

CHORAL EUCHARIST FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 22 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 marks the fourth and final week of Advent! We are drawing ever closer to the birth of Christ and our gospel from Luke focuses on the moment between the Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. Both women are pregnant in a surprising way that only God could bring about. This is the moment when Mary realizes that the words the Angel Gabriel spoke to her are actually coming true! These are the words of the Magnificat. Mary's song of praise rings out with joy to God for the miracle within her. Let us too proclaim the greatness of the Lord as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child!

Blessings

The Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare Assistant Priest

Celebrant: The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO **Preacher:** The Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare

Readers: Joe Thorpe, Ben Begg Intercessor: Andrew Charlton Choir: St Peter's Cathedral Choir Conductor: Anthony Hunt

Organist: Andrew Georg **Hymns:** 80, 316, 423, 52

HYMN 80 - OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN (DIVINUM MYSTERIUM) OMIT V4

Blessed Be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Priest Today is the fourth 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

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

is coming into the world.

The fourth candle (purple, the Candle of Love) is lit

Child We light the candle of love to celebrate that God's light has shone

in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary.

All God of Love, grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your

Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all. Amen.

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

LUKE 1.45

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

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) Missa Dixit Maria

Kyrie eléison Lord, have mercy Christe eléison Christ, have mercy Kyrie eléison Lord, have mercy

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence

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.

COLLECT

Gracious God.

you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. 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 MICAH 5.2-5A

A reading from the Prophet Micah.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth: and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

CANTICLE: THE SONG OF MARY (MAGNIFICAT) Chant: Edgar Day (1891-1983)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: from this day all generations will call me blessed; The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name. God has mercy on those who fear him:

from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever. SECOND READING

HEBREWS 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,

'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings

in burnt-offerings and sin-offering you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

HYMN 316 – THE GOD WHOM EARTH AND SEA AND SKY (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

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 acclamation, which is repeated by the congregation.



I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

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

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL LUKE 1.39–45

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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 Margaret Peel-Shakespeare

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 423— AND NOW, O FATHER, MINDFUL OF THE LOVE (UNDE ET MEMORES)

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.

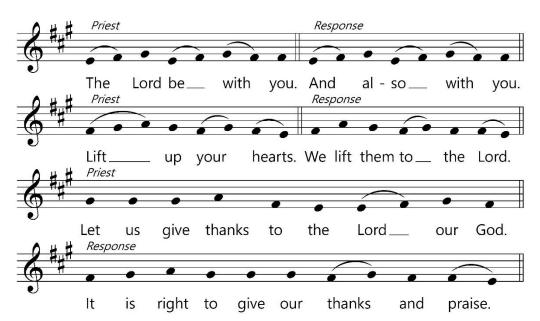
Remain standing

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

Hassler Missa Dixit Maria

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

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.'

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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

Hassler Missa Dixit Maria

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins

of the world: grant us 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

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) A Spotless Rose

A Spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root, Of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit; Its fairest bud unfolds to light Amid the cold, cold winter, And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing, where of Isaiah said, Is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid; Through God's great love and might The Blessed Babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.

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.

Please stand to sing the Post-Communion Hymn

HYMN 52 - THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT (DUNDEE) OMIT V3

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

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b.1956) Paean

Thank you for worshipping with us today. The life and work of this Cathedral is made possible through the

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NOTICES

Tea/coffee after worship

generosity of individuals like you.

- 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 I0 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 Eucharist, tea and coffee is offered weekly, other than on 29 December.

January 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).

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the Church

International The Church of the Province of Uganda

Primate: Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba

National Sydney: Archbishop Kanishka Raffel (Cailey)

South Australia

Diocese of Adelaide Adelaide, St Luke's: Gethzi Asirvatham (Samson), John Magak (Mary),

Steve Davis (Lyn)

Diocese of Willochra Whyalla (Iron Knob, Whyalla): vacant; Anglicare Outreach Centre in

Whyalla; TACL (Training Aboriginal Christian Leaders) working with Indigenous People at Port Augusta, Ceduna and the Pitjantjatjara Lands

Diocese of The Murray For the continuing formation, education and training for ordained

ministry: Brenton Dick, Daniel Irvine, Bruce Hicks, Ian Jansse, Des

Ackland, Margaret Holt, Carol Cornwall, Rodney Fopp, 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), Charlie Denton.

Those who have died recently, especially Margaret Chittleborough and Phil Fox.

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

22nd Daniel Ditmar-Jansse 26th Ross Anderson Kathleen Moyle 27th Avis Irene Milner

Jean Douglas McNicol Joan Margaret Grotto

23rd Priscilla Mary Gilbert Brown 28th Harold Sloman

Fiona Macdonald Mieke Catherine Freriks

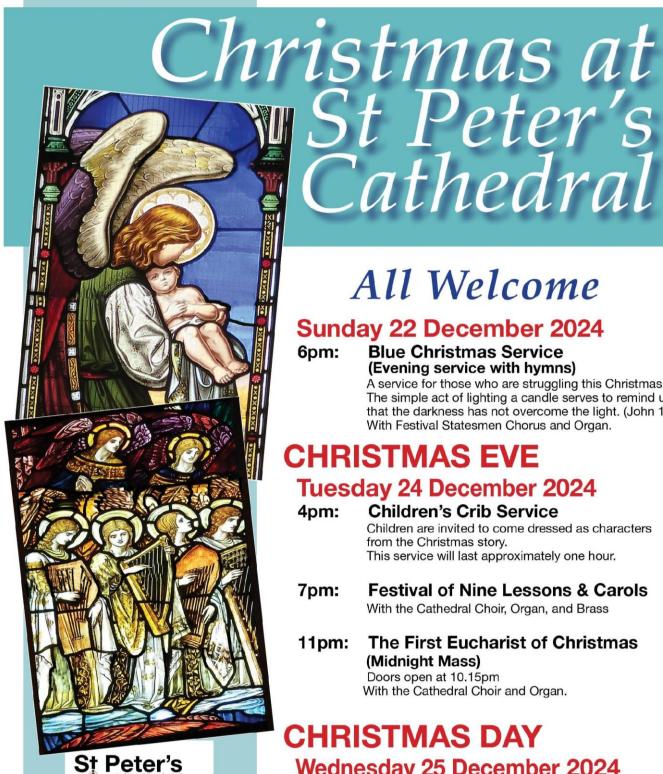
25th Walter James Park Jean Charlton

Marjorie Wickes Marian Evans

The Cathedral is compiling a database of the lives of those whose names appear on the Year's Mind list.

If you have any biographical details of any of the people remembered today,

please contact Stuart Langshaw - langshawstuart@gmail.com



CATHEDRAL

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NORTH ADELAIDE

All Welcome

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Cathedral

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 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: Holy Communion (BCP) with Carols

10am: **Festal Choral Eucharist**

With the Cathedral Choir and Organ.







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MONDAY 23 DECEMBER	7:30 am 9:15 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel) Morning Prayer (at St Barnabas College) Cathedral closed for visiting
Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve	7:30 am 8:45 am 4 pm 7 pm	Eucharist (Lady Chapel) Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) Children's Crib Service Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Midnight Mass (Doors open at 10.15pm) Preacher – The Archbishop of Adelaide
WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY		Eucharist (BCP) Preacher – The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO Festal Choral Eucharist Preacher – The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod
THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER ST STEPHEN, MARTYR	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER	7:30 am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	Ipm - 3:30 pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER THE HOLY INNOCENTS		Cathedral Closed
8 am Eucharist (BCP)		
SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER	10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
THE HOLY FAMILY		Preacher – The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO
		No Evensong today

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Dean The Right Reverend Chris McLeod

Canon Precentor The Reverend Canon Jenny Wilson

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