The 5th Sunday after Epiphany 5 February 2023

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

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God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

- Deep in unfathomable mines
 Of never-failing skill
 He treasures up his bright designs,
 And works his sovereign will.
- 3 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust him for his grace; Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.
- 4 His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flower.
- 5 Blind unbelief is sure to err, And scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter, And he will make it plain.

William Cowper 1731-1800

Cf. Ps. 95.6-7

Entrance Antiphon

The choir sings

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

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

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Silence. Then 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:

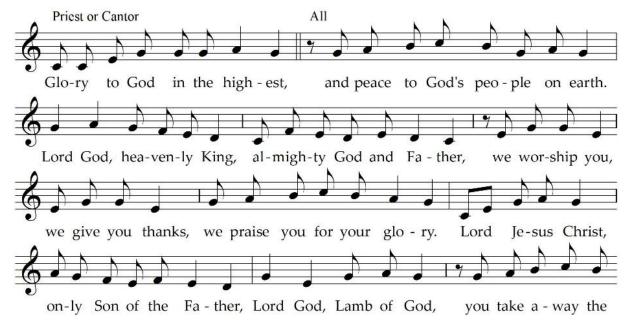
pardon ₱ you and set you free from all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise





Collect

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58.1–9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112.1–9



Blessed are they that fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. $\tilde{\mathbb{R}}$.

Riches and wealth are in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. R.

It is good for them to lend and be generous, to shape their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be shaken; they will be kept in everlasting remembrance. \hat{R} .

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is right and they put their trust in the Lord. They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness endures for ever. $\tilde{\mathbb{R}}$.

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' –

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?'

But we have the mind of Christ.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8.12

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5.13–20

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

▼ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after

lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Fr Steven Ogden

Profession of Faith

All stand.

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.



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

God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

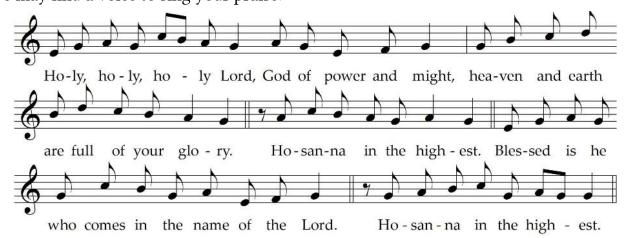
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:



How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come a - gain.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

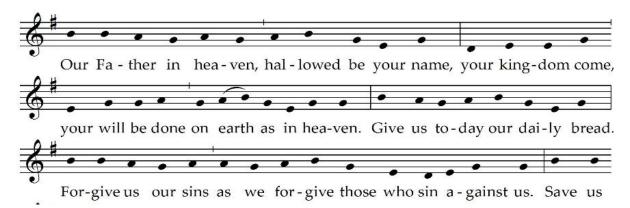
Bring us at the last with Mary Magdalene and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:



THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

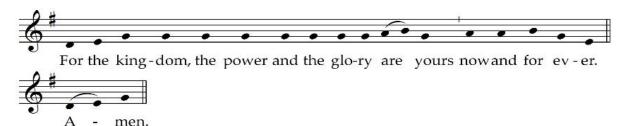
As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:





from the time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil.

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

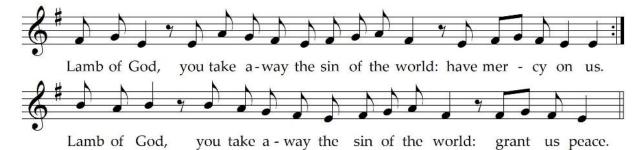
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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.

Healing ministry will be offered in the Holy Innocents chapel.

During Communion, the choir sings

Communion Antiphon

The choir sings

Let them thank you, the Lord, for your mercy, and the wonders you do for your children, For you satisfy the thirsty soul, and fill the hungry with good things.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
in you we find peace beyond all telling.

May we who share in this heavenly banquet
be instruments of your peace on earth,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.

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For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

- 2 In the just reward of labour,
 God's will is done;
 in the help we give our neighbour,
 God's will is done;
 in our world-wide task of caring
 for the hungry and despairing,
 in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
 thanks be to God;
 for the good we all inherit,
 thanks be to God;
 for the wonders that astound us,
 for the truths that still confound us,
 most of all that love has found us,
 thanks be to God.

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.**

FROM FR STEVEN - ONLY LOVE

Today, I will be focusing on Matthew 5:13-20 in the homily. The title of the homily is "Matters of the Heart: Vision, values, and vocation". So, let me put this in context.

In many ways, the church has sanitized the early Jesus movement, often depicting him as a lone hero. Historically, however, we now know that Jesus was not alone. Along with Mary Magdalene, and others from Galilee, it was very much a resistance movement. Ultimately, this is why the Romans executed him on the cross.

As a resistance movement, the early Jesus movement was motivated by two core values: compassion and inclusion. These values were articulated in a powerful way in Matthew in the Sermon on the Mount. A different and shorter version occurs in Luke (i.e., the sermon on the plain). In Matthew, the fulfilment of these values lies at the heart of what it means to experience the creative impact of the reign of God (i.e., the kingdom of heaven in Matthew).

Our values are a gift. They define who we are and where we are going. Sometimes. it takes us years to identify our core values. Or, if we know them, it takes a long time to invest ourselves fully in them. In the present case, the Sermon on the Mount is a presentation of the core values of compassion and inclusion, as well as a profound challenge to embrace them.

In this spirit, Mahatma Gandhi said, "Christ's Sermon on the Mount fills me with bliss even today. Its sweet verses have even today the power to quench my agony of soul.

Fr Steven

LENT IN 2023

Lent is fast approaching, and begins on **Wednesday 22 February** with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday**. There will be Masses at 12.10 pm and 6.15 pm (sung) and there will be the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes at both services. Also on Ash Wednesday, and every Wednesday in Lent, there will be a reflection and prayer at 8 am.

It is traditional to make the ashes used at this ceremony from palm crosses from previous years. There is a container at the back of the church in which returned palm crosses may be placed.

There are many opportunities for the enrichment of our spiritual lives during this holy season on our First Term "Magdalene Experience" program – please take note of them:

Wed 22 ASH WEDNESDAY

8 am A contemporary reflection (every Wednesday until and including Holy Week)

12 pm The Angelus, 12:10 Traditional (BCP) Mass with Imposition of Ashes

6.15 pm Sung Mass with Imposition of Ashes

Sun 26 First Sunday of Lent 10am, preacher The Rev'd Professor Paul Babie, Bonython Professor of Law (The University of Adelaide) and Assistant Priest at the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Holy Protection, Wayville

March

Wed 8 7 pm, Workshop on the Psalms presented by Dr Melinda Cousins, Old Testament Scholar (in association with the Fringe concert on Sunday 12 March, "The Songs of Ascent")

Sun 19 after the 10 am Mass, Annual Vestry Meeting

LENTEN STUDY: TRANFORMATION: THE STORY OF NICODEMUS

Three-part Lenten study in two groups (Thursday 10am Hutt St café or 7pm on zoom)

Thu 16 "How can anyone be born after having grown old?" (Jn 3:1-17)

Thu 23 "Never has anyone spoken like this" (Jn 8:45-52)

Thu 30 "They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with spices in linen cloths" (Jn 19:38-42)

April

HOLY WEEK

- Sun 2 Palm Sunday 10.30 am at SFX then to Moore Street (with Archbishop Geoff Smith)
- Wed 5 Holy Wednesday 7.30 pm Tenebrae
- Thu 6 Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Watch of the Passion continues throughout the night to the liturgies of Good Friday.

- Fri 7 Good Friday 10 am Liturgy of the Day (Reconciliation (confessions) at 9 am: Fr Steven)
- Fri 7 Good Friday 3 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Day (Reconciliation (confessions) at 2 pm tbc)
- Sat 8 Easter Eve 8 pm The Easter Vigil

Sun 9 EASTER SUNDAY 10 am Procession and Solemn Mass

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.

We are planning a special event in association with the final concert on the Psalms. On **Wednesday 8 March at 7 pm** there will be a worship led by Old Testament scholar the Revd Dr Melinda Cousins. Dr Cousins recently completed her PhD on the Psalms with reference to ideas of performance, imagination, emotion, and embodiment. She is the Director of Ministry Accreditation for the Baptist Churches of SA, a lecturer at Tabor College, and Teaching Pastor at the Richmond Baptist Church. Information on registration for the workshop (which will be free) will be provided in the next week or so.

MARY MAGS DINNER, SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Many thanks to all those who assisted with preparation or made donations of money to buy the food for the Mary Mags Dinner last night.

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT IN 2023

The Archbishop has advised that his pastoral visit to the Parish in 2023 will be on Sunday 2 April, which is Palm Sunday. The Archbishop will join the Ecumenical Blessing and Procession of Palms at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral then return to the church for Mass.

VISITING PREACHERS

At the recent Vestry meeting, we discussed among other things the possibility of occasionally inviting visiting preachers to address us in the course of 2023.

- Sunday 29 February, The 1st Sunday in Lent: the Revd Professor Paul Babie, Assistant Priest at the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Holy Protection, Wayville. (Many will remember Fr Paul from Fr Steven's commissioning, when he was the Gospeller.)
- Sunday 28 May, the Feast of Pentecost: Associate Professor Lorna Hallahan of the College of Education Psychology and Social Work at Flinders University, and a member of St Chad's, Fullarton, who is undertaking doctoral research into disability and spirituality.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 10 am Sung Mass with choir

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

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

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 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, 12 February, at 10 am - The 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Readings: Sirach 15.15-20 • Psalm 119.1-8 • 1 Corinthians 3.1-9 • Matthew 5.21-37

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