

CHORAL EUCHARIST

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 15 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.

This Sunday, the Third Sunday in Advent, we spend a little more time with John the Baptist, that prophet who lived in the wilderness dressed in camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, interestingly eating locusts and wild honey. We spend some time with John the Baptist and we also spend time with readings characterised by joy. The prophet Zephaniah speaks of joy deep in the knowledge that God will bring the people home. Paul, writing to the people of Philippi, encourages rejoicing in all things, however difficult they might be. Our pink candle and our pink vestments remind us this Gaudate Sunday that our reflections on repentance take place in the midst of whisperings of joy. As we hear John the Baptist exhorting us to a time of reflection and repentance, may we do so, sensing the deep joy that comes from sitting with the truth of our frailty, knowing we are held in the love of God.

Blessings,

The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson Canon Precentor

Celebrant: The Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson **Reader:** Audrey Mitchell

Intercessor: Benjamin Opiyo

Choir: St Peter's Cathedral Choir

Conductor: Anthony Hunt **Organist:** Andrew Georg

Hymns: 41, 46, 641, 38

HYMN 41 - LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING (HELMSLEY)

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Priest

Today is the third 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.

The third candle (rose-pink, the Candle of Joy) is lit

Celebrant We rejoice and sing out with gladness at the message of God's salvation.

Child We light the candle of joy to celebrate that God's saving power

is coming into the world.

All

God of joy, we rejoice as we look forward to your breaking into human history, revealing in person your justice and your love. Amen.

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

Zephaniah 3.16–17

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.

The choir sings

KYRIE

John Ireland (1879-1962) in C

Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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.**

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

Almighty God,

you sent your Son into a world

where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff

and evil clings even to what is good:

let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,

so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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 ZEPHANIAH 3.14-20

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,

he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,

before your eyes, says the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

when I restore your fortunes

The choir sings

A Song of Isaiah

'Behold, God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid;
'For the Lord God is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.'
With joy you will draw water: from the wells of salvation.
On that day you will say:
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
'Make known his deeds among the nations: proclaim that his name is exalted.
'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously: let this be known in all the world.
'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion: for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Chant: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

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SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 4.4-7

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

HYMN 46 – ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY (WINCHESTER NEW)

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.



The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

After the verse, the alleluia is sung again by all.

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL LUKE 3.7-18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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 Canon Jenny Wilson

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,



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 641- GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN (ABBOT'S LEIGH)

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.

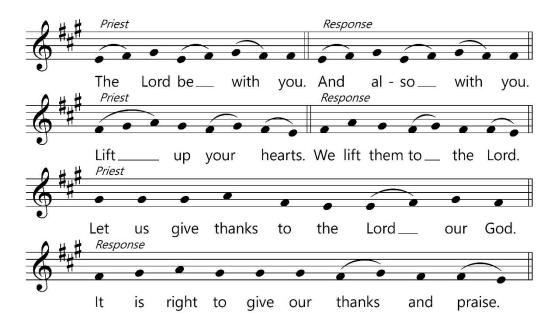
Remain standing

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

Ireland in C

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.

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 Ireland in C

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).

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men.
The Lord is e'en at hand.
Be careful for nothing;
but in all prayer and supplication
let your petition be manifest unto God, with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesu. Amen.

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.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

Please stand to sing the Post-Communion Hymn

HYMN 38 – HARK, A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING (MERTON)

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 played by the Director of Music, Anthony Hunt.

POSTLUDE

Garth Edmundson (1892-1971) Toccata on 'Von Himmel hoch'

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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.

Morning Tea after the 10:30am Eucharist

Today after the 10:30 am Choral Eucharist delicious mince pies will be served. In the coming few weeks, tea and coffee will be served as usual on Sunday 22 December, but not on Sunday 29 December. Usual arrangements for tea and coffee after 10:30 am will resume on Sunday 5 January.



Advent 3 Choral Evensong - Story Reading from Caravan by Steve Daughtry

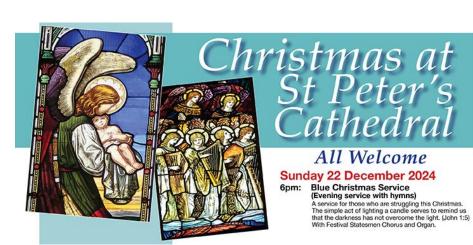
Tonight at Choral Evensong in place of the sermon we will hear a narrated story from a book of Advent stories entitled *Caravan* (stories about Jesus' birth set in an Australian landscape) written by the Rev'd Canon Steve Daughtry for the Anglican Board of Mission. Following Choral Evensong all are warmly invited to the launch of the book at St Mark's College.

January Office and Worship Schedule

The weekday worship schedule from Christmas to the end of January is according to the "January" pattern with Morning and Evening Prayer said privately, and the Eucharist celebrated on Wednesday at 7:30 am and 10 am (BCP), and Friday at 7:30 am. This pattern will commence from Thursday 26 December until Friday 31 January.

On Sunday 29 December the Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 am and 10:30 am as usual, but there will be no 6 pm service. On Wednesday I January, there will be no 7:30 am Eucharist, but the BCP Eucharist will be celebrated as usual at 10 am.

During January, Sunday worship will be at the usual times of 8 am (BCP Eucharist), 10:30 am (Sung Eucharist) and 6 pm (Night Prayer).



CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24 December 2024

4pm: Children's Crib Service

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols With the Cathedral Choir, Organ, and Bras

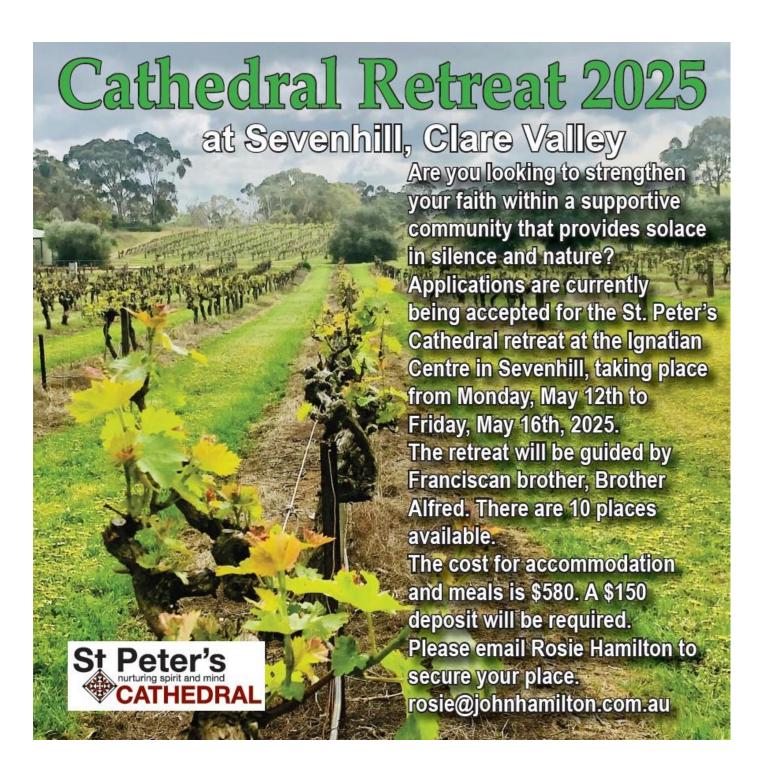
11pm: The First Eucharist of Christmas

(Midnight Mass) Doors open at 10.15pm With the Cathedral Choir and Organ.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25 December 2024

8am: Holy Communion (BCP) with Carols 10am: Festal Choral Eucharist



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the Church

International The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Primate: Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa

National Melbourne: Archbishop Philip Freier (Joy)

South Australia

Diocese of Adelaide Area Deanery of South-Eastern Suburbs: Ali Wurm

Diocese of Willochra Leigh Creek (Blinman, Hawker): vacant, Blinman - David Amery

(Coralie), Hawker - Arthur Tanner (Jane)

Diocese of The Murray The Southern Suburbs (Aberfoyle Park, Christies Beach, Morphett Vale,

O'Halloran Hill): Andrew Forder (Debra), Carol Cornwall (John),

Deacon Rory Westgarth

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, Keith Rayner.

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, especially Margie Chittleborough.

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

15th Betty Gurney

Samuel Raymond Baron Cornish

David Robin

Gordon Hugh St Aidan Oakey

Colin Brown

17th Reginald William Mathews

18th Harold Aubrey Williams

Alan Hayward

19th Geoffrey Tremayne Sambell

Kenneth William George Treagus

20th Hazel Shirley Whittney

21st Kate Abel Smith

Richard Frederick Haselgrove

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>

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For some services, the West Doors of the Cathedral are not opened. Please make your way to the northern (carpark) side of the Cathedral and enter through the St Barnabas Porch.

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MONDAY 16 DECEMBER	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	9:15 am Morning Prayer (at St Barnabas College)
	10:30am-1pm Open for visiting and private prayer
TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
Wednesday 18 December	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10 am Eucharist (BCP) (Lady Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
Thursday 19 December	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30 am – 3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER	RDAY 21 DECEMBER Closed ST THOMAS
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Sunday 22 December Advent 4	8 am Eucharist (BCP)
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist
	Preacher — The Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare
	6 pm Blue Christmas
	Preacher — The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould

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