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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 clergy and choir lead this service, allow the words and music 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.

Today marks the fifth week in Eastertide. Our scripture speaks of miracle and survival among those in the early church. Even in the psalm we hear of God's presence being powerful to those in captivity. For God is with us in the gloom and doom as well as the glory. In Christ we are brought to a way of being in the world that calls for us to "wake up" [!] as we hear in Revelation and to be released from that which holds us captive. For in following God we will be asked to enter the world in a way that does not place power above the sanctity of life but invites our Risen Lord into those places where we may least expect him to dwell.

The Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare
Assistant Priest

Officiant: The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod
Preacher: The Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare
Readers: James Scott, Henry Vaughan
Choir: St Peter's Cathedral Choir
Conductor: Anthony Hunt
Organist: Andrew Georg
Hymns: 132, 221

When the clergy and choir enter, please stand.

THE PRECES

June Nixon (b.1942)

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 sit. The choir sings

PSALM 107-1-3, 10-16

Chant: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.
Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed :
and delivered from the hand of the enemy;
And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west :
from the north and from the south.
Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :
being fast bound in misery and iron;
Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord :
and lightly regarded the counsel of the most Highest;
He also brought down their heart through heaviness :
they fell down, and there was none to help them.
So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble :
he delivered them out of their distress.
For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shadow of death :
and brake their bonds in sunder.
O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness :
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
For he hath broken the gates of brass :
and smitten the bars of iron in sunder.

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

REVELATION 3:1-13

The lesson from the book of Revelation, chapter 3, beginning at verse 1.

John, to the angel of the church in Sardis: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

‘I know your works; you have a name for being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is at the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember then what you received and heard; obey it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. Yet you have still a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

‘And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the holy one, the true one,
who has the key of David,
who opens and no one will shut,
who shuts and no one opens:

‘I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Here ends the Lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

MAGNIFICAT

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) Gloucester Service

*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

THE SECOND LESSON

ACTS 12.1-17A

The lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 12, beginning at verse 1.

King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. They said to her, 'You are out of your mind!' But she insisted that it was so. They said, 'It is his angel.' Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison.

Here ends the Lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Howells Gloucester Service

*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

June Nixon

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 Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) *Tu es Petrus*

Tu es Petrus

et super hanc Petram

aedificabo Ecclesiam meam.

You are Peter

and on this Rock

I will build my Church.

Please kneel or remain seated.

THE PRAYERS

Please stand to sing the Hymn.

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HYMN 132 – O FOR A HEART TO PRAISE MY GOD (STOCKTON)

Please sit

SERMON

The Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare

Please stand to sing the hymn

HYMN 221 – YE CHOIRS OF NEW JERUSALEM (ST FULBERT)

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

Mary Beth Bennett (b.1954) Dance on "Ave virgo virginum/Gaudeamus pariter"

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



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NOTICES

Tea/coffee after worship: 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 4 June.
- The Sunday 8 am community have tea and coffee after the first Sunday of each month. The next gathering will take place on Sunday 1 June.
- After the 10.30 am Eucharist, there is tea and coffee provided every week.

Meeting God on Mondays

On Monday 19 May at 10am in the CP Hall, Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare and Rosie Hamilton will lead a discussion of the final chapter of *An Altar in the World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, entitled "The Practice of Pronouncing Blessings". All are welcome.

Retreat

Gawler Anglicans Parish is offering six places for anyone who would like to join their retreat at Sevenhill Retreat Centre, near Clare, from 29 July – 1 August 2025. Cost is \$435. If you are keen to attend, please contact the Rev'd Jack Monaghan on 0460 309 172 or via email curate@gawleranglicans.org.

Sri Lankan Lunch

After the great success of last year's lunch, we are pleased to announce that the community will be hosting another lunch on **Sunday 25 May**, following the Choral Eucharist. A delicious menu has been prepared. There is no charge for the meal, although a donation of \$5 would be appreciated. If you would like to attend, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the Cathedral, this will help ensure there is enough delicious curry for everyone.

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McDonald (Beth)

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For the People

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

Short Term Prayer: Charlie Denton, Helen, Vincent, Chris Ballard, Shari English.

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), Garry Weatherill, Helen Scotcher, Fay Ballard, Joseph Burgess (WCH), Graham Zanker.

Those who have died recently.

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

18th John Arthur Claring-Bould

19th Mary Finnis

John Curnow

George Wyndham Kennion

20th Alexander Russell

Philip Robert Vincent

Lewis Dawe

Kay Borrow

Rita McCuish

21st Reginald Pearman

Laurel Mavis Loan

22nd Heather Edgar

24th Tom Ledley Swale

*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 19 MAY ST DUNSTAN	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
TUESDAY 20 MAY	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 21 MAY	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45 am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10 am	Eucharist (BCP) (Lady Chapel)
	10:30 am - 1 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
THURSDAY 22 MAY	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 23 MAY	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45 am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30 am - 1 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
SATURDAY 24 MAY		Cathedral Closed
SUNDAY 25 MAY 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 am	Eucharist (BCP)
	10:30 am	Choral Eucharist
		Preacher – The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
		Preacher – The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould

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