

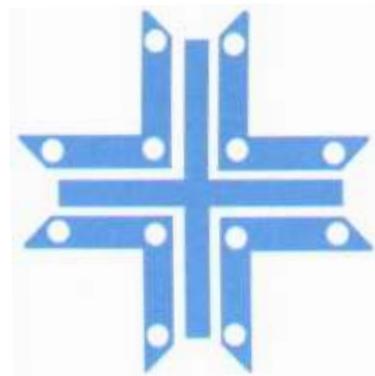


**A SERVICE TO MARK
THE OPENING
OF THE
PARLIAMENTARY YEAR**

11th February 2016
9.00am



SA Parliamentary Christian Fellowship



Leaders of Christian Churches SA

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The Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kurna people
whom we acknowledge as the original custodians of the Adelaide Region.*

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The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson (*Dean of St Peter's Cathedral*)

Fr Paul Cashen MSC (*Administrator, Adelaide Catholic Cathedral Parish*)

Pastor John Cullen (*Australian Christian Churches SA*)

Organist:

Dr Joshua van Konkelenberg (Principal Organist, St Peter's Cathedral)

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Please stand for the procession of the sanctuary party

THE WELCOME

The Hon Dennis Hood MLC,
President, SA Parliamentary Christian Fellowship

This is the message we have heard from Christ:
that God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1.5

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Grace

Blessed are you,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
**for you have blessed us in Christ Jesus
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.**

You chose us to be yours in Christ
before the foundation of the world:
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

In love you destined us to be your children,
through Jesus Christ:

according to the purpose of your will,

To the praise of your glorious grace:
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1.3-6

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
**so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. Amen.**

Please stand for the hymn

HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell,
Asing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.

Please sit

ISAIAH 58: 2 - 11

The Hon Leesa Vlahos MP, Member for Taylor

Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for Disabilities

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

REFLECTION

The Reverend Dr Lynn Arnold AO,
Assistant Priest 'Faith in the Public Square', St Peter's Cathedral

Please stand for the hymn

HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Those called to serve the people of South Australia are invited to come forward.

PRAYERS

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

For Good Government

Spirit of justice and truth, grant to our governments and all who serve in public life, wisdom and skill, imagination and energy; protect them from corruption and the temptation of self-serving. Help us to commit ourselves to the common good that our land may be a secure home for all its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Parliament

Most gracious God, ruler of the nations, we pray for the Parliament of this State, its members and officers. Direct their work and influence their decisions to the advancement of your glory, and the safety and welfare of our State, so that peace and happiness, truth and justice, may be established among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

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 forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

A Morning Collect

Lord and heavenly Father, you have brought us safely to this new day: **L**keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin, guard us from every kind of danger, and in all we do this day direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

The Right Rev'd Dr Tim Harris

Assistant Bishop of Adelaide

May the God of peace equip us with everything good so that we may do his will; and may he work in us that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. And the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you all now and always. **Amen.**

Please remain standing as the officiating clergy depart

POSTLUDE

Placare Christe Servulis

Marcel Dupré 1886-1971

Please join us for refreshments at the rear of the Cathedral.