# The 7th Sunday after Epiphany

# **20 February 2022**

**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.

**COVID Safety and Face Masks.** The Emergency Management (Activities—General No 3) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 and the Emergency Management (Activities—Associated Direction No 16) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 provide that face masks must be worn at all times other than when a person is reading or otherwise leading worship.

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



Father all-loving and ruling in majesty, judgement is yours, and condemns all our pride; stir up our rulers and people to penitence, sorrow for sins that for vengeance have cried.

- 2 Blessed Lord Jesus, born humbly in poverty, sharing a stable with beasts at your birth, stir us to work for your justice and charity, truly to care for the poor upon earth.
- 3 Come, Holy Spirit, create in us holiness, lift up our lives to your standard of right; stir every will to new ventures of faithfulness, flood the whole church with your glorious light.
- 4 Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity, bind in your love every nation and race: may we adore you for time and eternity, Father, Redeemer and Spirit of grace.

**Entrance Antiphon** Psalm 13.6

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.

My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

## **Invocation and 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

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence

Let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All say

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.

Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and you show favour to the oppressed: instil in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for right to prevail; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** Psalm 37.1–12, 41–42



- 1 Do not fret yourself with the wicked, nor be envious of those who do wrong. For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green leaf fade away. R
- 2 Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed in safe pastures.

  Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.

  He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday. R
- 3 Be still before the Lord: wait patiently for him, and fret not over those who succeed in evil. For evildoers shall be cut down, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. R
- 4 For the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their strength in time of trouble.

  The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will deliver them, because they put their trust in him. R

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

cf Acts 16:15

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 6.27-38

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Fr Steven Ogden

#### **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.

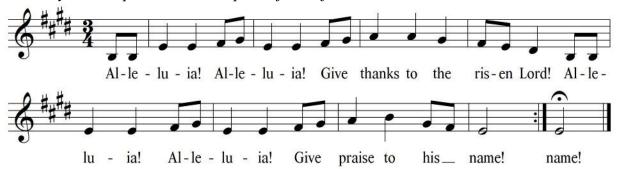
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All stand to sing the chant. 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.

Verses may be interspersed between repeats of the refrain.



Donald Fishel b.1950

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,
you are the strength of the weak
and the comfort of sufferers,
receive all we offer you this day;
turn our sickness into health
and our sorrow into joy.
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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

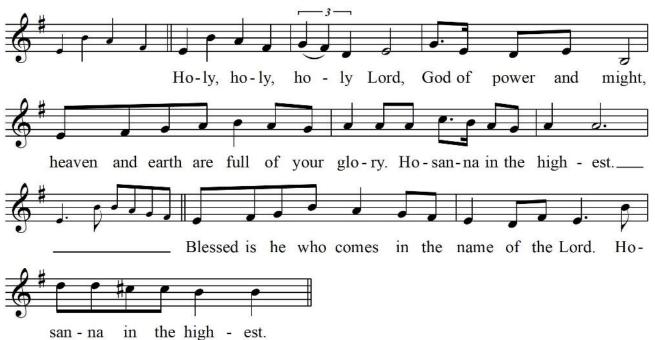
You sent him from heaven to take our flesh: born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, he was revealed as your Son. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might break the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:



Holy and gracious God, accept our sacrifice of praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying to his disciples, 'Take, and eat: this is my body which will be given for you.'

In the same way he took the cup, saying, 'This is my blood which will be shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.'

In remembrance of his death and resurrection, with this bread and this cup, we give you thanks that you have counted us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

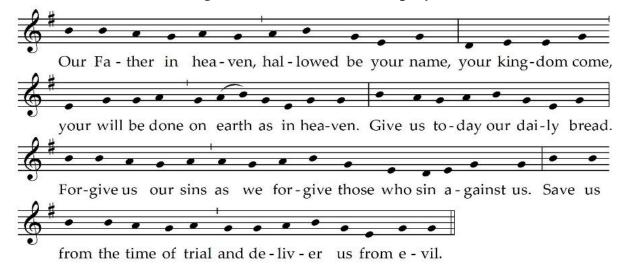
Send your Holy Spirit upon the celebration of your Church: gather into one all who share in these holy mysteries, filling them with your Spirit and confirming them in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through Jesus your servant.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit, in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

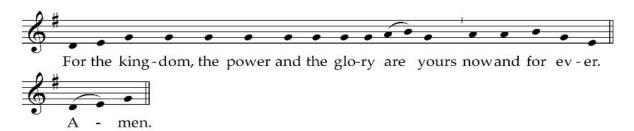
#### THE COMMUNION RITE

## 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.



## The Breaking of the Bread

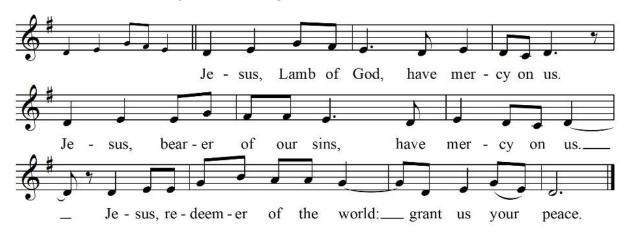
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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**

The priest 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.

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.

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.

During Communion, the choir sings.

## **Communion Antiphon**

The choir sings

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people.

May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence.

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

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.



Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe: we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

- 2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all not just for some, to love them as we find them or as they may become.
- 3 Let your acceptance change us so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Fred Kaan 1929-2009

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

The priest, deacon or another minister says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

#### **NOTICES**

#### PASTORAL CARE NETWORK MEETING

The meeting of leaders of the Pastoral Care Network will be held after Mass today. Please grab a cup of tea or coffee and gather for what we hope is a brief discussion.

#### ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The **Annual Vestry Meeting for 2022 will be held after Mass on Sunday 27 March**. This will include the election of a new Parish Council. Might you feel called to share in this ministry? Please speak to Fr Steven or either of the Churchwardens if you would like to know more.

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY – 2 MARCH**

The season of Lent is approaching. The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is on 2 March. There will be two celebrations of the special liturgy of the day, the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes, during Masses at 12.10 pm (said) and 6.15 pm (sung).

The ashes that are blessed on Ash Wednesday are made by burning palm crosses blessed and carried in procession on the previous Palm Sunday. If you have a palm cross or two at home – they are so useful as bookmarks, or on a magnet on the fridge! - there will be a box for collecting them ahead of Ash Wednesday.

There will be a full list of extra opportunities for prayer and devotion during Lent produced in the coming weeks. In particular, attention is drawn to the Lenten Study that will be offered in person and on line each Thursday in March.

## **2022 LENTEN STUDY**

# In love, in hope, in freedom

#### In Person and On Line

I will be offering a Lenten Study which will be pursuing the theme of liberation. It consists of a 5-week study, on the Thursdays in March. It will be offered in the morning and the evening, but with different formats: both are COVID-safe.

- Thursday morning: 10am at Bocelli's Caffe in Hutt Street (cr Wakefield Street): free parking in Angas Street. In terms of COVID, there are outside tables at Bocelli, under cover.
- Thursday evening: 7pm on zoom. Please email me, so I can send you an invitation.

The morning and evening sessions will go for about an hour and a quarter. If you miss the morning session at Bocelli's, you can join the evening session on zoom, and vice versa.

So, here is an outline of the Lenten Study. I am happy to take suggestions or make some modifications at this stage.

Christianity is good news. It is a story of liberation: spiritual, political, and ecological. In this Lenten Study, we use the Gospel of Luke as a platform for finding freedom. The bible, however, is not an end in itself. The key is the discussion, where together we explore and embrace the good news.



## MARCH 3 - SET FREE (Text Luke 4:16-21)

What is slavery? What do we mean by liberation? In our day, many people labour under a range of constraints, physical and otherwise. If the gospel means anything, it is about being set free. Enabling us to become, to grow, to engage the world with courage and compassion. In this session, we examine something of the forms of captivity that hold us back and see that the Gospel of Luke is premised on the God who sets free.

Question: How does this hope of liberation address your life?



#### MARCH 10 - FINDING COURAGE (Text Luke 1:46-55)

The Christian community of Luke lived in the shadow of Rome. As a community, they had to be careful. Rome, like all empires, has a powerful sense of entitlement. This meant the Lucan community was in survival mode. It is no surprise that they saw in Mary, the mother of Jesus, a figure offering hope, spiritually and politically.

Question: How has Mary been portrayed in our tradition? And how does this measure up with Luke?



## MARCH 17 - DISARMING SHAME (Text Luke 8:40-56)

Jesus is concerned about the burden of shame. Now, there is a difference between the concepts of shame and guilt. Guilt has its place. Guilt reflects our own values, reminding us of our true selves and our deeper aspirations. Shame is somebody else's problem, which we have internalized to our detriment. In the first century, the purity system - with its concern about clean and unclean - made women, the poor, and the sick feel ashamed. So, the healing of the haemorrhaging woman is the guintessential liberation story.

Question: What is the social and symbolic significance of blood?



## MARCH 24 - BASED ON LOVE (Text Luke 23:1-49)

The cross is the central symbol of our faith. So, then, what is the point of the death of Jesus. Traditionally, theories of atonement explain the meaning of the cross (e.g., Jesus as substitute). In some instances, atonement theories have portrayed God as demanding or wrathful, requiring satisfaction. In recent years, I have found an emphasis on love helpful; it represents a shift from what God does in the cross to what God does in the life of Jesus, which culminates in the cross. This is a celebration of the Incarnation.

Question: What is the significance of the slave woman?



## MARCH 31 - EVERYDAY MYSTICISM (Text Luke 24:1-12; I Corinthians 15)

The mysteries of the faith are creation, incarnation, and resurrection. Together, they represent a radical affirmation that God is in the world. Specifically, the resurrection changes us, and the way we see the world. It also makes sense of the idea of a sacramental view of life. So, then, God is not a remote despot. Instead, we live, move, and breathe in God. We are a resurrection people. This does not mean we are exempt from suffering, and the vicissitudes of everyday existence. Instead, existence is permeated by the possibility of joy.

**Question: How important is Mary Magdalene?** 





# **Marvellous Music at Mary Mags**

# Three concerts of sublime vocal music to delight the soul

# Songs of Longing and Belonging

Sunday 27 February at 2.30 pm

Singing choral gems from mediaeval England, renaissance France and contemporary outback Australia, Voices in the Wilderness expore the ties that bind us to people and place. Love, loss, joy, nostalgia: there's a little something for everyone.

# **Music of Ecstasy and Devotion**

# Sunday 6 March at 2.30 pm

From the 16tth century onwards, hosts of brilliant women have practised their music within the confines of Italian convents. Sacred Hearts will sing some of the music composed by these nuns, and music composed for them by others.

# Merry Men and Mary Mags

## Sunday 13 March at 2.30 pm

The unique sound of the Merry Men male vocal ensemble is sure to gladden your hearts. There are songs of sailors and the sea, sacred and secular, from many times and places. And of course, a drinking song!

Tickets \$23/\$18 can be prebooked at Fringetix, or at the door if not sold out.



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

ThursdaySunday12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)SundaySung Mass with children's ministry and choir

Mass is also 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, 8 Rundle Mall, Adelaide 5000 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 Magdalene (Drop-In Centre)

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 February, at 10 am – The Last Sunday after Epiphany: The Transfiguration

Readings: Exodus 34.29–35 • Psalm 99 • 1 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2 • Luke 9.28-43

#### **For Your Prayers**

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the Covid-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to racist 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, Clarice, Dulcie, Jasmin, Henry, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest) and Mark.

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 Valerie Taylor and John Harley, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.