

BCP EUCHARIST PROPERS
THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
6 OCTOBER 2024
8 AM

Welcome to St Peter's Cathedral. We are delighted to have you worship with us today for this Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer. The order of service is in the separate booklet.

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.

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

Celebrant: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson
Preacher: The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod
Readers: Daryl Farnham, Lily Biedrzycki
Organist: Andrew Georg

Please use this Propers booklet in conjunction with the yellow Order of Service

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.**

FIRST READING

JOB 1.1, 2.1-10

A reading from the Book of Job.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.'

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26

Please respond with the words in bold

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity:

I have trusted in the Lord and not wavered.

Put me to the test, O Lord, and prove me:

try my mind and my heart.

For your steadfast love has been ever before my eyes:

and I have walked in your truth.

I have not sat with deceivers:

nor consorted with the hypocrites;

I hate the assembly of the wicked:

I will not sit with the ungodly.

I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord:

that I may go about your altar,

And lift up the voice of thanksgiving:
to tell of all your marvellous works.

**Lord, I love the house of your habitation:
and the place where your glory dwells.**

Do not sweep me away with sinners:
nor my life with those that thirst for blood,

**In whose hand is abomination:
and their right hand is full of bribes.**

As for me, I walk in my integrity:
O ransom me and be favourable toward me.

**My foot stands on an even path:
I will bless the Lord in the great congregation.**

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 1.1-4; 2.5-12

The beginning of the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honour,
subjecting all things under their feet.’

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the 10th Chapter of the Gospel according to Mark, beginning at verse 2.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

When invited, at the end of the Eucharist, all stand to sing the hymn

**1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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is made possible through the
generosity of individuals like you.*



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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 gathering will take place today.
- 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
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Honorary Assistant Priest	The Reverend Dr Lynn Arnold AO
Honorary Assistant Priest	The Reverend Joan Claring-Bould
Honorary Assistant Deacon	The Reverend Ben Falcon
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