

Mass of Christmas Day

25 December 2021

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.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn

Processional Hymn

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Let us proceed in peace.
✠ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



**Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega;
He the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore!**

**2 O that birth for ever blessed,
when a virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Saviour of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!**

**3 This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected:
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore!**

Station at the Crib

Let us pray.

Holy Jesus,
to deliver us from the power of darkness
you humbled yourself to be born among us and laid in a manger.
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
and bring us at last to the joyful vision of your beauty;
for you are now alive and reign in the splendour of uncreated light,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The presider censes the crib, then the hymn resumes.

- 4 In the heights of heaven adore him,
angel hosts, his praises sing,
all dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice together sing
evermore and evermore!**
- 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unending praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion
and eternal victory
evermore and evermore.**

4th C trans J.M. Neale 1818-66 and others

Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Invocation and Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Litany of Praise

The priest, the deacon, or another minister, says

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Silence

As we celebrate the mystery of God with us,
let us remember that our Saviour
is rich in mercy and great in kindness.

The minister says, or the cantor may sing,

Eternal Word, you have scattered the darkness of sin and death:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Word made flesh, you have made us children of God most high:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Incarnate One, you have united heaven and earth in God's peace:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone
are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
who gave your only-begotten Son
to take our human nature
and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary:
grant that we being born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through the same our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,
ever one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52.7–10

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, and has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD's holy arm has been bared before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98



℞. All the ends of the earth shall see the sal - va - tion of our God.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
With his own right hand and with his holy arm
he has brought deliverance. ℞.

The LORD has made known his salvation
and his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and truth
towards the house of Israel. ℞.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Let the world be glad in him,
sing, rejoice and give him thanks. ℞.

Let music sound upon the harp,
and psalms be offered to his praise:
with trumpets and with songs of joy
shout the praise of God our King. ℞.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.'

Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.

Come you nations, worship the Lord,

for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 1.1–14

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Profession of Faith

All stand. On this day, it is customary to kneel at the reference to Christ's birth.

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 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

All stand to sing the Offertory Hymn. 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.

GOD REST YOU MERRY



**God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:**

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

- 2 From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The son of God by name:**
- 3 And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray:**
- 4 Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other new embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth efface:**

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

God of peace,
our Saviour Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you.
May all we offer you today
renew us as members of your household.
We ask this in the name of Jesus 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.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.
Day and night celebrate your glory
till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your Word became flesh,
and on this day was born of the Virgin Mary.
He emptied himself, taking our human form,
That through his incarnation and passion
we might come to share in his divine nature.

Filled with the Spirit,
who at the first Creation
moved over the face of the waters,
and overshadowed the blessed Virgin at Nazareth,
we await with joy the fulfilment of your new Creation.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who celebrate the birth of your Son,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a triplet of eighth notes over the words 'ho - ly'. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff features a double bar line and continues the melody. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Merciful God, you are blessed indeed,
 and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.

As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem
 and there found no room,
 so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem
 and was despised and rejected.

As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born,
 so, by the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection
 you gave birth to your church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death
 and made with us a new covenant
 by water and the Spirit.

As your Word became flesh,
 born of woman on that night so long ago so,
 on the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread;
 and when he had given you thanks
 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'.

After supper, he took the cup,
 and again giving you thanks
 he gave it to his disciples, saying,
 'This is my blood of the new covenant
 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'.

And so, in remembrance of his birth,
 his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
 his mighty resurrection and exaltation,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice.

United to God and one in love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

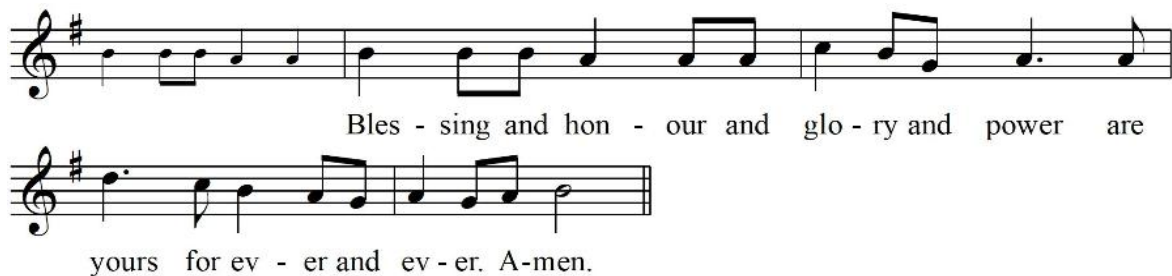


Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and our celebration:

may these gifts of bread and wine be for us
the body and blood of Christ.

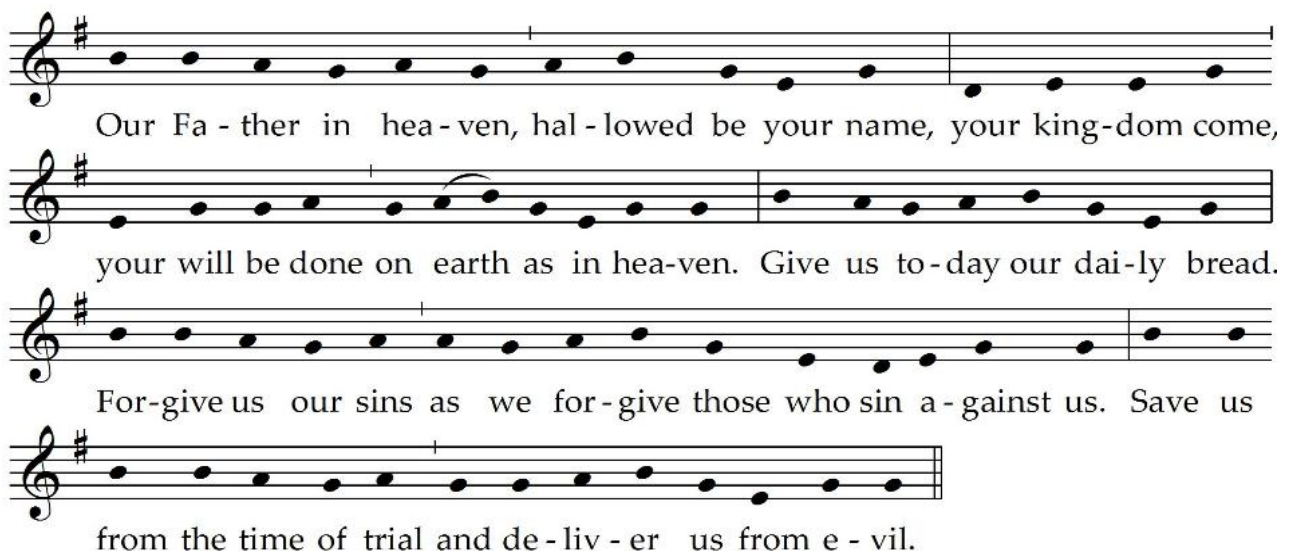
Make us one with Christ and with each other,
and one in service to all the world,
until the day of final glory comes
and we feast at his heavenly banquet
with all your saints for ever.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

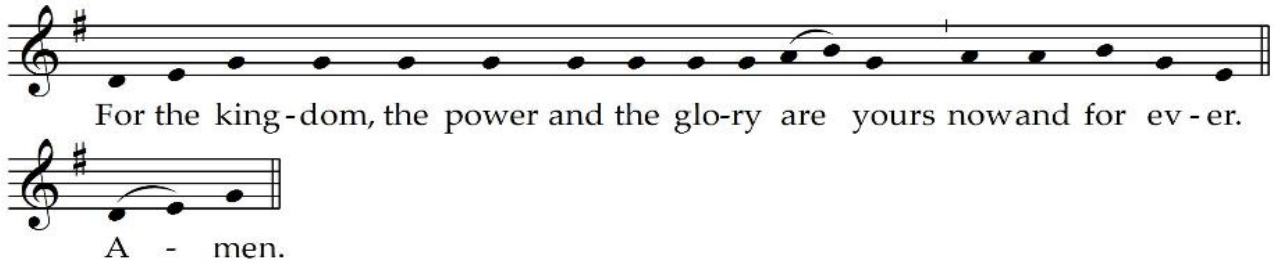


The Lord's Prayer

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



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.

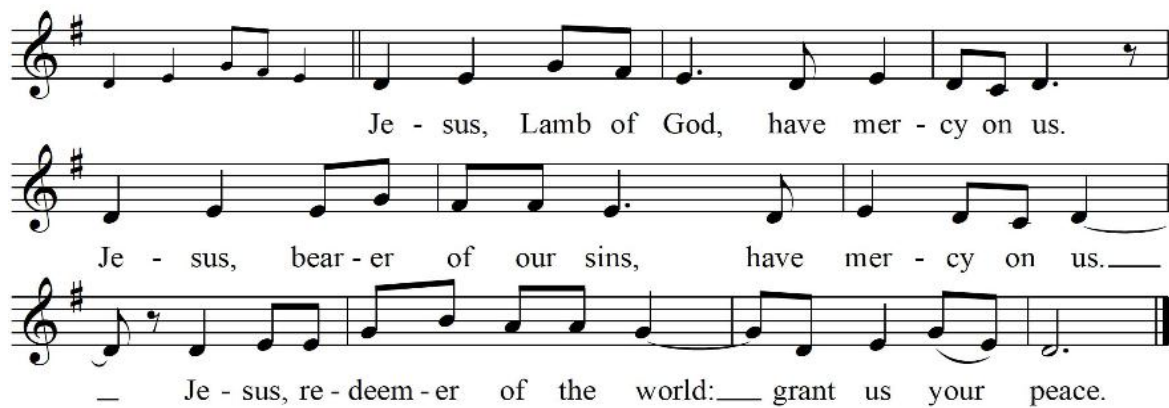


For the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.
A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant 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:



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.
— Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

The celebrant says
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.**

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants should approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning via the side aisles. Communicants should remove their face masks immediately prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

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.

During Communion, the choir sings carols.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 98.4

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of heaven, dwelling among us,
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.
By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh
that as the body of Christ in the world
we may bring your presence to all people.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.

MENDELSSOHN



Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King!*

2 Christ by highest heav'n 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.

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:

Charles Wesley 1707-88

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May the God of infinite goodness,
who by the incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world
and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy day,
drive far from you the darkness of vice
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. **Amen.**

And may God, who wills that the great joy
of his Son's saving Birth
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,
fill your minds with the gladness he gives
and make you heralds of his Gospel. **Amen.**

And may God, who by the Incarnation
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,
fill you with the gift of his peace and favour
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven. **Amen.**

And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon or another minister says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME TO MASS AT CHRISTMAS-TIME. The usual schedule of Masses on Sunday at 10 am and Thursday at 12.10 om (following the Angelus at 12 noon) will be maintained throughout January,

HOSPITALITY DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Our celebrations after Mass during the Christmas Season, that is, on Christmas Day and the two weeks following, will be times of rejoicing! In addition to the usual hospitality, there will be a glass of something reasonable, and those rostered for hospitality would be delighted to receive some additional delights to share during the festive season!

ADELAIDE FRINGE CONCERTS, 2023

The Parish has again registered as a venue in the 2023 Adelaide Fringe and will host three concerts on Sunday at 2.30 pm. These are **Sunday 26 February** ("Sonnet and Song" - theatre troupe Butterfly Theatre presents Shakespeare with accompanying music), **Sunday 5 March**. (Popular community choir Voices in the Wilderness) and **Sunday 12 March** (Singers from "St Mary Magdalene's and Friends" will present the "Song of Ascents", the fifteen Psalms 120-134, sung to classic Anglican chant by South Australian composers). Tickets \$23 (\$18 concession) are now on sale through Fringetix via adelaidefringe.com.au or 1300 621 255.

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL 2022

WEEK 6: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Renounce impiety. Renounce worldly passions. Be self-controlled, upright and godly. It sounds like an end of year speech from the stuffy headmaster of a conservative school! What next, using the proper forks and learning how to curtsy? We could easily mistake this short section of the letter to Titus for a prim little lesson on respectability.

Easily, that is, unless we read right to the end.

What is the purpose of all this purity? Good deeds. The real purpose of a disciplined life is to mirror the self-emptying love of Jesus. With God's help, we get our own life in order so that we can serve others.

This means we approach worship differently. We sing carols of praise to the Christ-child so that we are strengthened to serve the suffering children of the world. We pray to the God who sent Jesus so that we might see the world with Christ's compassionate eyes. And when we consume Christ's own precious body in the Eucharist, we remember all those bodies still suffering in our world today.

At Christmas we come close to the baby Jesus in the manger, who draws us closer to our neighbours in a world so desperately in need of a Saviour.

Our Christmas Bowl gifts will share God's love through practical Christian action - providing those in need with food, care and lifesaving support.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday **12 noon** Angelus; **12.10 pm** Mass (traditional rite)

Sunday **10 am** Sung Mass with choir

After Christmas and during January, Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 am and on Wednesday at 10 am (BCP).

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Steven Ogden.

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.

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The Magdalene Centre

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

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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 <https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/>.

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, 1 January, at 10 am - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings: Isaiah 63.7-9 • Psalm 148 • Hebrews 2.10-18 • Matthew 2.13-23

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 Jean Pyman, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*