



# Choral Evensong

## Palm Sunday

6:00pm 28 March 2021

**Welcome:** "Ride on, ride on in majesty!"

The opening line of this quintessentially Palm Sunday hymn never fails to move me. It holds an invitation into both fascination and horror.

Fascination as, inevitably, we are drawn to join the crowd of those accompanying Jesus into Jerusalem; and horror when we stop to think about all that is to happen in the next little while.

Today's services are an introduction to the rest of Holy week; an invitation to go with Jesus and face whatever he must. We know that will include great acts of love and service - the anointing of Jesus's feet, the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus; the betrayal and denial by those closest to him; the arrest, travesty of trials and execution on a cross; the long hours of painful watching and waiting - and then the death. Between now and this time next week we will sweep through a range of emotions until, thankfully and joyfully, we emerge on Easter Day.

"Ride on, ride on in majesty!"

*The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson, Dean*

*Officiant:*

The Rev'd Canon Bill Goodes

*Preacher:*

The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

*Canticles:*

Swale in E minor

*Responses:*

Swale in A-flat

*Choir:*

St Peter's Cathedral Choir

*Director of Music:*

Anthony Hunt

*Organist:*

David Heah

**Hymns: 212, 11, 145**



St Peter's Cathedral strives to be a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, mission-oriented, faith community.

The Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kurna people  
whom we acknowledge as the original custodians of the Adelaide Region.



*Please stand as the Choir and Clergy enter*

Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

*Confession (please kneel/sit)*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Absolution*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live; and hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Officiant and Choir sing the Versicles and Responses*

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.

*Please stand for the Doxology*

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.

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*
2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
thinking that he never would awake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for the three days in the grave had lain,  
back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
then your touch can call us back to life again,  
field of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*

WORDS: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872–1958)

MUSIC: French carol, fifteenth century, harmonised by David Iliff (b. 1939)

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Please sit as The Choir sings Psalm 118:1-16 (Chant: James Nares)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now confess, that he is gracious: and that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now confess: that his mercy endureth for ever.

Yea, let them now that fear the Lord confess: that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in trouble: and the Lord heard me at large.

The Lord is on my side: I will not fear what man doeth unto me.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me:

therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.

It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put any confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put any confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me round about:

but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side:

but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns:

for in the Name of the Lord I will destroy them.

Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall: but the Lord was my help.

The Lord is my strength, and my song: and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous:  
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.  
The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence:  
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

*Please stand for the Gloria:*

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 for the first reading: Exodus 13:1-3, 7-9 (read by Matthew Wills)*

The Lord said to Moses: <sup>2</sup> Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine. <sup>3</sup> Moses said to the people, 'Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. <sup>7</sup> Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. <sup>8</sup> You shall tell your child on that day, "It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt." <sup>9</sup> It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teaching of the Lord may be on your lips; for with a strong hand the Lord brought you out of Egypt.

Hear the word of the Lord **thanks be to God.**

*Please stand while the Choir sings the Magnificat: Luke 1:46-55*

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 for the second reading: John 12:30-32 (read by Chris Goodes)*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.



Give peace in our time, O Lord

O God, make clean our hearts within us

Because there is none other that  
fighteth for us but only thou, O God.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*The Collect for Palm Sunday*

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same 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 Evening Collect*

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 stand to sing the Second Hymn*

**Hymn: #11** [*St Peter*]

**As now the sun's declining rays**

1. As now the sun's declining rays  
at eventide descend,  
so life's brief day is sinking down  
to its appointed end.
2. Lord, on the cross thine arms were stretched  
to draw thy people nigh:  
O grant us then that cross to love,  
and in those arms to die.
3. All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.

WORDS: *Labente jam solis rota* Charles Coffin (1676-1749) translated by John Chandler (1806-1876)

MUSIC: Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877)

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*Please sit for the Sermon: The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson*

*Silence may follow*

*After the sermon, please remain seated as the Choir sings the Anthem:*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) – *Hear My Prayer*

Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear!  
Thyself from my petition do not hide.  
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee,  
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.

The enemy shouteth, the godless come fast!  
Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast!  
The wicked oppress me, Ah where shall I fly?  
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,  
my soul with deathly terror is oppressed,  
trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,  
with horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings, for the wings of a dove!  
Far away, far away would I rove!  
In the wilderness build me a nest,  
and remain there for ever at rest.

*Please kneel/sit for the Intercessions*

*Please stand to sing the Final Hymn*

**Hymn: #145** [*Herongate*]

**It is a thing most wonderful**

1. It is a thing most wonderful,  
almost too wonderful to be,  
that God's own Son  
should come from heaven,  
and die to save a child like me.
2. And yet I know that it is true:  
he chose a poor and humble lot,  
and wept and toiled  
and mourned and died  
for love of those who loved him not.
3. I cannot tell how he could love  
a child so weak and full of sin;  
his love must be most wonderful,  
if he could die my love to win.
4. I sometimes think about the cross,  
and shut my eyes, and try to see  
the cruel nails  
and crown of thorns,  
and Jesus crucified for me.
5. But even could I see him die,  
I could but see a little part  
of that great love  
which, like a fire,  
is always burning in his heart.
6. It is most wonderful to know  
his love for me so free and sure;  
but 'tis more wonderful to see  
my love for him so faint and poor.
7. And yet I want to love thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
and I will love thee more and more,  
until I see thee as thou art.

WORDS: William Walsham How (1823–1867)

MUSIC: English traditional melody arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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*Please remain standing for the Blessing*

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*You are invited to listen reflectively to the organ postlude:*

Francis Jackson (b. 1917) – *Meditation: Love Unknown*

*Please refrain from conversation until the music is completed;  
applause is not normally appropriate during an act of worship.*

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**A prayer as we seek a new Dean:** Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

**International** Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Primate Abp Andrew Chan  
**National** Anglicare Australia: Kasy Chambers

### **South Australia**

*Diocese of Adelaide* Stirling: Andy Wurm (Dee), Barbara Messner (Brian)

*Diocese of Willochra* Retired clergy and clergy widows/widowers

*Diocese of The Murray* Registrar: Donna Jones, Office Staff: Jasmine Irvine

### **All preparing for confirmation on Easter Day**

**Immediate Prayer** Bishop David McCall, Barry Black, Melanie Nelson

### **Year's Mind**

28<sup>th</sup> Catherine Gilmore Black, Elma Mathews

29<sup>th</sup> Muriel Rosalie Barker, Edward Whitworth

30<sup>th</sup> Aleck Downer

31<sup>st</sup> Sister Gracemary CHN, Joan Merilyn Fopp

1<sup>st</sup> Bruce Goodes, Lois May Davey

2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Padman

3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Tam, Violet Hillier

### **A prayer for all affected by coronavirus**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**New to the Cathedral?** Connect with us using the green Connect card or online <http://www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/connect-with-us/>

**Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold:** 7pm on 1079Life. Tonight, Lynn's guest will be Cathedral member Gerald Lipman, discussing Ngutu College, Woodville North. From the school's mission statement: "Ngutu College will be a model for the seamless integration of Aboriginal knowledges and formal curriculum in experiential learning environments."

**Cathedral Visiting Hours:** The Cathedral is open for visiting and private prayer. Opening hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-1pm.

**Communion in one kind to continue:** Cathedral Council last week endorsed the current practice of receiving Holy Communion in one kind only - at least for the foreseeable (and uncertain) future.

**Contacting the Nelsons:** After Easter, Frank's Cathedral email address will no longer be active, so please replace it in your address books with the family address, [fcnelson@gmail.com](mailto:fcnelson@gmail.com).

The Nelsons' new postal address will be 58 Hokianga Road, Dargaville, 0310 New Zealand.

**Thank you:** To Darian and the St Martin's in the Community team for their excellent catering, to Meredith, Pauline, and the hospitality team for their huge efforts behind the bar and beyond, to Venecia for her beautiful cake, and to everyone who helped make Frank & Christine's farewell lunch such a success. Thank you also for our largest Vestry Meeting attendance in recent history!

# Palm Sunday to Easter - Journey through Holy Week 2021

On Good Friday and Easter Day, where marked, bookings are essential for all attendees. Make your bookings via the applicable links, or call the Cathedral Office on 8267 4551.

## PALM SUNDAY

28 March

8.00am

**Eucharist (BCP)**

*Blessing of Palm Crosses and reading of the Passion according to St Mark.*

10.15am

**Procession,**

**Blessing of Palms and Choral Eucharist**

*Gather at Pennington Gardens Water Feature for the Blessing of Palms and join the procession to the Cathedral. Choral Eucharist at 10.30am with dramatic reading of the Passion according to St Mark.*

6.00pm

**Choral Evensong**

*Preacher: Dean Frank*

## HOLY MONDAY

29 March

7.30am Eucharist

6.30pm Eucharist

## HOLY TUESDAY

30 March

7.30am Eucharist

11.30am

**Diocesan Chrism Eucharist**

*Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows and the Blessing of Oils*

6:30pm

**Eucharist**

## HOLY WEDNESDAY

31 March

7.30am Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

6.30pm

**Tenebrae (Service of Shadows)**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

1 April

7.30am Eucharist

6.30pm

**Choral Eucharist**

*Preacher: The Archbishop*

## GOOD FRIDAY

2 April

10.00am

**Good Friday Liturgy**

**- Bookings essential at**

[www.trybooking.com/BPLYO](http://www.trybooking.com/BPLYO)

*Preacher: The Archbishop*

3.00pm

**Meditation Concert**

**- Bookings essential at**

[www.trybooking.com/BPJMS](http://www.trybooking.com/BPJMS)

*The St Peter's Cathedral Choir sings The Fauré Requiem, with chamber orchestra, featuring soloists Jessica Dean (Soprano) and Pelham Andrews (Bass). Free entry with retiring collection taken for the Anglican Board of Mission.*

## **EASTER DAY SERVICES**

**Sunday 4 April 2021**

**6.00am Easter Vigil**

*Lighting of the new fire, Confirmation and Holy Communion*  
*Preacher: The Archbishop*

**8.00am Eucharist**

*Quiet traditional Easter Day Service with Hymns.*  
*Preacher: Canon Jenny*

**10.00am Festal Choral Eucharist**

**with children's program**  
**- Bookings essential at**

[www.trybooking.com/BPLYU](http://www.trybooking.com/BPLYU)

*A joyful celebration with glorious music of the resurrection of Christ.*

*Preacher: Canon Jenny*

**6.00pm Festal Choral Evensong**

**- Bookings essential at**

[www.trybooking.com/BPLYX](http://www.trybooking.com/BPLYX)

*Preacher: Dean Frank*

*The Dean's final service before departing for New Zealand.*