

# BCP EUCHARIST PROPERS THE 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025

**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 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.

Our gospel reading from Luke this morning presents us with two important and perhaps troubling questions about what has been called the 'wages of sin'. In the first part of the reading, Jesus dispenses with comparative levels of sin; and rejects the idea that there could be cases where victims were somehow to blame for their circumstances. This is then followed by the relating of one of Jesus' three fig tree stories - what are we to make of this one, especially compared to another one from Matthew 21:18-20?

Blessings,

The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO Honorary Assistant Priest

Celebrant: The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO Readers: David Docwra, James Scott

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

FIRST READING ISAIAH 55.1–9

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Hear, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 63.1-9

#### Please respond with the words in bold type.

O God, you are my God: eagerly will I seek you.

My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you: as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.

So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary: and saw your power and your glory.

For your unchanging goodness is better than life: therefore my lips shall praise you.

And so I will bless you as long as I live: and in your name will I lift my hands on high.

My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness: my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.

When I remember you upon my bed: when I meditate upon you in the night watches,

How you have been my helper:

then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,

Then my soul clings to you: and your right hand upholds me.

#### **SECOND READING**

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LUKE 13.1–9

The Lord be with you.

#### And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the 13th Chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at verse 31.

#### Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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#### **NOTICES**

#### Tea/coffee after worship

- 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 April.
- 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 April.
- After the 10:30 am Eucharist, tea and coffee is offered weekly.

#### The Season of Lent at St Peter's Cathedral

We will have three **Lenten Study groups** studying three different books. Canon Jenny is leading a group on Mondays at 10am studying *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Lynn Arnold is leading a group on Mondays at 7pm studying *The Harrowing of Hell* by J. S. Jackson. Bishop Chris is leading a group on Tuesdays at 5pm studying the ABM study *God's Own Country*. It is not too late to join a group – please speak to the leader.

- A book of daily reflections on this year's *Hope 25* Celebration, written by the Anglican bishops of Australia, has exhausted its first printing, but is on back-order at the Cathedral Shop.
- At Choral Evensong on Sunday evening, the Cathedral clergy will preach a series of sermons reflecting on themes of Christian Hope through the lens of the Five Marks of Mission.

#### **Cathedral Friends - Contacts List**

The Friends contacts list is quite out of date, and there are gaps in the email addresses. We no longer send out newsletters by post but rather by email, which is both cost effective and immediate. To ensure that we are not missing anyone out the Friends ask members to send a message to Chris Ballard confirming their email address. Please also say if you are a Life Member or an Annual Member, or if you are not a current member but would like to be. Thank you in anticipation. Emails to: christinebnov21@outlook.com.

#### **Annual Vestry Meeting, Sunday 30 March**

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held next Sunday 30 March, beginning at 12 noon in the Cynthia Poulton Hall.

#### **Banking Arrangements**

As of last Monday, the Cathedral's banking has been consolidated with Anglican Funds Management. Our former BankWest account is no longer operational. The account details for regular giving are listed elsewhere in these notes. If you have any questions, please ask the Treasurer (Kevin Stracey) or direct your inquiry to Peter Burdon or Robyn Shilcock at the Cathedral Office.

#### Parking at the Cathedral

A reminder that the car parks on the King William Road side of the Cathedral car park, and the parks on the north side facing the Cynthia Poulton Hall, are reserved for external hirers and are NOT AVAILABLE for parking before 6 pm Monday to Friday. Short term visitors should use one of the 12 unmarked parking spaces. If there are no available spaces, parking must be sought elsewhere.

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the Church

**International** Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Primate: Archbishop Juan David Alvarado Melgar

National Tasmania: Bishop Richard Condie (Helen)

South Australia

Diocese of Adelaide Assistant Bishops: Bishop Sophie Relf-Christopher (Paul), Bishop Tim

Harris (Fiona), Bishop Chris McLeod (Susan)

Diocese of Willochra Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula (Ardrossan, Maitland, Port

Victoria, Point Pearce): vacant, David Amery (Coralie), Christine Smith

(Don), Ted Horne

Diocese of The Murray Op-shop volunteers and mission outreach programmes

#### For the People

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

**Short Term Prayer:** Charlie Denton.

**Long Term Prayer:** Bill Ashman, Max Lennard, Bridie Maxwell, Meredith Chesterman, Vernon Lewis, Pauline Van Buren, Alisha Coe-Fox, Anne Hogben, Helena Fernandez, Norton & Judy Schenscher, John Hankin, Brooke Garry, Christine Chomel, Oliver (WCH), Jane Mitchell, Garry Weatherill, Helen Scotcher, Fay Ballard, Joseph Burgess (WCH).

#### Those who have died recently.

#### Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

24th Rowland Brynmor (Bryn) Rees

Nina Morrison

26th Albert Jeanes

Ben Reutens

27th Arthur Rymill

28th Catherine Gilmore Black

Elma Mathews

29th Muriel Rosalie Barker

**Edward Whitworth** 

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.

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Monday 24 March	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	10:30am – 1:00pm Open for visiting and private prayer
TUESDAY 25 MARCH	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE	8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
Blessed Virgin Mary	10:30 am - 3:30 pm Open for visiting and private prayer
Wednesday 26 March	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10 am Eucharist (BCP) (Lady Chapel)
	10:30 am - 3:30 pm Open for visiting and private prayer
Thursday 27 March	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30 am - 3:30 pm Open for visiting and private prayer
Friday 28 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
SATURDAY 29 MARCH	Cathedral Closed
SUNDAY 30 MARCH THE 4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT	8 am Eucharist (BCP)
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist
	Preacher — The Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare
	6 pm Choral Evensong
	Preacher – The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

#### **CATHEDRAL STAFF**

Dean The Right Reverend Chris McLeod

Canon Precentor The Reverend Canon Jenny Wilson

Assistant Priest The Reverend Margaret Peel-Shakespeare

Honorary Assistant Priest The Reverend Dr Lynn Arnold AO Honorary Assistant Priest The Reverend Joan Claring-Bould

Honorary Assistant Deacon The Reverend Ben Falcon

Cathedral Administrator Peter Burdon

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