

# BCP EUCHARIST PROPERS

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2024**

**8 AM**

Welcome to St Peter's Cathedral. We are delighted to have you worship with us today for this Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer. The order of service is in the separate booklet.

St Peter's Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kurna 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 Susan Straub  
**Preacher:** The Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare  
**Readers:** Brian White, Barbara White

Please use this Propers booklet in conjunction with the yellow Order of Service

## 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*

*Reader* 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*

*Reader* 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*

*Reader* 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*

*Reader* 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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O LORD, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. **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.**

## **SONG OF MARY**

*Please respond with the words in bold*

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  
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.**

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 1.39–45

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written in the 1st Chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at verse 39.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## 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 1 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 1 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).

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

### **Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:**

22nd Daniel Ditmar-Jansse

Kathleen Moyle

Jean Douglas McNicol

23rd Priscilla Mary Gilbert Brown

Fiona Macdonald

25th Walter James Park

Marjorie Wickes

Marian Evans

26th Ross Anderson

27th Avis Irene Milner

Joan Margaret Grotto

28th Harold Sloman

Mieke Catherine Freriks

Jean Charlton

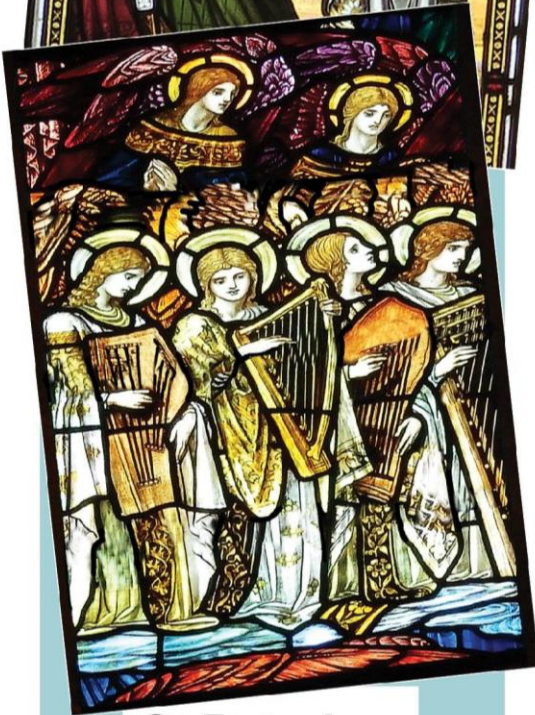
*The Cathedral is compiling a database of the lives of those whose names appear on the Year's Mind list.*

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

*please contact Stuart Langshaw - [langshawstuart@gmail.com](mailto:langshawstuart@gmail.com)*



# Christmas at St Peter's Cathedral



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## 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 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.



# 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.

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 9:15 am Morning Prayer (at St Barnabas College) Cathedral closed for visiting
TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) 4 pm Children's Crib Service 7 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 11 pm Midnight Mass (Doors open at 10.15pm) Preacher – The Archbishop of Adelaide
WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY	8 am Eucharist (BCP) Preacher – The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO 10 am 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 ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 1pm - 3:30 pm Open for visiting and private prayer
SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER THE HOLY INNOCENTS	Cathedral Closed
SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER THE HOLY FAMILY	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10:30 am Sung Eucharist 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
Assistant Priest	The Reverend Dr Susan Straub
Assistant Priest	The Reverend Margaret Peel-Shakespeare
Honorary Assistant Priest	The Reverend Dr Lynn Arnold AO
Honorary Assistant Priest	The Reverend Joan Claring-Bould
Honorary Assistant Deacon	The Reverend Ben Falcon
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