



A FESTIVAL OF  
*Nine Lessons*  
& *Carols*

7 pm • 24 December 2024

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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.***

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with trebles from the Junior Song School

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Amanda Tillett (double trombone)

# Welcome from the Dean

***For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9: 6)***

For most people Christmas is a wonderful time of celebration and joy. However, there are many who at this time of year are mourning the loss of loved ones or are troubled by poor health or other issues. Added to this is that we live in a deeply troubled world. There is war in many places, and I'm sure many people join with me in praying for lasting peace in the Middle East. We pray the Prophet Isaiah's vision when 'God will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore (Isaiah 2: 4). At Christmas we proclaim that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. May we all seek to live in peace and do what we can to promote peace in our world.

The Anglican Church of Australia has set aside 2025 to focus on the Hope that is found in the Christian Gospel; the Hope that is very much part of the Christmas message. The Hope25 project will be supported across the Diocese of Adelaide and at St Peter's Cathedral. Look out for the various projects and celebrations that will occur next year. More information on Hope25 throughout next year can be found at: <https://www.hope25.com.au>, <https://adelaideanglicans.com>, and <https://www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au>

On behalf of the clergy and staff of St Peter's Cathedral I wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas, and a Holy New Year.

The Right Reverend Chris McLeod  
Dean

*Please join us in saying the words in bold. All indications for sitting, kneeling, and standing are a guide only: please do whatever is most comfortable for you.*

*When the handbell rings, please stand to sing*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*

*Solo:*

1 Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed;  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

4 **For he is our childhood's pattern,  
Day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feeleth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.**

*Choir:*

2 He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

5 **And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.**

*Choir and congregation:*

3 **And through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly Maiden,  
In whose gentle arms he lay;  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as he.**

6 **Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
Where like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.**

*Music: IRBY, H.J. Gauntlett (1805-1876), revised by A.H. Mann (1850-1929) Descant: Anon*

*Words: C.F. Alexander (1818-1895)*

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*Remain standing*

## THE WELCOME AND BIDDING PRAYER

**Dean:** In the name of Christ and his church I bid you welcome to St Peter's Cathedral this evening.

We have come together as the family of God to celebrate the festival of Christmas. In this service we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ, and we offer to God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols.

But first we pray:

For all Christian people, that by this festival they may be renewed to fulfil Christ's work in this world; and especially for Geoff our Archbishop, and the clergy and people of this city, this State and this nation;

For God's world, that those who bear responsibility for its future, in politics, in industry, in commerce, and in education and communication, may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere;

For all in special need, the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful, and the bereaved.

We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and pray together:

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## CAROL

*O magnum mysterium*

*O magnum mysterium,  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
iacentem in praeseptio!  
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera  
meruerunt portare  
Dominum Iesum Christum.  
Alleluia!*

O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn Lord,  
lying in a manger!  
Blessed is the virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear  
the Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

Words: Responsory from Matins of Christmas Day  
Music: Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

# THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Reader: Annabelle Birdsey, Treble Chorister

The man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.' And to the man he said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

## CAROL

*This is the truth sent from above*

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| 1 This is the truth sent from above,<br>The truth of God, the God of love;<br>Therefore don't turn me from your door,<br>But hearken all both rich and poor. | 3 Thus we were heirs to endless woes,<br>Till God the Lord did interpose;<br>And so a promise soon did run<br>That he would redeem us by his Son. |
| 2 The first thing which I do relate<br>Is that God did man create;<br>The next thing which to you I'll tell,<br>Woman was made with man to dwell.            | 4 And at that season of the year<br>Our blest Redeemer did appear;<br>He here did live, and here did preach,<br>And many thousands he did teach.  |
| 5 Thus he in love to us behaved,<br>To show us how we must be saved;<br>And if you want to know the way,<br>Be pleased to hear what he did say.              |   |

Words: English Traditional

Music: arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

# THE SECOND LESSON

*Genesis 22:15-18*

*Reader: Nicholas Hockley, Lay Clerk Chorister*

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

## CAROL

*The Holly and the Ivy*

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| 1 The holly and the ivy<br>When they are both full grown<br>Of all trees that are in the wood<br>The holly bears the crown.<br><br><i>O, the rising of the sun<br/>And the running of the deer<br/>The playing of the merry organ<br/>Sweet singing in the choir.</i> | 3 The holly bears a berry<br>As red as any blood<br>And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ<br>To do poor sinners good.         |
| 2 The holly bears a blossom<br>As white as lily flow'r<br>And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ<br>To be our dear Saviour.   | 4 The holly bears a prickle<br>As sharp as any thorn<br>And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ<br>On Christmas Day in the morn |
|   | 5 The holly bears a bark<br>As bitter as any gall<br>And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ<br>For to redeem us all.           |

*Words: Traditional  
Music: Anthony Hunt (b.1981)*

# THE THIRD LESSON

*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

*Reader: Dr David Lockett AM*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Please stand to sing*

## HYMN

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

- 1 **O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.**
- 2 **O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth;  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.**
- 3 **How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.**
- 4 **O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Music:* FOREST GREEN, English Traditional  
*Harmony:* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) *Descant:* David Hill (b. 1957)  
*Words:* Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)  
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*Please be seated*

## CAROL

*Sussex Carol*

- 1 On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring,  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.
- 2 Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty.
- 3 When sin departs before his grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the new-born King.
- 4 All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night:  
'Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore. Amen.'

*Words:* English Traditional  
*Music:* David Willcocks (1919-2015)



# THE FOURTH LESSON

*Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9*

*Reader: Sandy Mitchell*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

## CAROL

*A tender shoot*

A tender shoot hath started  
Up from a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted,  
From Jesse's holy race,  
It blooms without a blight,  
Blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us  
From Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us  
The branch of which we sing;  
Our God of endless might  
Gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

*Words: German 15th Century  
Versified by Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907)  
Translated by William Bartholomew (1793–1867)  
Music: Kerensa Briggs (b.1991)*

# THE FIFTH LESSON

*Luke 1:26-35, 38*

*Reader: Anthony Laube*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

## CAROL

*Nova! Nova!*

*Nova! Nova!*

- 1 Gabriel of high degree,  
He came down from the Trinity  
From Nazareth to Galilee,
- 2 He met a maiden in a place;  
He kneeled down before her face;  
He said: "Hail, Mary, full of grace!"
- 3 When the maiden saw all this,  
She was sore abashed, ywis,  
Lest that she had done amiss.
- 4 Then said the angel: "Dread not you,  
You shall conceive in all virtue  
A child whose name shall be Jesu."
- 5 Then said the maid: "Verily,  
I am your servant truly,  
*Ecce ancilla Domini.*"

*Nova! Nova!*

*Words: Traditional 15th Century  
Music: Iain Farrington (b.1977)*

# THE SIXTH LESSON

*Luke 2:1, 3-7*

*Reader: Susie Clarke*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## CAROL

*The Cradle*

- 1 He smiles within his cradle,  
A babe with face so bright,  
It beams most like a mirror  
Against a blaze of light:  
This babe so burning bright.
- 2 This babe we now declare to you  
Is Jesus Christ our Lord:  
He brings both peace and heartiness:  
Haste, haste with one accord  
To feast with Christ our Lord.
- 3 And who would rock the cradle,  
Wherein this infant lies,  
Must rock with easy motion  
And watch his humble eyes  
Like Mary pure and wise.
- 4 O Jesus, dearest babe of all  
And dearest babe of mine,  
Thy love is great, thy limbs are small.  
O, flood this heart of mine  
With overflow from thine.

*Words: Anonymous, Austrian, 1649*

*Translation: Robert Graves*

*Music: Cheryl Frances-Hoad (b.1980)*

*Please stand to sing*

## HYMN

*God rest you merry, gentlemen*

- 1 **God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay!  
for Jesus Christ our Saviour  
was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's power  
when we had gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**
- 2 **From God our heavenly Father  
a holy angel came;  
the shepherds saw the glory  
and heard the voice proclaim  
that Christ was born in Bethlehem  
and Jesus is his name:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**
- 3 **The shepherds at these tidings  
rejoiced in heart and mind,  
and on the darkened hillside  
they left their flocks behind,  
and went to Bethlehem straightway  
this holy Child to find:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**
- 4 **And when to Bethlehem they came,  
where Christ the infant lay,  
they found him in a manger  
where oxen fed on hay;  
and there beside her new-born child  
his mother knelt to pray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**
- 5 **Now to the Lord sing praises,  
all people in this place;  
with Christian love and fellowship  
each other now embrace,  
and let this Christmas festival  
all bitterness displace:  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

*Music: English traditional carol, arr. John Stainer (1840-1901) Descant: David Hill (b. 1957)  
Words: Traditional, possibly 18th century adapted by Jubilate Hymns  
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*Please be seated*

# CAROL

## *Shepherd's Pipe Carol*

- 1 Going through the hills on a night all starry  
On the way to Bethlehem  
Far away I heard a shepherd boy piping  
On the way to Bethlehem.
- 2 Angels in the sky brought this message nigh:  
"Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King  
Is come to bring us peace on earth  
And He's lying cradled there at Bethlehem."
- 3 "Tell me, shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily  
On the way to Bethlehem  
Who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely  
On the way to Bethlehem?"
- 4 Angels in the sky brought this message nigh:  
"Dance and sing for the joy that Christ the newborn King  
Is come to bring peace on earth  
And He's lying cradled there at Bethlehem."
- 5 "None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely  
On the way to Bethlehem;  
But a King will hear me play sweet lullabies  
When I get to Bethlehem."
- 6 Angels in the sky came down from on high  
Hovered over the manger where the babe was lying  
Cradled in the arms of his mother Mary  
Sleeping now at Bethlehem.

*Words and Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)*

# THE SEVENTH LESSON

*Luke 2:8-16*

*Reader: The Reverend Margaret Peel-Shakespeare, Assistant Priest*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

## CAROL

*Joseph and Mary*

- 1 Joseph woke Mary before break of day,  
saying “Shepherds are here and they kneel in the hay.”  
Said Mary to Joseph before the white morn,  
“Some angel hath told them, their Saviour is born.”
- 2 Joseph and Mary to shepherds did speak,  
saying “Softly come worship him, lowly and meek.”  
Jesu lay sleeping; the shepherds knelt down  
and worshipped the King without e’er a crown.
- 3 Joseph kissed Mary and knelt in the hay,  
while innfolk were feasting, how happy were they!  
Sing Joseph, sing Mary, sing shepherds, sing all,  
sing mankind in cottage, field, castle and hall.

*Words: Thomas Thornton Reed (1902-1995),  
Sixth Bishop and first Archbishop of Adelaide*

*Music: David Swale (1928-2018),  
former Organist and Master of the Choristers of St Peter’s Cathedral*

# THE EIGHTH LESSON

*Matthew 2:1-12*

*Reader: The Reverend Canon Jenny Wilson, Canon Precentor*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## CAROL

*Glory to the Christ Child*

Glory, glory alleluia to the Christ!  
Glory, glory alleluia to the Christ Child! Alleluia!

- 1 Out of the orient crystal skies  
A blazing star did shine,  
Showing the place where sleeping lies  
A blessed Babe divine.  
Glory, glory...
- 2 This very star the kings did guide  
Even from the furthest East,  
To Bethlehem where it betide  
This blessed Babe did rest.  
Glory, glory...
- 3 And for the joy of His great birth  
A thousand angels sing:  
'Glory and peace unto the earth  
Where born is this new King!

*Words: 15th Century  
Music: Allan Bullard (b. 1947)*

*Please stand for the final reading*

## THE NINTH LESSON

*John 1:1-14*

*Reader: The Right Reverend Chris McLeod, Dean*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Please sit*

## CAROL

*My Lord has come*

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels:

No place for them but a stable.

My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;

No place for them but a stable.

My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.

Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;

No place for me but a stable.

My Lord has come.

*Words and Music: Will Todd (b.1970)*



*Please stand. During the following hymn, a Collection will be taken for the support of the ministry of the Cathedral. Cash and digital options are available.*

## HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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| 1 <b>O come, all ye faithful,<br/>Joyful and triumphant,<br/>O Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;<br/>Come and behold him<br/>Born the King of Angels:<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    Christ the Lord!</b>                | 4 <b>Lo! Star-led chieftains,<br/>Magi, Christ adoring,<br/>offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;<br/>we to the Christ child<br/>bring our hearts oblations:<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    Christ the Lord!</b> |
| 2 <b>God of God,<br/>Light of Light,<br/>Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;<br/>Very God,<br/>Begotten, not created:<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    Christ the Lord!</b>  | 5 <b>Child, for us sinners<br/>poor and in the manger,<br/>fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;<br/>who would not love thee,<br/>loving us so dearly?<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    Christ the Lord!</b>  |
| 3 <b>See how the shepherds,<br/>Summoned to his cradle,<br/>Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;<br/>We too will thither<br/>bend our joyful footsteps:<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    Christ the Lord!</b> | 6 <b>Sing, choirs of angels,<br/>Sing in exultation,<br/>Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;<br/>Glory to God<br/>in the highest:<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    O come, let us adore him,<br/>    Christ the Lord!</b>                       |

*Music: ADESTE FIDELES att. J.F. Wade (1711–1786) Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

*Words: Latin 18th Century trans. F. Oakely, W.T. Brooke and others*

## ACCLAMATION AND BLESSING

- Dean:* Let us bless the living God,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
*All:* **Revealed in his glory,**  
*Dean:* Worshipped by angels,  
*All:* **Proclaimed among the nations,**  
*Dean:* Believed in throughout the world,  
*All:* **Exalted to the highest heavens.**  
*Dean:* Glory to God in the highest,  
*All:* **and peace to God's people on earth.**

*Archbishop:* Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace  
to trust his promises and obey his will;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Please remain standing to sing*

## HYMN

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**1 Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King,  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.***

**2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.***

**3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings:  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.***

*Music:* MENDELSSOHN Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847) *Descant:* Anthony Hunt (b. 1981)

*Words:* C. Wesley (1707-1788) and others

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*Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.  
After this, you are invited to sit to listen to the organ postlude.*

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach (1685-1750) *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729

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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 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.



*Wishing you a blessed,  
holy, and happy Christmas.*

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6 pm Night Prayer

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Friday 7:30 am Eucharist

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