

CHORAL EVENSONG
THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SUNDAY 2 MARCH 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 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.

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'
(Galatians 5: 14)

St Paul is reminding the Galatians that at the basis of the Christian life is the law of love. Having been distracted by many things, as well as trying to bring back practices such as circumcision, some members of the Galatian church needed to be reminded of the Gospel basics. It was not works of the 'law' that had brought them salvation but the cruciform love of God in Christ on the cross.

It is good to be reminded of these things. The temptation for all of us is that we can so easily be distracted away from the basics of the Gospel. St Paul reminds us that true freedom is found in God's love and in the service of others.

Blessings,

The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod
Dean

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

Preacher: The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

Readers: Michael Doherty, Pauline Payne

Choir: St Peter's Cathedral Choir

Conductor: Anthony Hunt

Organist: Andrew Georg

Hymns: 15, 571i

When the bell rings, please stand. Please remain standing as the clergy and choir enter.

THE PRECES

John Sanders (1933-2003)

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 124

Chant: Charles South (1850-1916) and Edwin Edwards (1830-1907)

*If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say:
if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;
They had swallowed us up quick:
when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.
Yea, the waters had drowned us:
and the stream had gone over our soul.
The deep waters of the proud:
had gone even over our soul.
But praised be the Lord:
who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.
Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler:
the snare is broken, and we are delivered.
Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.*

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

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 17.9-22

The lesson from the book of Genesis, chapter 17, beginning at verse 9.

God said to Abraham, 'As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. Throughout your generations every male among you shall be circumcised when he is eight days old, including the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money

from any foreigner who is not of your offspring. Both the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money must be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.'

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.' Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, 'Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?' And Abraham said to God, 'O that Ishmael might live in your sight!' God said, 'No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.' And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

Here ends the Lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

MAGNIFICAT

T Tertius Noble (1867-1953) in B Minor

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

GALATIANS 5.1-14

The lesson from the letter of Paul to the Galatians, chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Listen! I, Paul, am telling you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. Once again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obliged to obey the entire law. You who want to be justified by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love.

You were running well; who prevented you from obeying the truth? Such persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. A little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough. I am confident about you in the Lord that you will not think otherwise. But whoever it is that is confusing you will pay the penalty. But my friends, why am I still being persecuted if I am still preaching circumcision? In that case the offence of the cross has been removed. I wish those who unsettle you would castrate themselves!

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Here ends the Lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Noble in B Minor

*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

Sanders

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.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. 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

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978) *Ubi caritas*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen

Please kneel or remain seated.

THE PRAYERS

Please stand to sing the Hymn.

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HYMN 15 – GLORY TO THEE, MY GOD, THIS NIGHT (TALLIS'S CANON)

Please sit

SERMON

The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

A moment of reflection may follow.

Please stand to sing the hymn

HYMN 571i – WE BRING YOU, LORD, OUR PRAYER AND PRAISE (WILTSHIRE)

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

Gerald Near (b.1942) *Ubi caritas et amor* (from *Saint Augustine's Organbook*)

**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 Sunday 6 April.
- 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.

The Season of Lent at St Peter's Cathedral

We will have three **Lenten Study groups** studying three different books. Canon Jenny will lead a group on Mondays at 10am (commencing 17 March) studying *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Lynn Arnold will lead a group on Mondays (commencing 17 March) at 7pm studying *The Harrowing of Hell* by J. S. Jackson. Bishop Chris will lead a group on Tuesdays at 5pm (commencing 11 March) studying the ABM study *God's Own Country*. **Please use the sign-up sheets at the back of the Cathedral.**

- A book of daily reflections on this year's *Hope 25* Celebration, written by the Anglican bishops of Australia, is available from the Cathedral Shop.
- At Choral Evensong on Sunday evening, the Cathedral clergy will preach a series of sermons reflecting on themes of Christian Hope through the lens of the Five Marks of Mission.

Ash Wednesday – 5 March

Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the season of Lent, falls this year on Wednesday 5 March. In addition to the regular Wednesday celebrations of the Eucharist at 7.30 am and 10 am (BCP), Choral Eucharist will be sung at 7 pm. The Blessing and Imposition of Ashes will be offered at all celebrations.

Cathedral Friends – Contacts List

The Friends contacts list is quite out of date, and there are gaps in the email addresses. We no longer send out newsletters by post but rather by email, which is both cost effective and immediate. To ensure that we are not missing anyone out the Friends ask members to send a message to Chris Ballard confirming their email address. Please also say if you are a Life Member or an Annual Member, or if you are not a current member but would like to be. Thank you in anticipation. Emails to: christinebnov21@outlook.com.

Dr Francis Brooks died during the week after several years of illness. Our prayers are with Pauline and the family at this time. A Thanksgiving for Francis's life will be held at the Cathedral on Tuesday 4 March at 2pm.

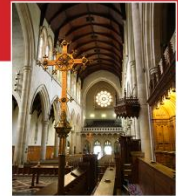
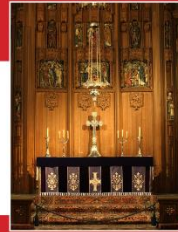
Annual Vestry Meeting, Sunday 30 March

The Annual Vestry meeting will be held on Sunday 30 March, beginning at 12 noon. In addition to the usual elections for a Warden representing the congregation, Cathedral Council (2 year term) and the Nomination Committee, this year is a election year for Synod Representatives (3 year term). More information and a call for nominations will be available in the coming weeks, but if you would like to consider serving the Cathedral community in one of these days, please speak to one of the clergy or the Wardens.

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

Those who have died recently, especially Francis Brooks.

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

2nd Frances Mary Williams
Frederick Charles Bastian

3rd Mollie Williams
Basil Oddie
David Wells

Rosemary Esme Clough

4th Leslie Daniel Burfitt Riley

5th Fred Gray

Peter Payne

Roma Flinders Mitchell

6th Dorothy Daw

Derek Robertson

Sarah Black

8th Dorothy Lloyd

Lance Edward Sutcliffe

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

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 3 MARCH	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 9:15am Morning Prayer (at St Barnabas College) 10:30am – 1:00pm Open for visiting and private prayer
TUESDAY 4 MARCH	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) 10:30 am – 3:30 pm Open for visiting and private prayer 2:00 pm Funeral - Francis Brooks
WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH ASH WEDNESDAY	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 8:45am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) 10 am Eucharist (BCP) (Nave) 10:30 am – 3:30 pm Open for visiting and private prayer 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Choral Eucharist
THURSDAY 6 MARCH	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 8:45am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) 10:30 am - 3:30 pm Open for visiting and private prayer
FRIDAY 7 MARCH	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) 10:30 am – 3:30 pm Open for visiting and private prayer
SATURDAY 8 MARCH	Cathedral Closed
SUNDAY 9 MARCH THE 1 ST SUNDAY IN LENT	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10:30 am Choral Eucharist Preacher – The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod 6 pm Choral Evensong Preacher – The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould

CATHEDRAL STAFF

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