

CHORAL EVENSONG

THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

6 OCTOBER 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 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.

Suffering is one of the perennial problems of existence. Some even argue that suffering is an argument against the existence of God. However, if we remove God, we still have suffering, and utopic movements to build heaven here on earth have only led to more suffering. We are stuck with it – suffering. However, those of us who are aligned with one religion, or another, ask the question, why does a good God allow suffering. Is there an answer to the question of suffering?

The Book of Job is not an answer to the question of suffering, but rather a mediation on suffering and God. Job accepts the mystery of suffering. Job refuses to curse God. Job refuses to dispense with God, but, with St Paul, Job suspects that: 'now we only see in the mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully ...' (1 Corinthians 13: 12). I will be preaching on Job today at the morning and evening services.

Blessings,

The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod
Dean

Officiant: The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod
Preacher: The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod
Readers: James Scott, Amanda Janssen
Choir: Lumina Vocal Ensemble
Conductor: Clive Conway
Organist: Andrew Georg
Hymns: 547, 763i

When the bell rings, please stand. The Introit will be sung from the Lady Chapel

INTROIT

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943) Богородице Дево

Богородице Дево, радуйся,
Благодатная Марие, Господь с тобою.
Благословена ты в женах,
и благословен плод чрева твоего,
яко Спаса родила еси душ наших..

Rejoice, virgin mother of God,
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
for you have borne the Saviour of our souls.

Please remain standing as the clergy and choir enter. When in place, the choir sings

THE PRECES

Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

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 8

Chant: Henry Lawes (1596-1662)

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world :
thou that has set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies:

that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.

For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers:
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him:
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels:
to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands:
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

All sheep and oxen:

yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea:
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Governor:
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

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

THE FIRST LESSON

JOB 3

The lesson from the Book of Job, chapter 3.

After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. Job said:

‘Let the day perish on which I was born,
and the night that said,
“A man-child is conceived.”
Let that day be darkness!
May God above not seek it,
or light shine on it.
Let gloom and deep darkness claim it.
Let clouds settle upon it;
let the blackness of the day terrify it.
That night—let thick darkness seize it!
let it not rejoice among the days of the year;
let it not come into the number of the months.
Yes, let that night be barren;
let no joyful cry be heard in it.
Let those curse it who curse the Sea,
those who are skilled to rouse up Leviathan.
Let the stars of its dawn be dark;
let it hope for light, but have none;
may it not see the eyelids of the morning—
because it did not shut the doors of my mother’s womb,
and hide trouble from my eyes.
‘Why did I not die at birth,
come forth from the womb and expire?
Why were there knees to receive me,
or breasts for me to suck?
Now I would be lying down and quiet;
I would be asleep; then I would be at rest
with kings and counsellors of the earth
who rebuild ruins for themselves,
or with princes who have gold,
who fill their houses with silver.
Or why was I not buried like a stillborn child,
like an infant that never sees the light?
There the wicked cease from troubling,
and there the weary are at rest.
There the prisoners are at ease together;
they do not hear the voice of the taskmaster.

The small and the great are there,
and the slaves are free from their masters.

‘Why is light given to one in misery,
and life to the bitter in soul,
who long for death, but it does not come,
and dig for it more than for hidden treasures;
who rejoice exceedingly,
and are glad when they find the grave?
Why is light given to one who cannot see the way,
whom God has fenced in?
For my sighing comes like my bread,
and my groanings are poured out like water.
Truly the thing that I fear comes upon me,
and what I dread befalls me.
I am not at ease, nor am I quiet;
I have no rest; but trouble comes.’

Here ends the Lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

MAGNIFICAT

John Tavener (1944-2013) Collegium Regale

Sir John Tavener’s setting of the evening canticles was commissioned by Stephen Cleobury for King’s College Cambridge (Collegium regale), and premiered in 1987. Heavily influenced by Russian (and Greek) Orthodoxy to which he converted in 1977 (after a background in Anglicanism), Tavener’s music is full of drones and chant coloured by his experience with the Greek and Russian churches. In response to each verse of the Magnificat, Tavener includes the Orthodox employment of the troparion to the Mother of God – “Greater in honour than the cherubim...”

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

Greater in honour than the cherubim,
and glorious incomparably more than the seraphim;
thou who inviolate didst bring forth God the Word,
and art indeed the Mother of God:
Thee do we magnify.

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

HEBREWS 2.4, 2.14-3.6

The lesson from the letter to the Hebrews, chapter 2, beginning at verse 4.

It was declared at first through the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God added his testimony by signs and wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to his will.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also 'was faithful in all God's house.' Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honour than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken later. Christ, however, was faithful over God's house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope.

Here ends the Lesson.

Please stand.

The choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

John Tavener (1944-2013) Collegium Regale

*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

Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

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 OF THE DAY

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

O felix templum jubila
et chors tua canonici
nunc plaudat corde supplici.
Tu, clere, viso rutila.

Qui presul divi muneris
de summo missus cardine
a justo nato Dardane
est pastor sacri oneris.

Tu genitoris Stephane,
o plaustriger illustrissime,
virtutes splendidissime
sunt tuis factis consone:

Fano novo et multis aris
superis quas dedicasti
ad astra iter iam parasti
tibi et cuncti tui laris.

Precor, Patre, o digna proles,
Justa, mitis et modesta.
Viciorum ac infesta
Virtutibusque redolans.

Dignare me Ciconiam
(tanti licet sim indignus)
Tui habere in cordis pignus
Es benignus quoniam.
Amen.

Please kneel or remain seated

THE PRAYERS

Please stand to sing the Hymn.

Johannes Ciconia (c.1370-1412) O felix templum jubila

O blessed church rejoice,
and let the retinue of canons
now give praise with supplicant hearts.
O clergy, may your face glow to see it.

This man, a bishop given by heaven,
sent by the highest cornerstone,
born of the line of just Aeneas,
is pastor of the divine office.

You, o Stefano,
bearing your father's illustrious name,
your shining virtues
are matched by your actions.

Thanks to the new church and the many altars
you have dedicated to your saints,
you have prepared the way to heaven
for you and for all your family.

I pray, worthy child of your father,
just, humble and modest,
an enemy of vice,
and full of virtues,

Deign to receive me, Ciconia,
(although I am unworthy)
as a sign in your heart,
for you are gracious.
Amen.

HYMN 547 – O LORD OF EVERY SHINING CONSTELLATION (HIGHWOOD)

Please sit

SERMON

The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

Please stand to sing the hymn

HYMN 763 i – PRAISE TO THE HOLIEST IN THE HEIGHT (GERONTIUS)

During this hymn a 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 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.

POSTLUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637–1707) *Canzona in G, BuxWV 171*

**Thank you for worshipping
with us today.**

*The life and work of this Cathedral
is made possible through the
generosity of individuals like you.*



St Peter's
nurturing spirit and mind
CATHEDRAL

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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- ◆ Use the Tap & Go machine to make an instant donation.
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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 3 November.
- 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 6 November.
- After the 10:30 am Choral Eucharist, tea and coffee is offered every week.

Serving vacancy: We are urgently seeking a volunteer from the Cathedral community to serve once a month at the 10 am Wednesday Eucharist. Duties include setting up, assisting during the service and cleaning up afterwards. Experience would be good, but not necessary as training will be given. Enquiries to lesmilner@hotmail.com.

Theologian-in-Residence: October 14 – 21: We welcome the Rev'd Rachel Taber-Hamilton as Theologian-in-Residence. Rachel is the Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Everett, Washington in the Diocese of Olympia, USA. Rachel is of First Nations heritage (Shackan, British Columbia). Rachel is a very fine and provocative thinker, and her many national and international commitments include membership of the Anglican Indigenous Network. During her time at the Cathedral, Rachel will present two lecture/workshops (Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 at 7pm) and will be the preacher at all services on Sunday 20 October. Please contact the Office for more details.

Music Foundation Raffle: Parishioner and music-lover Bruce Williams has painted a wonderful artwork of flowers in the Cathedral, which he has donated to the Music Foundation to raffle. Bruce was a chorister in the Cathedral Choir, and he hopes and prays that the subject and nature of the art may raise a sum of money for our wonderful music heritage, and all the people and youth involved, via the Music Foundation. Tickets are \$10, and available at www.musicfoundation.org.au/raffle and will be drawn on **Saturday October 26th**

Friends of Cathedral 'Jolly Jaunt' 2024: Saturday November 2, 2024, visiting St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church on Greenhill Road, Wayville, and the Coptic Orthodox Church of St Mary - Anba Bishoy in Cowandilla. Depart 10 am from the Cathedral. \$25 plus cost of own lunch at the Highway Hotel. See Pam Saint or Friends Committee for details.

Soldier On Fundraiser: On **Sunday 17 November at 2pm** we will be hosting a fundraising concert for *Soldier On*. This is a program set up to help those returning from war zones with life threatening mental health issues. The concert will feature a community choir, members of the 17/20 Army Band and vocalist Libby O'Donovan. Contact Joan Claring-Bould 0409 520 823. Singers welcome.

Taizé: This week The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould and Fr. Paul Monash are leading a group of Australians and Malaysians to the Taizé Community in France.

For 32 years we have been holding a Taizé style service in our Cathedral on a Saturday night, now at 7.30pm on the first Saturday night of the month. This service has been wonderfully supported by a few members of the 8 am congregation setting up the candles and providing the best supper in town, but we would love more of you to come and join our diverse congregation, to see if you can find for yourselves the peace and joy which we experience in these liturgies.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the Church

International

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
Acting Primate Bishop Nathan Ingen

National

Bendigo: Bishop Matt Brain (Rachael)

South Australia

Diocese of Adelaide Salisbury: Peter Jin (Wei)

Diocese of Willochra Belvidere: Anne Ford, Deacon Elizabeth Harris; Riverton: Anne Ford, Deacon Elizabeth Harris; Sacred Space for Healing and Quiet (Healing) Garden, St Peter's Mintaro, Joe and Jean Johns; Darren Hewitt (Rachel)

Diocese of The Murray Kingston - Robe: *locum tenens* Alex Bainton (Cheryl)

For the People

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

Short Term Prayer: Bruce Williams, Gerald Varley, Ben Oborn, Bill Ashman, Lorne Klassen, Micheal Fox, Francis Brooks, Joseph Burgess (WCH), Dawn Folland.

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, Norton & Judy Schenscher, John Hankin, Brooke Garry, David, Christine Chomel, Oliver (WCH), Sarah Boorman, Edna Allison, Jane Mitchell, Audrey Ball, Garry Weatherill, Helen Scotcher, Fay Ballard.

Those who have died recently, especially Jean Arnold.

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

October

6th Ernst Oswald Auricht
Robert Ringwood
Gordon Dent

7th Reginald Norman Langshaw

8th Ted Heinrich
Colin Carew Chittleborough

9th Alan Frederick Victor Hugh Sheppard
Robert Urlwin

10th Frank Hewitson

12th Ronald Davies Lloyd
Kenneth Furze

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.

MONDAY 7 OCTOBER	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 8:45 am Morning Prayer (at St Barnabas College) 10:30 am - 1pm Open for visiting and private prayer
TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER	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
WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER	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
THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER	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
FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER	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
SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER	Cathedral Closed
SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER PENTECOST 21	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10:30 am Choral Eucharist Preacher – The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson 6 pm Choral Evensong Preacher – The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Dean	The Right Reverend Chris McLeod
Canon Precentor	The Reverend Canon Jenny Wilson
Assistant Priest	The Reverend Dr Susan Straub
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Honorary Assistant Priest	The Reverend Joan Claring-Bould
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