

CHORAL EVENSONG

THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2025

6 PM

Welcome to St Peter's Cathedral. We are delighted to have you worship with us today for this service of Choral Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer. As the clergy and choir lead this service, allow the words and music to bring you into a stillness and prayerful reflection with God. Please join us in saying the words in bold. The hymns can be found in the separate hymn book. Indications for sitting, kneeling, and standing are a guide only.

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.

Welcome to our service of Choral Evensong this evening.

Tonight we reflect on the life of Abraham and his journey with God. A significant figure in Judaism and Islam as well as Christianity, Abraham models a life lived in friendship with God. Abraham is an exemplar of faith, showing a consistent trust in the God who made promises to him even when those promises looked highly unlikely. Occasionally fear motivated Abraham to try and take matters into his own hands but each time God found new ways to gently reinstate a trust and reliance upon God, and not Abraham's own resources.

I pray that tonight we can give over to God the things which burden us, and renew our trust in God's ability to surprise us and sustain us through all the challenges which come our way.

The Rev'd Ben Falcon Honorary Assistant Deacon

> Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson Preacher: The Rev'd Ben Falcon Readers: Amanda Janssen, James Scott Choir: St Peter's Cathedral Choir Conductor: Anthony Hunt Organist: Andrew Georg Hymns: 382, 24

When the bell rings, please stand.

The choir sings

THE PRECES

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

Please be seated for the welcome.

The choir sings

PSALM 119.145-152

Chant: Highmore Skeats (1787-1835)

I call with my whole heart: hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes. Yea, even unto thee do I call: help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies. Early in the morning do I cry unto thee: for in thy word is my trust. Mine eyes prevent the night-watches: that I might be occupied in thy words. Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness: quicken me, according as thou art wont. They draw nigh that of malice persecute me: and are far from thy law. Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord: for all thy commandments are true. As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since: that thou hast grounded them for ever.

Please stand

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please sit

Anthony Hunt (b.1981)

THE FIRST LESSON

The lesson from the book of Genesis, chapter 13, beginning at verse 14.

The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, 'Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northwards and southwards and eastwards and westwards; for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring for ever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth; so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.' So Abram moved his tent, and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron; and there he built an altar to the Lord.

Here ends the Lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

MAGNIFICAT

Herbert Murrill (1909-1952) in E

GALATIANS 3.15-22

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My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm;

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please sit

SECOND LESSON

The lesson from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters, I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise.

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one.

Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the

scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Here ends the Lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Murrill in E

Hunt

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Remain standing

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Remain standing. The choir sings

THE LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please kneel/sit

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

- O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us. And grant us thy salvation.
- O Lord, save the King. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness. And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people. And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

Please remain seated.

The choir sings

ANTHEM

Charles Wood (1866-1926) O thou the central Orb

O thou, the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine; Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, As stars about thy throne, set in the height Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin: Our nature all shall feel eternal day In fellowship with thee, transforming ray To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Please kneel or remain seated.

THE PRAYERS

Please stand to sing the Hymn.

During this hymn a collection is taken to support the costs of the Cathedral. This may be in cash or by Tap-to-Pay. 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. For online or electronic donations, please refer to the details above the notices.

HYMN 24 - THE DAY THOU GAVEST (ST CLEMENT)

Please sit

SERMON

The Rev'd Ben Falcon

A moment of reflection may follow.

HYMN 382 – LORD, I HAVE MADE THY WORD MY CHOICE (BILLING)

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.

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

POSTLUDE

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901) Introduction and Passacaglia, from Sonata No. 8, Op. 132



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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 2 March.
- 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 5 March.
- After the 10:30 am Eucharist, tea and coffee is offered weekly.

Meeting God on Mondays

The Monday Study Group will gather for our first meeting this year on Monday 17th February at 10am in the CP Hall. We will ponder the theme *Listening for the Call: Choosing Life*. After praying the Examen or Review of the Day prayer, we will engage with an imaginative reflection on Jesus' call of his disciples in Luke 5:1-11. All are welcome. Please speak with Canon Jenny or Rosie Hamilton if you wish to find out more about the group.



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FESTIVAL of HOPE

in Theology and the Arts

The Cathedral is participating in the upcoming Festival of Hope in Theology and the Arts from 10 to 16 February. Please join us at either or both of the following lectures.

Hope after the No Vote

Wednesday, 12 February 2025 6pm – 7pm Cynthia Poulton Hall, St Peter's Cathedral, 27 King William Rd, North Adelaide

Bishop Chris McLeod will explore theologically what 'Hope' means for First Nations' peoples after the 'No' vote in the referendum to establish a First Nations' Voice to Federal Parliament embodied in the Australian Constitution. He will draw upon contemporary First Nations' reflections on 'Hope' and suggest a way forward to see 'Hope' embodied in action.

Theology Meets the People: Messages of Hope for 2025

Friday, 14 February 2025, 4pm – 7pm St Barnabas College, North Adelaide

Three theologians share their messages of hope.

Rev'd Dr Lyndon Shakespeare – Spaces of Hope

Christianity is an embedded faith. The story of God and God's people cannot be told without reference to spaces and places: towns, mountains, cities, and even buildings and rooms. From Eden to the New Jerusalem, God is present with the created order in and through places. In this talk, I will explore the way Christian hope can be understood spatially as our response and cooperation with God's providence at work in the physical spaces around our church buildings. I do this by attending to ideas and examples of placemaking that are designed around fostering hope through engaging the local community and building spaces of belonging.

Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson - Preaching as an Act of Hope

Is it possible that preachers in our time and place, saying to our people, "Here is your God", are participating in an act of hope?

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' (Isaiah 40:9)

Rev'd Dr Michael Trainor – Hope in the Gospel of Luke

In a world of imperial hegemony, wealth disparity and preferential option for the powerful and famous, Luke offers a word of hope to seekers of integrity and faithful discipleship struggling in a Greco-Roman world removed in time and place from the ministry and mission of the Galilean Jesus.

Book via https://events.humanitix/com/festival-of-hope-in-theology-and-the-arts



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South Australia		
Diocese of Adelaide	Unley: locum tenens Kym Smith (Elaine)	
Diocese of Willochra	Community of SS Barnabas and Cecilia in its Ministry of Encouragement: Rev'd Sister Sandra, Sisters Sue, Riccarda, Bev, Pauline, Cheryl, Katherine, Susan (Chaplain) Sue Burgess (Greg), the Friends of the Community	
Diocese of The Murray	The Mount Barker district (Blakiston, Echunga, Macclesfield, Mount Barker, Mylor): Daniel Irvine (Jasamine)	

For the People

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

Short Term Prayer: Charlie Denton.

Long Term Prayer: Bill Ashman, Francis Brooks, Max Lennard, Bridie Maxwell, Meredith Chesterman, Vernon Lewis, Pauline Van Buren, Alisha Coe-Fox, Anne Hogben, Helena Fernandez, Cricket Fox, Norton & Judy Schenscher, John Hankin, Brooke Garry, Christine Chomel, Oliver (WCH), Edna Allison, Jane Mitchell, Garry Weatherill, Helen Scotcher, Fay Ballard, Joseph Burgess (WCH).

Those who have died recently, especially Edna Allison.

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

- 9th Allen Starke
- 10th Alexander Bissland
- 11th Anthony David Mugg
- 13th Walter Franz Wehrstedt Eric Thomas Thornton Helen Mary Iles
- 14th John Leslie Bond Bob Aikman Enid Rae Howard Heather Maureen Dunn Roy Woodall
- 15th Lenna Hewgill Veronica Honor

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>

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.

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Monday 10 February	9:15am 1	Eucharist (Lady Chapel) Morning Prayer (at St Barnabus College) Open for visiting and private prayer		
Tuesday II February	8:45 am I	Eucharist (Lady Chapel) Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) Open for visiting and private prayer		
Wednesday 12 February	8:45am I 10 am I 10:30 am – 3:30 pm (Eucharist (Lady Chapel) Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) Eucharist (BCP) (Lady Chapel) Open for visiting and private prayer Hope after the No Vote (Cynthia Poulton Hall)		
Thursday 13 February	8:45am I 10:30 am - 3:30 pm (Eucharist (Lady Chapel) Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) Open for visiting and private prayer University of Divinity Graduation Ceremony		
Friday 14 February	8:45 am I 10:30 am - 1 pm (Eucharist (Lady Chapel) Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) Open for visiting and private prayer Theology Meets the People (St Barnabas College)		
Saturday 15 February	(Cathedral Closed		
Sunday 16 February The 6 [™] Sunday After Epiphany	10:30 am (F 6 pm (Eucharist (BCP) Choral Eucharist Preacher – The Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare Choral Evensong Speaker – Dr Baden Teague		
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