

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & Carols

7PM - CHRISTMAS EVE

24th December 2018

St Peter's Cathedral Choir

Directed by Leonie Hempton OAM

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Cathedral Brass led by Timothy Frahn

St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide

St Peter's Cathedral is a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, mission-oriented, faith community. The Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kaurna people whom we acknowledge as the original custodians of the Adelaide Region.

Welcome from the Dean

Up until 1878 it was the custom for choirs in parishes and cathedrals to go carolling – walking through the streets of village and town singing Christmas carols. On Christmas Eve 1878 the prototype of tonight's service was sung in Truro Cathedral. It was based around a series of readings from the Bible, telling in shorthand the story of God's Christmas gift – the gift of God's Son, Jesus. As a bridge between readings the choir sang Christmas carols, with the congregation joining in from time to time. Once the BBC began broadcasting Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College Cambridge in 1928 the pattern was set and continues to this day.

Tonight, as we gather in St Peter's Cathedral, to worship God in this service of Nine Lessons and Carols, and join together to sing the great Christmas hymns of our faith, we do so in the company of countless millions of people the world over who are touched by the birth of this tiny child.

Welcome to you all. If this is your first experience of Christmas worship, may you know something of the sheer mystery of God's love in your life.

To everyone here, God bless, enfold and keep you in the humility and love of the holy family, the joy of the Bethlehem shepherds, and the awe of the worshipping sages.

A happy and blessed Christmas.

The Very Reverend Frank Nelson, Dean

St Peter's Cathedral - a place to call home

- Whether you are one of those who comes only at Christmas, or are here for the first time, welcome. What about making the Cathedral 'your place' of regular worship?
- Children are well catered for on Sundays in the Cathedral Kids programme at 10.30am; and our trebles take their place alongside the adult choristers in the Choir.
- If you are wanting to be baptized or married here, or simply interested in finding out more about "Your Cathedral" please visit our website: www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au

Please stand when the handbell rings for the start of the service

Please remain standing to sing the Processional Hymn

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

Soloist:

1. *Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.*

4. **For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.**

Choir:

2. *He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.*

5. **And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.**

All sing:

3. **And through all his wondrous
childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly Maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.**

6. **Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.**

Music: IRBY, H.J. Gauntlett (1805-1876) Revised by A.H. Mann (1850-1929)

Words: C.F. Alexander (1818-1895)

Please sit for the Welcome and Bidding Prayer (The Very Reverend Frank Nelson, Dean)

In the name of Christ and his church I bid you welcome to St Peter's Cathedral this evening.

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence to celebrate the festival of Christmas. In this service we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ, and we offer to God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols.

But first we pray:

For all Christian people, that by this festival they may be renewed to fulfil Christ's work in this world; and especially for Geoff our Archbishop, Tim and Chris our bishops and the clergy and people of this diocese;

For the world, which is already Christ's, that those who bear responsibility for its future, in politics, in industry, in commerce, and in education and communication, may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere;

For all in special need, the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful, and the bereaved.

We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and pray together:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

May the humility of the shepherds, the faith of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ Child, be God's gift to us and to all people, this Christmas and always. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Reader: The Reverend Wendy Morecroft, Assistant Curate

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his descendants will strike the serpent's head.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.' And to the man he

said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

CAROL

Remember, O thou man

1. Remember, O thou Man,
O thou Man, O thou Man,
Remember, O thou Man,
Thy time is spent:
Remember, O thou Man,
How thou art dead and gone,
And I did what I can:
Therefore repent!
2. Remember Adam's fall,
O thou Man, O thou Man,
Remember Adam's fall
From Heaven to Hell!
Remember Adam's fall,
How we were condemned all
In Hell perpetual,
There for to dwell.
3. Remember God's goodness,
O thou Man, O thou Man,
Remember God's goodnesse
And his promise made!
Remember God's goodnesse,
How he sent his Sonne,
doubtlesse
Our sinnes for to redresse:
Be not afraid!
4. The Angels all did sing,
O thou Man, O thou Man,
The Angels all did sing
Upon the shepherds' hill.
The Angels all did sing
Praises to our Heavenly King,
And peace to man living,
With a good will.

Music: T. Ravenscroft (c 1582 – 1635)

Words: 16th Century English, Author Unknown

THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

Reader: Kevin Stracey, Dean's Warden

*God promises to faithful Abraham that through his offspring
all the nations of the earth will be blessed.*

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your

offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

CAROL

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

1. Ding, dong! Merrily on high
In heav'n the bells are ringing;
Ding, dong! Verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.
2. E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And i-o, i-o, i-o,
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.
3. Pray ye dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May ye beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

Music: 16th Cent. French, arr. M Wilberg (b. 1955-)
Words: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Reader: Pauline Brooks, Festival 150 Convenor

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

CAROL

Hodie, Christus natus est

*Hodie Christus natus est:
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Hodie Christus natus est:*

Today Christ is born,
Glory to God in the heighest
Today Christ is born:

*Hodie Salvator apparuit:
Hodie in terra canunt Angeli,
laetantur Archangeli
Hodie Christus natus est:*

Today the Saviour appears
Today the angels sing on earth
The Archangels rejoice,
Today Christ is born,

*Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Alleluia.*

Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest.
Alleluia.

Music: Alexander James (b. 1996-)
Words: Luke 2:11, 13-14; Ps. 33:1

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. **O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**
2. **O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.**
3. **How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.**
4. **O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.**

Music: FOREST GREEN, English Traditional, *Descant*: T. Armstrong (1898-1994)
Words: Bishop P. Brooks (1835-1893)

THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Reader: Roslyn Marley, Pastoral Care Committee

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

CAROL

The Bell Carol

1. I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And mild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth this Christmastide.
2. Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from
night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on earth this Christmastide.
3. And in despair I bowed my head:
'There is no peace on earth,' I said,
'For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth this Christmastide.
4. Then pealed the bells more
loud and deep:
'God is not dead; nor does he sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth
this Christmastide.'

Music: Philip Ledger (b. 1937-)

Words: H.W. Longfellow (adap.) (1807-1882)

HYMN

It came upon the midnight clear

1. **It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold!
Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**
2. **Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing.
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.**
3. **Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world hath suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.**
4. **For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the Age of Gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.**

Music: NOEL, A. S. Sullivan (1842-1900)
Words: E. H. Sears (1810-1876)

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Reader: John Marley, Eucharistic Assistant

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL

I sing of a maiden

1. I sing of a maiden that is makeless;
King of all kings to her son she *ches.
2. He came all so still where his mother was
As dew in April that falleth on the grass.
3. He came all so still to his mother's bower,
As dew in April that falleth on the flower.
4. He came all so still where his mother lay,
As dew in April that falleth on the spray.
5. Mother and maiden was never none but she:
well may such a lady Godes mother be

Music: Matthew Martin (b. 1976-)

Words: 15th Century English

*ches = 'chose'

CAROL

O Little One Sweet

Sung by the Junior Trebles and the Training Choir

1. O little one sweet, O little one mild,
thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
thou cam'st from heav'n to us on earth
Now we rejoice in thy wond'rous birth
O little one sweet, O little one mild.
2. O little one sweet, O little one mild,
with joy thou hast the whole world filled;
thou camest here from heav'n's domain,
to bring us comfort in our pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.
3. O little one sweet, O little one mild.
In thee Love's beauties are all distilled;
then light in us thy love's bright flame,
that we may give thee back the same,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

Music: Piers Maxim (b. 1965-)

Words: traditional German, trans. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Reader: Harriet McPharlin, Head Chorister 2018

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL

What Child is this?

Sung by the Senior Trebles and the Junior Lay Clerks

1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. [Refrain]
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. [Refrain]

Music: Thomas Hewitt Jones (b. 1984-)
Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

HYMN

While Shepherds watched their flocks

1. **While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.**
2. **'Fear not' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
'glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.**
3. **'To you, in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign:**
4. **'the heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.**
5. **Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:**
6. **'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.'**

Music: WINCHESTER OLD, G. Kirbye (1565-1634)

Words: N Tate (1652-1715)

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Reader: Don Donlan, Organ Fundraising Task Force

The shepherds go to the manger.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

CAROL
My Musick Shine

My musick shine.
The shepherds sing; and shall I silent be?
My God, no hymne for thee?
My soul's a shepherd too: a flock it feeds
Of thoughts, and words, and deeds.
The pasture is thy word; the streams, thy grace
Enriching all the place.
My musick shine.

Shepherd and flock shall sing, and all my powers
Out-sing the day-light houres.
Then will we chide the sunne for letting night
Take up his place and right:

We sing one common Lord; wherefore he should
Himself the candle hold.
I will go searching, till I finde a sunne
Shall stay, till we have done;
A willing shiner, that shall shine as gladly,
As frost-nipt sunnes look sadly.
Then will we sing, and shine all our own day,
And one another pay:
His beams shall cheer my breast, and both so twine,
Till ev'n His beams sing, and my musick shine.

Music: Richard Wilberforce (b. 1984-)
Words: George Herbert (1593 -1633)

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Reader: Marcus Chan, Server

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

CAROL
Kings of Orient

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]
3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]
5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

Words & Melody: J.H. Hopkins (1821-1891)
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Please stand to sing the hymn, during which a collection will be taken for the mission and ministry of St Peter's Cathedral.

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. **O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!***
2. **God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
*O come, let us adore him...***
3. **See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks,
draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps
*O come, let us adore him...***
4. **Lo! Star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
*O come, let us adore him ...***
5. **Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest:
*O come, let us adore him...***

Music: ADESTE FIDELES att. J. F. Wade 1711-1786, Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)
Words: Latin 18th Century trans. F. Oakely, W.T. Brooke and others

Please remain standing

THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

Reader: The Reverend Canon Jenny Wilson, Precentor

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Please kneel/sit for a moment of awed quietness

CAROL

I sing the birth

The Father's wisdom will'd it so,
The Son's obedience knew no No,
Both wills were in one stature;
And as that wisdom had decreed,
The Word was now made flesh indeed,
And took on him our nature.

Music: Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

Words: Ben Jonson (1572-1637)

*The Dean leads the congregation
in praying the Festival 150 prayer*

God of all time:

**Alpha and Omega,
beginning and end.**

**We praise and thank you
for what has been,
what is and
what is to be.**

**In this year of celebration
we give you thanks
for those who have gone before us
in faith, courage and generosity.**

**Give us
imagination, purpose and grace
to step into the future with you,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Life-giver.**

Amen



Please stand

ACCLAMATION AND BLESSING
The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith
Archbishop of Adelaide

Let us bless the living God:

He was born of the Virgin Mary,
Revealed in his glory,

Worshipped by angels,
Proclaimed among the nations,

Believed in throughout the world,
Exalted to the highest heavens.

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. **Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.
*Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***
2. **Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***

3. **Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings:
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
*Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King***

Music: MENDELSSOHN Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Descant: David Willcocks (1919- 2015)

Words: C. Wesley (1707-1788) and others

Please remain standing as the Choir and Clergy depart in procession

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on 'In Dulci Jubilo' BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1686-1750)

*Wishing you a blessed,
holy and happy Christmas.*

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2018 – A Momentous Year

2018 has been a momentous year in the life of St Peter's Cathedral. Not only have the congregations (particularly the Sunday 10.30am) continued to grow and flourish, but significant long term conservation work has been done.

At the start of the year an access-way was built along the south side of the building, making it possible to bring in a crane for high level cleaning and maintenance and, in the process, giving us a new and delightful gathering space in the Memorial Garden.

Immediately after Easter, work began on the replacement of roof slates, installation of seismic bracing, and detailed masonry repair work – all on that section of the Cathedral which houses the organ. This first of seven stages of high-level conservation work was completed on time and under budget.

In the latter part of the year the Cathedral Organ returned from Durham UK and, under the skilled organ builders of Harrison & Harrison Ltd, was made ready in time for a magnificent First Chords service on Advent Sunday.

A few months ago, after St Peter's Cathedral Music Foundation pledged up to \$200,000 from its own accumulated funds to help us to meet any shortfall in fundraising, we had a pipe dream (pun intended!) to "bring the organ home debt free by Christmas". It is a great thrill to be able to announce that not only has the Organ, complete with new casework, been fully restored, but that the fund-raising has gone so well (with some pledges still to come) that we are now confident there will be **no need to borrow any money to fund the project**. Further donations are still being sought to reduce the shortfall to be funded from the Music Foundation's capital.

Festival 150

The St Peter's Cathedral sesquicentenary celebrations began on Advent Sunday (four weeks ago). It promises to be a year of festival events with something to suit a wide range of people and interests. If you do not already have one, please collect a Festival 150 brochure from the Stewards and join us in celebrating the past and imagining the future.

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Mon 9.30am-1.00pm
Tues-Sat 9.30am-4.00pm
Sun 12.00pm-3.00pm
(Free Public Tours Wed 11.00am, Sun 12.30pm)

Sunday Services:
8.00am Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Choral Eucharist
6.00pm Choral Evensong