The Baptism of the Lord

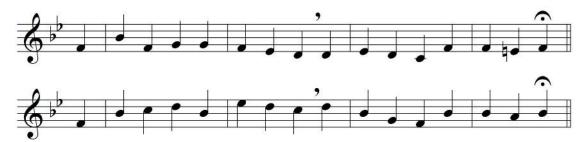
9 January 2022

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



When Jesus comes to be baptized, He leaves the hidden years behind, The years of safety and of peace, To bear the sins of humankind.

- 2 The Spirit of the Lord comes down, Anoints the Christ to suffering, To preach the word, to free the bound, And to the mourner, comfort bring.
- 3 He will not quench the dying flame, And what is bruised he will not break, But heal the wound injustice dealt, And out of death his triumph make.
- 4 Our everlasting Father, praise, With Christ, his well-beloved Son, Who with the Spirit reigns serene, Untroubled Trinity in One.

Stanbrook Abbey

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Matt 3.16-17

The choir sings

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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.**

Litany of Praise

The priest, deacon, or another minister, says

Lord God, in baptism you grant forgiveness and new life.

Silence

Let us call to mind our sins, and bring them before the Lord in penitence and faith.

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:

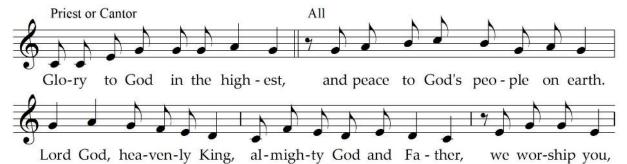
pardon ♥ you and set you free from all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise





Collect

Let us pray.

Spirit of energy and change, in whose power Jesus was anointed to be the hope of the nations: be poured out also upon us without reserve or distinction, that we may have confidence and strength to implant your justice on the earth; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43.1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

From Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe unto the LORD, you children of God, ascribe unto the LORD glory and power.
- 2 Give the LORD the honour due to his name: worship the LORD with holy worship.
- 3 The voice of the LORD sounds on the waters; the LORD thunders upon the great waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is full of splendour; the voice of the LORD is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the LORD scatters the cedars; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
- 9 the voice of the LORD is as thunder: and all in his temple shout his glory.
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as a king for ever.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength unto his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

New Testament Reading

Acts 8.14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 3.15–22

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.

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Fr Steven Ogden

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.

Renewal of Baptism Promises

My friends,

for the last few weeks we have been celebrating the birth of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

With the shepherds we have heard the good news of a new age dawning with peace for humankind. With the magi we have journeyed by the light of faith to Bethlehem, and found there a Saviour, God, and King. With Mary we have pondered these things in our hearts.

Now we celebrate the fulfilment of this mystery, for today, at Jesus' baptism, the Spirit has proclaimed him as Messiah: as the priest who would give himself in sacrifice; as the prophet who would reveal God in word and sign; as the king who would begin his reign on the cross.

We, too, in our baptism have been anointed by the Spirit and have received the same calling and commission. If you are willing to commit yourself anew to our common task of building God's kingdom in our day I invite you to respond: 'Yes, I do believe' to these questions:

Do you believe in God, who formed us from the earth and breathed life into us, and who has called us to new life in the water of baptism and the fire of the Spirit?

Yes, I do believe.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's eternal Word, who was born of the Virgin Mary, and at Jordan was anointed by the Holy Spirit as Messiah; who by his death and rising has brought us over into God's reign; and who will come again in final lasting glory?

Yes, I do believe.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, who has anointed us too in baptism as God's holy people, sent to proclaim God's rule of justice and love, of freedom and peace, today and until the end of time?

Yes, I do believe.

The presider addresses the congregation,

God has truly given us new birth by water and the Spirit.

We are the body of Christ.

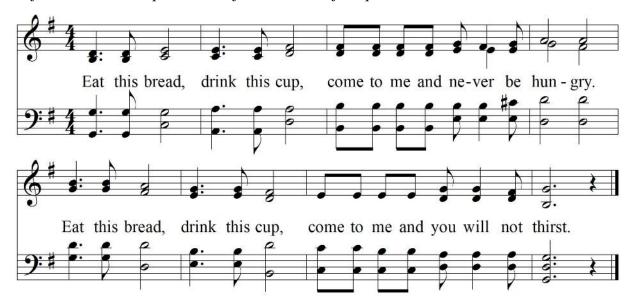
God's Spirit is with us.

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.



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

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, 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.

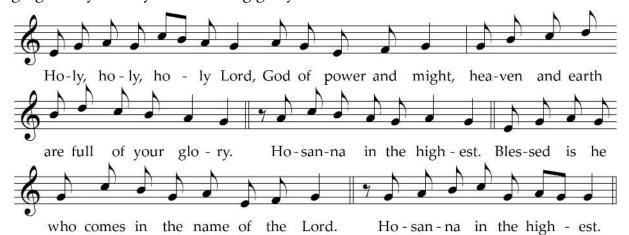
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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.

Filled with the Spirit, who descended upon your Son at his Baptism in the Jordan, we who are baptised in his name strive for his heavenly kingdom in whose radiance we are transfigured and the earth is transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose who celebrate the manifestation 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:



Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us. Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased. Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son, he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom. The blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed, and the captives set free. At his word, water became wine, the hungry were filled with bread, and the dead were raised.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

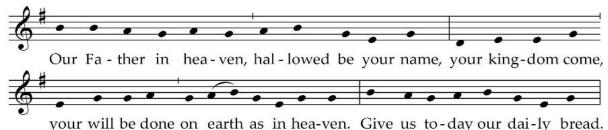
Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

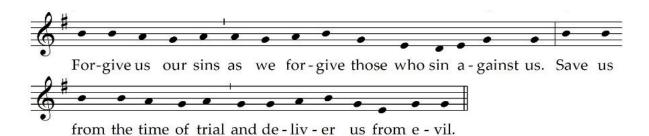
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

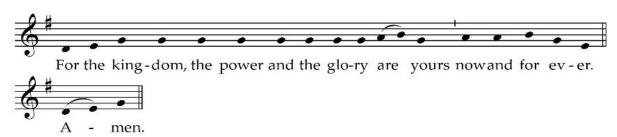
The Lord's Prayer

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

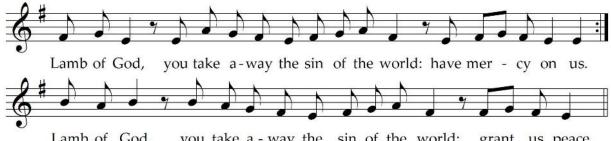
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us 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.

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

John 1.32, 34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.



I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream. My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light.
 Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun,
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar 1808-89

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; 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

Sunday and weekday Masses will continue as usual throughout January, with the Sunday Mass at 10 am and the Thursday Mass at 12.10 pm, following the Angelus at 12 noon.

APPOINTMENT OF LOCUM PRIEST



The Revd Dr Steven Ogden begins his appointment as Locum Priest today. Fr Steven's appointment is on a part time basis for a period of 6 months.

Fr Steven is known to many members of the community, both from a few recent supply turns on Sundays and weekdays, and during his previous time in the Diocese of Adelaide, especially as Dean of St Peter's Cathedral from 2000-2009. He was subsequently Principal of St Francis' Theological College, Brisbane from 2009-2016.

Fr Steven is a Research Fellow in the Centre for Public and Contextual Theology at Charles Sturt University. His research interests include political theology, political philosophy, gender-based violence, power-relations, entitlement, and masculinity. His most recent book, *Violence, Entitlement, and Politics: A Theology on Transforming the Subject* was published by Routledge in September this year.

Please pray for Fr Steven as he embarks on this new ministry, and for the parish community as it continues to explore the options for ministry in the city in the years to come.

PARISH FINANCES

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that in the last days of 2021, a transfer of funds to the Synod Office means that the Parish as completely acquitted its accumulated financial arrears to the Synod.

We want to thank every member of the Parish community, and our many supporters further afield, for their ongoing support in 2020 and 2021 while the Parish Council has worked with successive locum priests to stabilise our finances and explore the opportunities for ministry in the future with a predictable and sustainable financial framework.

This is an achievement of great significance for the community. In addition to addressing accumulated arrears to the Synod of around \$40,000, we have spent \$25,000 on the Rectory and in recent months have spent over \$10,000 on the Hall to meet new Work Health and Safety standards. Some \$10,000 of minor works on various items on the Church building are also in preparation, and are fully funded.

The completion of the remediation of arrears to the Synod Office is hoped to being with it the commencement of the nomination process for the appointment of a permanent priest.

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY 2021

The National Church Life Survey (NCLS) has been conducted ever 5 years since 1991. This Australian initiative is a world leader in research focused on connecting churches and their communities. Research has examined well-being, spirituality and church health, and with 7 surveys now completed, valuable long-term data has been generated. Cooperating denominations, including Catholics, Anglicans and Protestants, are a network for sharing practical resources to help churches and communities.

Regular worshippers will recall that we completed a Survey only a couple of years ago. That is correct – the Diocese of Adelaide commissioned a special "out of cycle" round of the NCLS to give base-line data as the Diocese developed the "Vision 2022" five year plan. This NCLS collection, in 2021, is the regular 5-yearly version.

The survey can be completed in writing or online. Hard copy surveys will be available today and for the next few weeks.

Alternatively, it is possible to complete the survey online. To do so, simply search on your internet browser for https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au/ and in the Church code field enter ANA10501. The screen will look like this:

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Every member of the community is encouraged to complete the survey, whether in hard copy or online. We have until February 2022 to complete the returns, but we suggest everyone do their best to complete the survey in the next few weeks.

Hard copy surveys can be returned to the church. Please hand your completed surveys to Fr Steven, Alison McAllister, or Peter Burdon.

Thanks in advance for your support!

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING RESUMES

When it became clear that stringent COVID-19-related public activities restrictions would remained in force in the second half of 2021, the Parish Council decided that congregational singing should be paused. The re-opening of State borders on 23 November has brought with it a renewed emphasis on COVID-safe practice in the community, and requirements such as the wearing of face masks in shared public places – including churches – and this is likely to remain in force for the time being, especially with the significant outbreaks of COVID-19 now present in the wider community.

However, we have all missed the opportunity to lift up our voices in praise of God, and the Parish Council has therefore decided that congregational singing will resume. **The wearing of face masks is obligatory throughout Mass other than at the time of receiving**

Communion. The exceptions are readers and those leading the prayers of the people, when they are actually reading or leading prayers, and the presiding clergy when they are leading worship.

So please remember, bring your face masks! Should you forget, don't worry: disposable masks will be available.

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

The Christmas Bowl is one of the longest standing Christmas appeals in Australia. It was established in 1949 by The Revd Frank Byatt to raise money for refugees after World War II. On Christmas Day that year, Frank put a Bowl of Remembrance on the dinner table and asked his family to place a gift inside to help those less fortunate than themselves. The Christmas Bowl was born. The very first Christmas Bowl raised £1,808 - no small sum at that time. Since that time, churches have raised more than \$100 million, illustrating the incredible impact that Australian churches can have when they work together.

The causes to which donations to Christmas Bowl will be applied in 2021 include supporting health clinics in Gaza, where protracted fighting, a blockade that makes it hard to access food or medicine, and COVID-19 hardships, have led to the closure of many clinics, and in particular an end to mental health support and counselling to help children deal with trauma.

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Each year the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia holds an Advent and Christmas Appeal. The Advent appeal this year will be in aid of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in North Queensland and Nungalinya College in Darwin. Wontulp-Bi-Buya College supports the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development. Nungalinya College serves over 300 remote Indigenous students, most of whom are both church leaders and Elders with responsibilities in their own cultures. Indigenous Elders continually comment that they go there to grow in their faith, to be refreshed and renewed to go back home and continue to serve their people.

Donations to both the ABM Appeals and to Christmas Bowl will be accepted for another few weeks if you wish to give at Parish level.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral on 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 https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/.

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, 16 January, at 10 am - The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5 • Psalm 36.5-10 • 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 • John 2.1-11

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

Rest ₱ eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.