We believe that God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things.

We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.

We believe that God became flesh and blood, became a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross for all human beings and for all creation.

We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation, and filling the cosmos.

We believe the Holy Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

We believe that with Christ we will rise, and with Christ we will celebrate a renewed creation. Amen

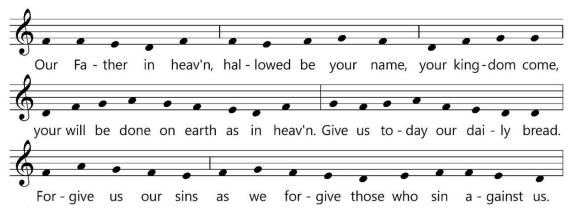
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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,





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.

Please stand

GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Please remain standing to sing the Offertory Hymn

HYMN 550 - THE SPACIOUS FIRMAMENT ON HIGH (ADDISON'S LONDON)

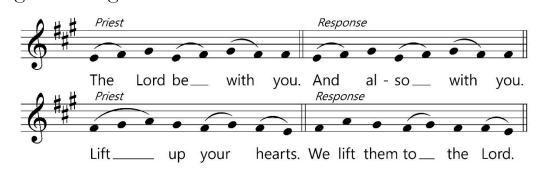
During this hymn a collection is taken to support the work of the Cathedral. On-line giving options are available. Many choose to make regular donations electronically or by using envelopes. If you wish to become a regular and faithful financial supporter of the ministry of the Cathedral, please complete a Planned Giving form.

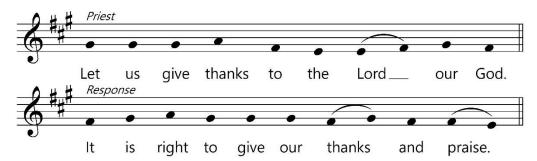
Remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The following will be sung





We thank and praise you almighty Father. In wisdom you guide the course of the world and cherish us with all tender care.

We thank you that we can come together around this table in the name of Jesus your Son, the first born of all creation. In him all things were created, visible and invisible, and all things hold together in him.

We thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit to make of us a new community of faith to serve you within your creation.

And now we give you thanks because you have given the earth into our care, and call us to praise you day by day for the marvels of your creation.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we join in one great act of awe and adoration:

The Choir sings

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

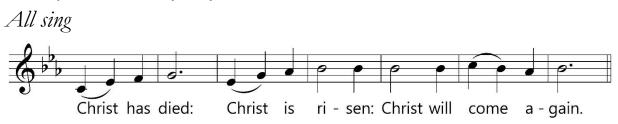
Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood. Jackson in G

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:



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:



Bless-ing 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

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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).

Motet

As the deer longs for the running brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God. (Psalm 42)

G P Palestrina (1525-1594) Sicut cervus

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, Ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Christ calls us to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion, to serve Earth by caring for creation, honouring the planet God has created to be our home.

We thank you, Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you, and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for Earth. Amen.

Please stand to sing the Post-Communion Hymn

HYMN 135 – TAKE UP THY CROSS, THE SAVIOUR SAID (BRESLAU)

Jackson in G

BLESSING

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and the life of Christ in creation, through whom all things are reconciled and renewed; and the blessing of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who each create, save and sanctify us and all creation, be with you all, now and 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.

Jean Langlais (1907-1991) Mors et resurrectio (from Trois Paraphrases Grégoriennes, Op. 5)

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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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

Tea/coffee after services

- The Sunday 8 am community offers tea and coffee after the Eucharist on the first Sunday of each month. The next gathering will take place on Sunday 6 October.
- The Wednesday 10 am community offers tea and coffee after the Eucharist on the first Wednesday each month. The next gathering will take place on Wednesday 2 October.
- After the 10:30 am Choral Eucharist, tea and coffee is offered every week.

The Open Door – Wednesday 18 September at 6pm

Church with a difference. We invite you to join us for an informal dinner gathering in the Cynthia Poulton Hall. It is a safe and honest space to explore the Christian faith, life, and meaning, offering mutual prayer, support and friendship. RSVP Susan McLeod 0428 838 139 <u>snrchaplain@adelaideanglicans.com</u>

AV Upgrade

The AV upgrade continues apace. The initial laying of 'lower level' cables has been completed, with high level cabling to follow in the coming weeks. During the week, Cathedral Council approved a minor variation to the scope of works to replace the remaining legacy items in the existing system with digital equipment, all able to be operated from a touch screen, as well as providing a power management system for the many individual items. There have been and will continue to be some restrictions on weekday parking in the coming weeks, and thanks to everyone for their patience. Thank you to everyone who has, and continues to, contribute to this project which will greatly improve our audio and livestreaming capabilities.

Season of Creation

Throughout September, St. Peters Cathedral will be celebrating the Season of Creation. The Sunday liturgies throughout the month will focus on creation, as will the *Meeting God on Monday* group, which meets in the Cynthia Poulton Hall tomorrow, Monday 16 September, at 10 am.

The Flower Guild has produced a 2025 calendar entitled "For the Love of Flowers". Well known artist, John Hamilton, has worked with the Flower Guild to create the calendar. He has also created a series of paintings inspired by the project. These paintings are on display in the Cathedral during September and are available for purchase. Each Friday in September, beginning at 11 am, a member of the Flower Guild will be arranging flowers, while John will showcase his painting methods. Refreshments will be provided.

The celebrations will continue until Sunday 29 September when we give thanks for and bless our pets.

Christianity Explained

A series of six conversations on the fundamentals of the Christian faith will be offered on Sundays beginning on 6 October at 12:30 pm in the Cynthia Poulton Hall. Each session will be introduced with a short talk, with plenty of time for discussion. You **don't** need to know about the Bible. You **won't** be asked to read, pray, or answer questions. You **will** be given a chance to discuss. There is a sign-up sheet on the table near the West Door. Inquiries can be directed to Sandy Mitchell.

For your Prayers

The Church of Nigeria	
Primate: Archbishop Henry Ndukuba	
Melbourne: Archbishop Philip Freier (Joy)	
Ingle Farm & Para Hills: Joseph Chung (Virginia)	
Leigh Creek (Blinman, Hawker): vacant, Hawker: Arthur Tanner (Jane), Blinman: David Amery (Coralie)	
The Southern Suburbs (Aberfoyle Park, Christies Beach, Morphett Vale, O'Halloran Hill): Andrew Forder (Debra), Carol Cornwall (John), Deacon Rory Westgarth	

For the People

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

Short Term Prayer: Bruce Williams, Gerald Varley, Fay Ballard, Ben Oborn, Bill Ashman, Lorne Klassen, Micheal Fox, Francis Brooks.

Long Term Prayer: Max Lennard, Chris, Bridie Maxwell, Meredith Chesterman, Vernon Lewis, Pauline Van Buren, Alisha Coe-Fox, Anne Hogben, Helena Fernandez, Cricket Fox, Daniella, Peter Black, Jean Arnold, Norton & Judy Schenscher, Joseph Burgess (WCH), John Hankin, Brooke Garry, David, Christine Chomel, Oliver (WCH), Sarah Boorman, Edna Allison, Jane Mitchell, Audrey Ball, Garry Weatherill, Helen Scotcher.

Those who have died recently, especially Alison Lockett.

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

l 5th	Edwin Gilbert "Joe" Fulwood
	Colin George Bridgman

- I6th Geoffrey Francis Fisher
 Gilbert Wilson
 Ailsa Pfitzner
 William <u>Arthur</u> Curran
 May Elsie Neale
- May Elsie Neale 17th Harold Woolnough Arthur James Kendall Baker William Pitcher Luke Taylor

- 18th Jean Maxwell-Wright
- 19th James Thacker
- 20th John William Clark Bill Schroder
- 21st Sydney Rayner Colin Phillips

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 - <u>langshawstuart@gmail.com</u>

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.

	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
Monday 16 September	9:15 am	Morning Prayer (at St Barnabas' College)
	10:30 am - 1 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
Tuesday 17 September	8:45 am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
	7:00 pm	Music Foundation Concert: Interstellar 10
	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
Wednesday 18 September	8:45 am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
VEDNESDAT TO SEFTEMBER	10 am	Eucharist (BCP) (Lady Chapel)
	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
Thursday 19 September	8:45 am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
Friday 20 September	8:45 am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER	Cathedral Closed	
ST MATTHEW		
	8 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Sunday 22 September	10:30 am	Choral Eucharist
The 18 th Sunday		Preacher - The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO
AFTER PENTECOST	6 pm	Choral Evensong
		Preacher – The Ven. David McDougall

CATHEDRAL STAFF

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