## The Last Sunday after Pentecost 20 November 2022 The Reign of Christ

**Acknowledgement of Country**. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga/Victoria Square, which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land; our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing; and our hope that we may walk together in harmony, in the spirit of Reconciliation.

A ministry of prayer for healing and wholeness will be offered in the Holy Innocents Chapel during the Communion of the People. If you would like to make a note of prayer points or special intentions for prayer, please use the card which is available at the rear of the church.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn.

Truro



Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

- 2 People and realms of every tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song, And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; The prisoner leaps to lose his chains; The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honours to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the long Amen.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

## **Entrance Antiphon**

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Rev. 5.12; 1.6

## Greeting

▶ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

#### **Penitential Act**

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf.

Silence.

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge,

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

and in what we have failed to do:

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest says:

Almighty God,

who has promised forgiveness

to all who turn to him in faith:

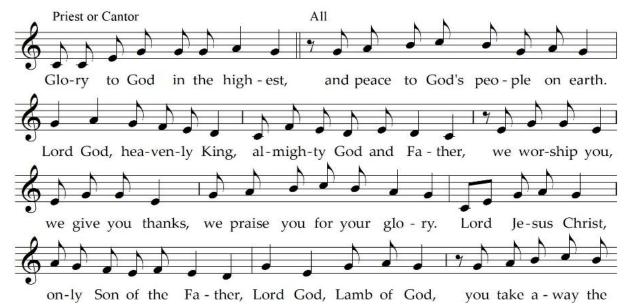
pardon ♥ you and set you free from all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn of Praise





## Collect

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 23.1–6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people.

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David.

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began.

That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy covenant.

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us.

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies: might serve him without fear. In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us.

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Second Reading Colossians 1.11-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

For the word of the Lord.

thanks be to God.

# Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11.9–10

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Luke 23.33–43

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

▲ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him

save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Homily** Fr Philip Carter

Silence may be kept.

## **Profession of Faith**

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life for the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

The priest may say

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers may conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Greeting of Peace**

We are the body of Christ.

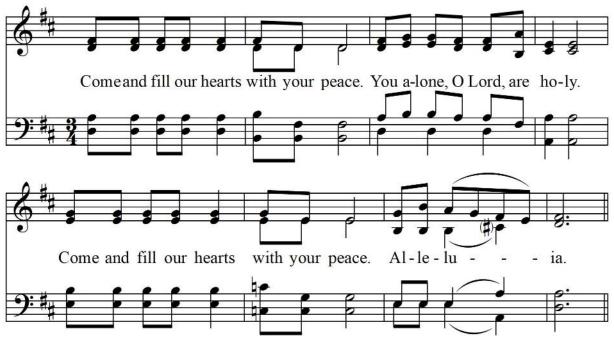
God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the preparation of the gifts, the chant is sung. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the Collection plates at the front and rear of the pews.



Jacques Berthier 1923-94

When all is prepared, the priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

May the Lord accept our sacrifice for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Eternal God,

by your grace you have raised us up

and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.

Receive all we offer you this day,

and lead us in those good works

for which you have created us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.** 

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## It is right to give him thanks and praise.

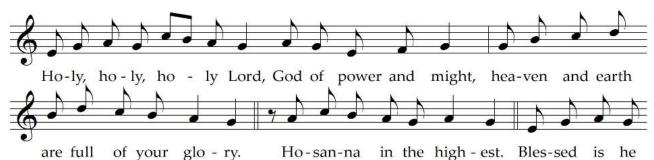
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You fashioned this world in love, and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and monarchs rise and fall, but your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end.

In love you made us to love and serve you. When we turned from you and bent our knees to gods of our own making, you spoke through prophets to bring us back to your ways.

You gave us a vision of your holy kingdom that we might hunger after righteousness and thirst for justice, and long for the day when peace will triumph over the pride and greed of nations.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the servants around heaven's throne and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:





who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Born as king in David's line, he lived with the lowly and cared for the least of your children.

His power was revealed in weakness, his majesty in mercy.
His captors knelt to mock him, giving him bruises instead of praise, and piercing thorns for a crown.
His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there his arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love.

From the grave you raised him to your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

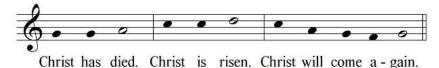
Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

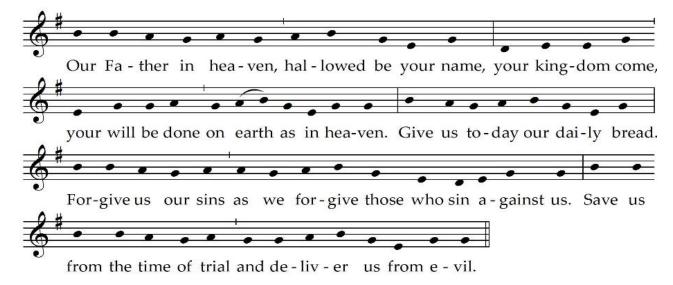
Lead us, O God, to conform this world to your kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Help us to live as the Lord requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

## The Lord's Prayer

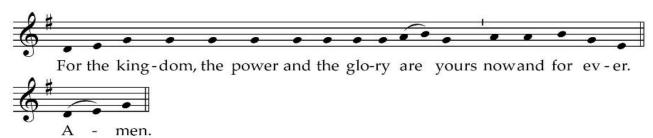
As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



The Priest continues alone

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And all make the prayer their own, singing



## The Breaking of the Bread

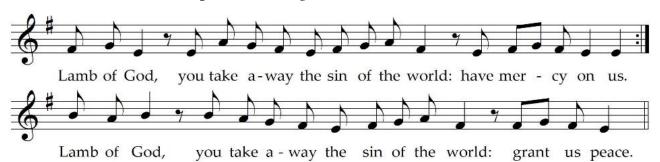
The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

## for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.



## **Invitation to Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

# Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

All receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants are asked to approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning by the side aisles.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Healing ministry will be offered in the Holy Innocents chapel. Please enter the chapel one at a time. You may wish to record prayer points or remembrances on a piece of paper prior to Mass.

## **Communion Antiphon**

Psalm 29.10-11

The cantor sings

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

After Communion, the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar.

#### RITE OF EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The devotion known as Benediction developed during the Middle Ages at Corpus Christi, the annual Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, when a procession of the Blessed Sacrament would take place. The service was subsequently used at other times throughout the year in thanksgiving for the Eucharist and the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

#### **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament**

All kneel for a time, and the Eucharist is incensed, then the procession begins.

ST HELEN



Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Jesu, true and living Bread!

- 2 Here our humblest homage pay we;
  Here in loving reverence bow;
  Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
  Lest we fail to know thee now.
  Alleluya, Alleluya,
  Thou art here, we ask not how.
- 3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
  As of old in Bethlehem,
  Here as there thine angels hail thee,
  Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
  Alleluya, Alleluya,
  We in worship join with them.
- 4 Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished Once for all when thou wast slain, In its fullness undiminished Shall for evermore remain, Alleluya, Alleluya, Cleansing souls from every stain.
- 5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna, Stricken Rock with streaming side, Heaven and earth with loud hosanna Worship thee, the Lamb who died, Alleluya, Alleluya, Risen, ascended, glorified!

After the procession, the Eucharist is again placed on the altar, and the hymn *Tantum ergo Sacramentum* is sung, all kneeling.



Come, adore this wondrous presence; bow to Christ, the source of grace! Here is kept the ancient promise of God's earthly dwelling-place! Sight is blind before God's glory, Faith alone may see his face! Glory be to God the Father, praise to his co-equal Son, adoration to the Spirit, bond of love, in Godhead one! Blest be God by all creation joyously while ages run. Amen.

Thomas Aquinas, 1227-74 tr. James Quinn SJ, 1919–2010

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.** 

## **Eucharistic Blessing**

The minister puts on the humeral veil, genuflects, and takes the monstrance. The minister makes the sign of the cross over the people with the monstrance in silence.

Afterwards, having replaced the Blessed Sacrament on the altar, the Priest kneels, and leads everyone in the Litany of Thanksgiving.

## Litany of Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendours;

We thank you, Lord God.

For human life;

for talking and moving and thinking together;

for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

## We thank you, Lord God.

For work to do and strength to work;

for the comradeship of labour;

for exchanges of good humour and encouragement;

## We thank you, Lord God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;

for healing our diseases;

for preserving us in temptation and danger;

## We thank you, Lord God.

For the church into which we have been called;

for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament;

for our life together in the Lord;

## We praise you, Lord God.

For your Holy Spirit,

who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;

who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

## We praise you, Lord God.

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and lives again for our salvation;

for our hope in him;

and for the joy of serving him;

## We praise you, Lord God.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

## God's love is everlasting.

#### REPOSITION

The Priest replaces the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. When the bell rings, all stand, and the Priest and ministers depart.

#### **NOTICES**

#### **VESTRY MEETING TODAY AFTER MASS**

Immediately after Mass there will be a Special Vestry Meeting to receive a financial report and consult with the community on opportunities for ministry in 2023. If you are not able to attend, there will still be a brief opportunity for fellowship. For those who are attending, a light lunch will be provided.

#### **AMARY MAGS DINNER**

Many thanks to all those in the parish community who contributed to the Mary Mags Dinner last night. In a time of extreme weather – and a Code Blue alert issued for the homeless and vulnerable – the support of the community is more important than ever to the poor and marginalised people of the city.

#### **ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE 2022**

This year Anglicare SA aims to distribute up to 1,500 food hampers and gifts to support families and individuals needing help. We have enrolled as a participant. We are looking for donations of the following items:

#### **General Hamper**

Can of baked beans of spaghetti 420g Spread (peanut butter, jam, vegemite) 400/500 g Can of beans (chickpea, cannellini, kidney) 420g Can of vegetables (corn, peas, mix) 420g Can of soup
Can of diced tomatoes
Jar of pasta sauce 500g
Packet of Pasta 500g

Breakfast cereal 700g
Can of fruit 825g
Coffee, milo, tea
Long Life Milk 1L

#### **Christmas Fare Hamper**

Christmas Pudding
Packet fruit mince pies
Tin/packet shortbread or sweet biscuits

Packet savoury biscuits (Jatz, shapes, rice crackers)
Chips (crisps, pretzels, nuts)
Bag of Iollies

#### Please leave all items unwrapped.

The date for drop-off of all items has been extended to **Sunday 27 November**. Please leave items by the piano at the back of the church.

#### **COVID-19 – WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

The dramatic increase in reported cases of COVID-19 in the community has been considered by the Parish Council, which has agreed that we will continue to take a conservative approach for the time being, and to encourage precautions including Distancing, Ventilation and Face masks: **DVM** for short. Distancing means maintaining a sensible distance of 1.5 metres between individuals or family groups; Ventilation means leaving some doors and/or windows open to allow a flow of air—and we have air conditioning, in case of extreme weather!—and Face masks are obvious.

#### **SPECIAL SERVICES IN ADVENT**

**Each Wednesday morning in Advent** (30 November, 7, 14 and 21 December), **prayers will be offered in the church at 8 am**. This is intended to be a reflective, accessible celebration of the season, focussing on the themes of each week of this season of preparation:

Week 1 – **Hope** 

Week 2 - Peace

Week 3 – **Joy** 

Week 4 - Love

The format of the service is simple – an introduction, a short reflection followed by a time for reflection, some prayers and song or hymn. A calm, gentle way to start the day. ALL ARE WELCOME!

The four themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, are also reflected each week in the prayers at the lighting of each candle in the Advent Wreath, and in the prayers of the people at Mass.

#### **CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL 2022**

#### WEEK 1: THE SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT: THE REIGN OF CHRIST

#### BRINGING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS

Churches across Australia come together at Christmas to express unity in Christ through the Christmas Bowl. Since it was founded in 1949, the Christmas Bowl has brought together committed Australian Christians with dedicated local partners around the world, to give hope to people uprooted by conflict and disaster.

Today we hear St Paul writing to the Colossians, "Christ is the image of the invisible God" and "In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell."

For those of us steeped in the Christian language system, the language of this scripture may seem unremarkable. Why wouldn't someone declare Jesus Christ to be 'the image of the invisible God' and say that 'the fullness of God' is in Christ? That's just basic Christianity.

But this fledgling church in Colossae inhabited two zones where such language was dangerous. As part of the dispersed Jewish community, it was blasphemy to say that God had inhabited a human body. To call Jesus Christ or Messiah was to make a truth claim that was offensive and divisive to their neighbours in the local synagogue. The Colossians were also residents (or perhaps citizens) of the Roman Empire, where the Emperor was an incarnation of the divine. So it could be treason to claim that thrones and dominions were subordinate to Jesus.

One of the reasons we participate in the Christmas Bowl is because our allegiance is not to the power structures of this world. Peace cannot be obtained through warfare or dominance. Rather, our obligation is to God, who makes peace through the blood of the cross.

When we give to the Christmas Bowl, and choose to see the world through the lens of those who are suffering and oppressed, we show our true colours and declare our true monarch.

#### **HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT**

**Envelopes** for giving by cash or cheque are available at the back of the church. If you wish to claim a tax deduction for this donation, please complete the relevant portions of the envelope.

You can also **give electronically** via <a href="https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate">https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate</a> At the bottom of the page, please start typing "St Mary Magdalene" in the "Or donate through your church" box then select "Adelaide St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Parish". You will then be taken to pages where you can enter the amount of your donation and your details for your tax deductible receipt.



#### **SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK**

Thursday 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)
Sunday 10 am Sung Mass with children's ministry and choir

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral Monday to Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am.

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to the Locum Priest.

Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

#### **Regular Giving and Donations**

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

Our Details: Bank: Bankwest • BSB 305 122 • account no 0324654 • Reference: Your name

### **The Magdalene Centre**

A partnership in mission between St Mary Magdalene's, St John's Halifax Street, St Peter's Cathedral, and Anglicare SA

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Donations of cash are welcome via <a href="https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/">https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/</a>.

#### The Collective of St Mary Magdalene (Mary Mags Dinner)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship at other times during the week.

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#### Next Sunday, 27 November, at 10 am - The 1st Sunday in Advent

Readings: Isaiah 2.1–5 • Psalm 122 • Romans 13.9–21 • Matthew 24.36-44

#### **For Your Prayers**

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the COVID-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees, asylum seekers, and those seeking places of safety and security.

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Sim, Jasmin, Henry, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Robert Whalley (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Mark, Olivia, Nance, Neil, Elaine and Edward.

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and in other tragic circumstances; those who have died recently, especially Sylvia Bridgman, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.