The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

23 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



God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word; each, from age to age proclaiming God the one, the righteous Lord! In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast, God is king, his throne eternal, God the first, and God the last.

- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son, brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one: spoken by the Word incarnate, God from God, ere time began, Light of Light, to earth descending, God, revealed as Son of Man.
- 3 God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to our hearts again, in the age-long word declaring God's own message, now as then, through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast: God still speaks, his Word unchanging, God the first, and God the last.

George Wallace Briggs 1875-1959 alt.

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 96.1, 6

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honor in his holy place.

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

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.

Life-giving God, who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority: anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

from Psalm 19



Lord, you have the words of ev-er-las-ting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, and revives the soul; the decrees of the Lord are true, and give wisdom to the simple. \hat{R} .

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes. R.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are steadfast and righteous every one; ${R}$.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer R.

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

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Luke 4.18

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 4.14-21

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, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'.

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.

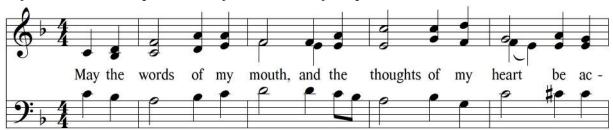
God's Spirit is with us.

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.





John Bell b.1949

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

Loving God,

before the world began you called us.

Make holy all we offer you this day,

and strengthen us in that calling.

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.

O God, eternal Wisdom,

all you have made is beautiful and good.

We thank you for darkness and light,

for this earth and for our bodies,

for growth and change

and all that lies beyond our knowledge and imagination.

In every generation you befriend your people.

You gave us your holy Law, sent the prophets,

and called us back to the truth whenever we turned away.

You were vindicated in your servant Jesus

who came with forgiveness, feasting, and stories of your grace.

Though we rejected him,

death on a cross could not quench the fire of his love.

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You raised him up for us,

the firstborn from the dead,

to build a new community of hope

where all are honoured as Christ's equal friends.

And so we praise you

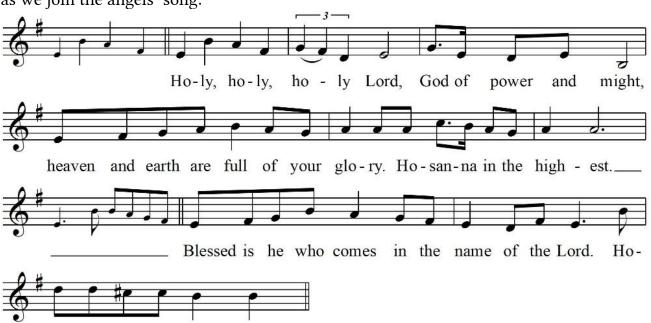
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with Mary, mother of the living Word,

and with all your faithful friends,

as we join the angels' song:



God of the feast, your household is hungry for the bread of heaven and the cup of life. Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration, so that we may eat at this table and be satisfied with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved. He took the bread, gave you thanks, broke it to share with them, and said: "Take and eat this: it is my body."

Then he took a cup of wine.

Again he thanked you and told them:

"Drink this, all of you: it is my blood, shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven.

Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

So we delight to remember Jesus: the faithfulness of his life, the victory of his cross, the glory of his resurrection, the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died: Christ is ris - en: Christ will come a - gain.

O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous, accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Make us good stewards of creation, with justice in our hearts, courage in our actions and power in our speech to bear witness to the truth.

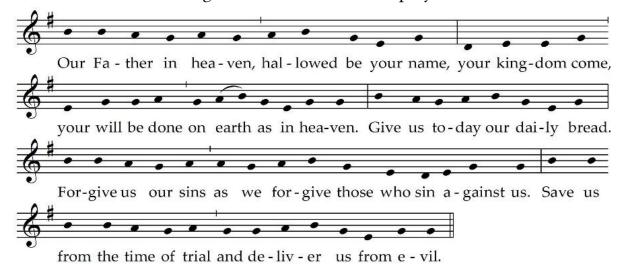
Protect us with your glory, unite your church in loyalty and love, and bring us home with Mary Magdalene and all your saints to feast with you for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, and in the Spirit's grace, with heart and soul and mind and strength we love and worship you alone, O God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

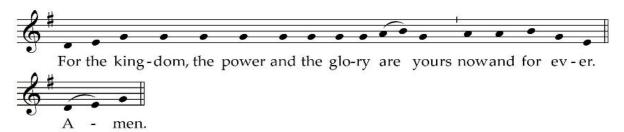
THE COMMUNION RITE

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

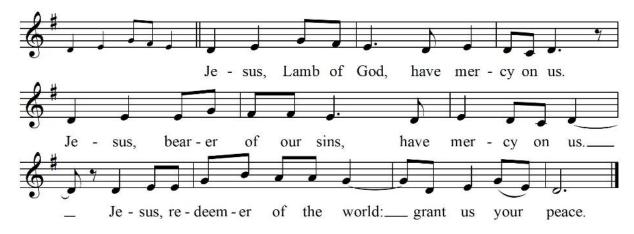
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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

John 8.12

The choir sings

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

our hands have taken holy things;

our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.

May we who have eaten at this holy table

be strengthened for service in your world.

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

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.



Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.

Praise the One who frees the prisoners turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel healing every dread disease.

Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
 Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
 Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
 From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
 Christ who suffered in our place.
 Jesus died and rose for many
 that we may know God by grace.
 Let us sing for joy and gladness
 seeing what our God has done.
 Praise the one redeeming glory,
 praise the One who makes us one.

Rusty Edwards, b.1955

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

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council met last Wednesday to consider a range of matters affecting the life of the Parish. In particular, the Council had discussions about:

- The value of the Pastoral Care Network in keeping in touch with members of the congregation. COVID-19 has made for a difficult time for Fr Steven to commence a ministry in terms of visiting parishioners and user groups, and also getting to know the local community. At this point he is actively involved in contacting people by phone and having occasional face-to-face meetings but hopes, as the situation with COVID-19 evolves, to have a greater degree of personal contact. A meeting of leaders of the Pastoral Care Network will be held in the coming weeks.
- The completion of all of the issues identified in the recent Work Health and Safety audit before the end of 2021.
- Options for a social occasion in the coming couple of months, possibly another of the enjoyable "Picnics in the Parklands"

Parish Council also resolved that the Annual Vestry Meeting for 2022 would 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.

DROP IN CENTRE

The Drop-In Centre resumes for 2022 on Saturday 5 February, and as its our long-standing custom, the Parish will provide the meal on this occasion.

Heather Carter will welcome offers of food, whether the ingredients, money to buy them, or the cooking of same, and labour on the night. Please consider the ways in which you might be able to assist.

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Marvellous Music at Mary Mags

Three concerts of sublime vocal music to delight the soul

The Parish is once again hosting its popular concert series in the 2022 Adelaide Fringe.

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 16th 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.



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 by next Sunday.

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!

COVID-SAFETY AND CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

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.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

During January, Mass is also offered at St Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday and 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, 30 January, at 10 am - The 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Readings: Jeremiah 1.4-10 • Psalm 71.1-6 • 1 Corinthians 13.1-13 • Luke 4.21-30

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.