

## **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2024

#### 10:30 AM

Welcome to St Peter's Cathedral. We are delighted to have you worship with us today for this Choral Eucharist from A Prayer Book for Australia. Please join us in saying the words in bold. The hymns can be found in the separate hymn book. All indications for sitting, kneeling, and standing are a guide only: please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

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.

Beginning today, the second Sunday of Advent, we look this week to that time when God will have graciously given Godself to live among us. We look forward expectantly to receive with joy once more, God's most precious gift. Giving and receiving gifts at Christmas are reminders, symbols, of that gift, Jesus, whose very name in Hebrew means 'God saves' (Yeshua). So, in our Advent dawn of the new day, light begins to break the darkness, and we hear a voice. Out of the wilderness, across millennia, John the Baptist, gives us the information we need to find our way to Christ and salvation. Paradoxically, that way is by clearing a path for Him to come to us.

Blessings,

The Rev'd Dr Susan Straub Assistant Priest

> Celebrant: The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Susan Straub Readers: Jane Densley, John Densley Choir: St Peter's Cathedral Choir Conductor: Anthony Hunt Organist: Andrew Georg Hymns: 99, 319, 39, 48

## HYMN 99 – HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED (CRÜGER) OMIT V4

Blessed by God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

#### Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. LUKE 1.78-79

#### CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Priest Today is the second Sunday in Advent.We light a candle each week to remind us that Jesus brings light into the dark places of the world.

The first candle (purple, the Candle of Hope) is lit

Child We light the candle of hope to proclaim that God's light is coming into the world.

The second candle (purple, the Candle of Peace) is lit

*Child* We light the candle of peace to proclaim that God's promises will be fulfilled in the birth of Jesus – Prince of Peace.

Faithful God,

we thank you for fulfilling your promise of a Saviour. May we be ready to receive the Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Amen.

Let us pray.

#### Please sit/kneel

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **K**YRIE

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) Collegium Regale

Lord, have mercy upon us Christ, have mercy upon us Lord, have mercy upon us

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

#### Silence may be kept.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

#### Merciful God,

our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Please stand as the choir sings

#### The Choir sings

#### TRISAGION

Agios o Theos,	Agios ischyros,	Agios athanatos,	Eleison imas.
Holy God,	Holy and mighty,	Holy and immortal,	Have mercy on us.

#### Please remain standing for the Collect

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

## THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel: who has come to his people and set them free. The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of his servant David. Through the holy prophets, God promised of old: to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, To show mercy to our forebears: and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear: holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation: by the forgiveness of their sins.

MALACHI 3.1-4

Chant: Edward Bairstow 1874 - 1946

In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

## SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1.1-11

The beginning of the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

## HYMN 319 - SING WE THE PRAISES OF THE GREAT FORERUNNER (DIVA SERVATRIX)

During the hymn, children are invited to gather at the rear of the nave in the centre aisle to listen to the Gospel together. After the Gospel they will follow the procession to the altar and then move to the Cynthia Poulton Hall for Cathedral Kids. They will return to the Cathedral in time for Holy Communion.

Please remain standing

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The choir sings the alleluia, which is repeated by the congregation.



Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all shall see the salvation of God.

After the verse, the alleluia is sung again by all. Please remain standing

## THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The organist plays as the procession returns to the altar. Cathedral Kids, please move towards the altar now.

Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

## THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr Susan Straub

Following the sermon, a brief period of silence may be kept.

Please stand

## THE NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

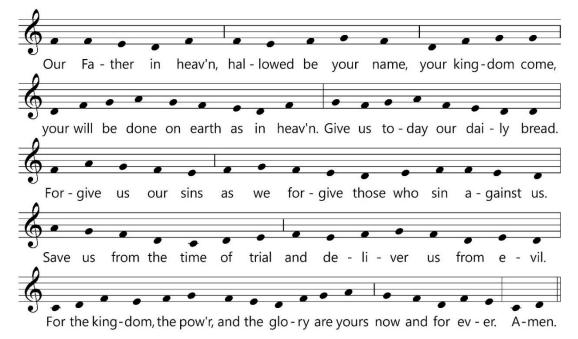
#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Please sit / kneel

The prayers conclude

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,



#### **BLESSING OF THE NEW SOUND SYSTEM**

Notices may be given before the Greeting of Peace.

Please stand

## **GREETING OF PEACE**

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain standing to sing the Offertory Hymn

#### HYMN 39 - HILLS OF THE NORTH, REJOICE (LITTLE CORNARD)

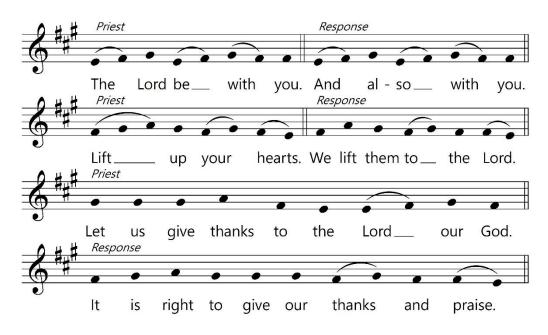
During this hymn a collection is taken to support the work of the Cathedral. Online giving options are available. Many choose to make regular donations electronically or by using envelopes. Complete a Planned Giving form to become a regular and faithful financial supporter of the ministry of the Cathedral.

#### Remain standing

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.** 

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The following may be said or sung



All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who was looked for by the prophets, heralded by the Baptist announced by an angel, born of the Virgin Mary, and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

#### The choir sings

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Howells Collegium Regale

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

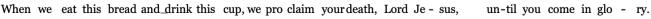
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:





Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



Bles-sing and hon-our and glo-ry and power are yours for ev - er and ev-er, A-men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

#### for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please sit/kneel. The choir sings

## AGNUS DEI

Howells Collegium Regale

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to come forward and receive Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available on request. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward to receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal to the priest).

## ANTHEM

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) This is the record of John

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God for whom we wait, we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful that we may be ready to stand before him on the day of his coming.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Please stand to sing the Post-Communion Hymn

#### HYMN 48 - SING WE OF THE KINGDOM, GIVING THANKS TO GOD (POWERSTOCK)

## BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; 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.

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.

After this, you are invited to sit to listen to the organ postlude.

## POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach (1685-1750) Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

# 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 5 January.
- 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 I January.
- After the 10:30 am Choral Eucharist, tea and coffee is offered every week.

#### Advent 3 at Evensong - Story Reading from Caravan by Steve Daughtry

Next Sunday, 15 December, at Choral Evensong at 6pm we will have a "Story Reading" from a book of Advent Stories entitled *Caravan* written for the Anglican Board of Mission by Rev'd Canon Steve Daughtry. In place of the sermon we will hear read the story of Zechariah, Elizabeth and Mary. Following Choral Evensong all are warmly invited to the launch of the book at St Mark's College.

#### AV Upgrade

Today at the 10:30 am Eucharist we will give thanks for the commissioning of the new audio system, which has met with universal acclaim. There is still quite a bit to do, including work on the hearing augmentation functionality, some cosmetic work on minimising the visual impact of conduits cables, and getting the live-streaming function operational.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the Church	
International	Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
	Primate: Archbishop Ezekiel Kumir Kondo
National	Bunbury: Bishop Ian Coutts (Anne)
South Australia	
Diocese of Adelaide	Archdeaconry of The City of Adelaide and The Port: Sam Goodes (Kate)
Diocese of Willochra	Ceduna: David Thompson (Jenny)
Diocese of The Murray	Mannum - Mt Pleasant - Mt Torrens: locum tenens Bruce Hicks (Melita)

#### For the People

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

Short Term Prayer: Bruce Williams, Bill Ashman, Francis Brooks.

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), Edna Allison, 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:

- 8th Sidney Mainstone Lancelot Vivian Pellew David Stewart Paterson Henry Rymill
- 9th Lucy Edith Williams
- 10th Catherine Berry
- 11th Anthony John Sims Bridgman
- 12th James Welsh Sybil Longman Wal Trogler Frances Fielden Lesley Anne Taylor-Maddern
- 13th John Charles Bannon

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 - <u>langshawstuart@gmail.com</u>

# You are invited to the book launch of



#### December 15th at 7.15pm at St Mark's College Chapel, 46 Pennington Terrace (just down from the Cathedral). Attend Evensong at the Cathedral at 6pm to hear the authors (and a special guest) read a story as part of the service.

#### To be launched by Dr Rachel Buxton

St Mark's College - Advisor and Special Projects BA (Hons) (Adel), MSt, DPhil (Oxon), PGCTHE, MBA (Oxford Brookes) Rachel is a Rhodes Scholar and her doctorate is in English Language and Literature

Come and meet Steve (author) and Vanessa Daughtry (Illustrator) and grab a copy of the book. Have yours signed. Maybe even hear a story read? Refreshments provided. RSVP by 10 Dec to: info@abmission.org.au or 1300 302 663 "The real power of this book lies in the sheer, gut-punching beauty of the writing" Anne van Gend



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# Christmas at St Peter's Cathedral

# All Welcome

## Sunday 22 December 2024

6pm: Blue Christmas Service (Evening service with hymns)

A service for those who are struggling this Christmas. The simple act of lighting a candle serves to remind us that the darkness has not overcome the light. (John 1:5) With Festival Statesmen Chorus and Organ.

# CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24 December 2024 4pm: Children's Crib Service

**Children's Crib Service** Children are invited to come dressed as characters from the Christmas story. This service will last approximately one hour.

- 7pm: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols With the Cathedral Choir, Organ, and Brass
- 11pm: The First Eucharist of Christmas (Midnight Mass) Doors open at 10.15pm With the Cathedral Choir and Organ.

## CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday 25 December 2024

8am: 10am:

Holy Communion (BCP) with Carols
Festal Choral Eucharist
With the Cathedral Choir and Organ.



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## 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.

	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
Monday 9 December	9:15 am Morning Prayer (at St Barnabas College)
	10:30am-1pm Open for visiting and private prayer
	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
Tuesday 10 December	8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
Wednesday II December	10 am Eucharist (BCP) (Lady Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
Thursday 12 December	8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
Friday 13 December	8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30 am – 3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
Saturday 14 December	Closed
	8 am Eucharist (BCP)
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist
SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER	Preacher – The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson
Advent 3	6 pm Choral Evensong
	For the Sermon: A reading from <i>Caravan</i>

## **CATHEDRAL STAFF**

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