# The 2nd Sunday in Lent 5 March 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

**ABERYSTWYTH** 



Jesu, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

- 2 Other refuge have I none,
  Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
  Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
  Still support and comfort me.
  All my trust on thee is stayed,
  All my help from thee I bring;
  Cover my defenceless head
  With the shadow of thy wing.
- 3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
  Grace to cover all my sin;
  Let the healing streams abound,
  Make and keep me pure within.
  Thou of life the fountain art,
  Freely let me take of thee,
  Spring thou up within my heart,
  Rise to all eternity.

Entrance Antiphon Matthew 4.4

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

#### **Invocation and Greeting**

f Y 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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins 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.

#### Collect

Let us pray.

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 12.1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help? My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and he that keepeth thee will not sleep; behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper, the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand, so that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.

#### **New Testament Reading**

Romans 4.1–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is

reckoned as righteousness. So also David pronounces a blessing on those to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works:

"Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered; blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin."

Is this blessing, then, pronounced only on the circumcised or also on the uncircumcised? We say, "Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness." How then was it reckoned to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after but before he was circumcised. He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the ancestor of all who believe without being circumcised and who thus have righteousness reckoned to them, and likewise the ancestor of the circumcised who are not only circumcised but follow the example of the faith that our ancestor Abraham had before he was circumcised.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Psalm 46.1

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Reading John 3.1–17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

₩ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things.

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

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.

in accordance with the Scriptures;

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

During the preparation of the gifts, the chant is sung. 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 wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. **Amen.** 

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

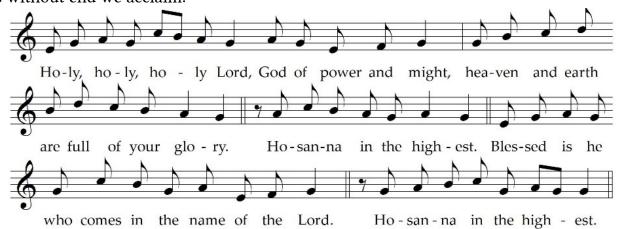
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For by your gracious gift each year your faithful await the paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure, so that, more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity, and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn, they may be led to the fullness of grace that you bestow on your sons and daughters.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:



You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the cup and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.



The my-ste-ry of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come a-gain.

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Cup of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Geoffrey our Bishop and all those whose lives bring hope to this world.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, Mary Magdalene and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may be worthy to stand in your presence and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through whom, and with whom, and in whom, O God, Father almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit is all honour and glory for ever and ever. **Amen**.

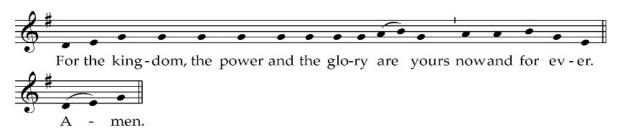
#### THE COMMUNION RITE

#### 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

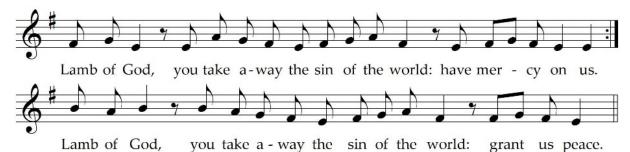
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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 prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

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**

1 Corinthians 13.12

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then will I know fully, even as I have been fully known.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **Postcommunion Hymn**



There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in his justice, Which is more than liberty.

- 2 There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven; There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgement given.
- 3 For the love of God is broader Than the measure of our mind; And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.

- 4 But we make his love too narrow By false limits of our own; And we magnify his strictness With a zeal he will not own.
- 5 There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.
- 6 If our love were but more simple, We should take him at his word: And our lives would be all sunshine In the joy of Christ our Lord.

F W Faber 1814-63 alt.

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

#### Prayer over the People and Blessing

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

May the blessing for which they have longed strengthen your faithful, O Lord, so that, never straying from your will, they may always rejoice in your benefits. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ♣ and the Holy Spirit, be among 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.** 

#### **ADELAIDE FRINGE CONCERTS, 2023 - CONCERT 2 TODAY**

The Parish has again registered as a venue in the 2023 Adelaide Fringe and will host three concerts under the title "Marvellous Music at Mary Mags" on Sundays at 2.30 pm.

The first concert was held last Sunday and featured local theatre troupe Butterfly Theatre presenting Shakespeare with accompanying music. It was a wonderful concert, and very well attended.

This Sunday **5 March** we welcome back popular community choir Voices in the Wilderness. Ticket sales are already strong for this concert, which sold out in 2022

**Next Sunday 12 March** some 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 at \$23 (\$18 concession) are now on sale through Fringetix via adelaidefringe.com.au or 1300 621 255.

#### SPECIAL EVENT: THE PSALMS AND THE SONGS OF ASCENT, WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH

We have a special event in association with our final Fringe concert on the Psalms. NEXT WEDNESDAY, 8 March, at 7 pm there will be a workshop, **The Psalms and the Songs of Ascent**, led by Old Testament scholar the Revd Dr Melinda Cousins. Dr Cousins completed her PhD on the Psalms, and specifically on the Songs of Ascent, with reference to ideas of performance, imagination, emotion, and embodiment. Dr Cousins 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.

Free registration is via Eventbrite or email StMMAdelaide.Parish@outlook.com.

#### **FASTING AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT**

The customs of **fasting** and **abstinence** have been observed from the earliest times. **Fasting** is understood, these days, to consist of one substantial meal a day, or for small meals to be taken in the morning and evening. **Abstinence** includes not consuming meat, and avoiding luxurious foods generally.

These acts of discipline are especially appropriate in Lent, setting the tone for the season through the call to turn away from sin and to be faithful to the gospel.

Archbishop Geoff invites the people of the diocese to join him, this year, in fasting and prayer on the Wednesdays during Lent. His prayers will focus on two aspects of the "Calls" that arose from the recent Lambeth Conference of Bishops. The Archbishop's prayer, which he invites us to join, is that we as a Diocesan community, and as individual members of it, might discern **how to bear faithful witness to Christ** and **authentically proclaim the gospel** in our Adelaide context.

Archbishop Geoff reminds us, "The point of fasting with prayer is not to change God's mind about something (or to lose weight) but to sharpen our awareness of God and our openness to God and to prompt us to pray."

#### **WORSHIP DURING LENT**

During Lent we make additional opportunities for worship available as part of our Lenten discipline. This year, the regular weekly pattern will include

Sunday 10 am, Sung Mass

Wednesday 8 am, Reflection and Prayer

Thursday 12 noon Angelus, 12.10 pm Mass Friday 6.15 pm, Stations of the Cross

The **Reflection on Wednesday mornings** will be based on Fr Philip Carter's series called "Thin Places" that will also be the blog content for Lent. You can see these reflections on the blog at stmarymagdalenesadelaide.org.

The **Stations of the Cross on Friday** is a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus's last day on earth, beginning with the condemnation before Pontius Pilate. The stations are commonly used as a pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then we move to the next station until all 14 are complete.

The Stations of the Cross are usually in the form of a series of 14 icons or images, such as those hanging in St Mary Magdalene's which are typical of the mid-20th century. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The text of the Stations is on our web page at https://stmarymagdalenes.weebly.com/the-stations-of-the-cross.html

#### LENTEN STUDY: TRANSFORMATION: THE STORY OF NICODEMUS: 16 - 23 - 30 MARCH

Three-part Lenten study in two groups (Thursday 10am (Parco, 259 Hutt Street) 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)

A sheet for enrolment in our Lenten Study is available at the back of the church. Please put your name down for either the in-person or on-line offering, as you prefer.

#### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

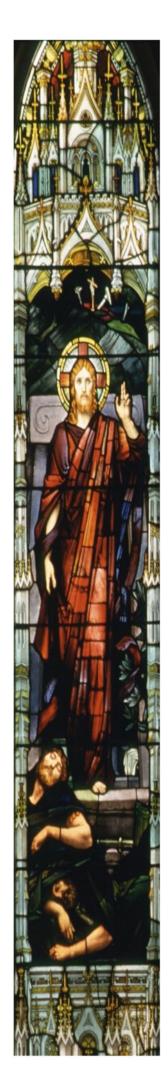
The maintenance of our properties is a never-ending responsibility. At present we are awaiting some costings on the replacement of the instant hot water unit in the hall – a quote for \$2,600 has been received – and the repair, rebuilding or replacement of at least one of the air conditioning units in the roof of the Mission Hall, the cost of which is not yet known but will be in the many thousands.

We have a few repair jobs on the church to undertake, deferred maintenance to consider, and a review of the medium to long-term maintenance plans to undertake. (All of this is complicated by the fact that both of our Moore Street properties are heritage-listed, so any significant works must preserve the historic character of the buildings.)

The cost of utilities has increased by upwards of 10%, and our insurance premiums this year (\$6,000 in 2022) will likely rise by 20% or more.

But as St Paul reminds us in several places, "We do not lose heart"! Nonetheless it is important to remember the responsibility for maintaining our properties rests with us. Around 50% of our revenue is from rents, and the remainder from the worshipping community, along with fundraising.

The majority of our regular giving from worshippers is by direct debit – see the details on the pew sheet and at the end of this newsletter – and for those form whom cash is preferred, marked envelopes are available. Please ask the Treasurer or either of the Churchwardens if you have any questions.



St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church Moore Street, Adelaide

# Join us for Holy Week and Easter

# Palm Sunday 2 April

10.30 am Solemn Mass with the St Matthew Passion
\* beginning at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral \*
Archbishop Geoff Smith will preside

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# Holy Wednesday 5 April

7.30 pm, Tenebrae

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# Maundy Thursday 6 April

7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament, Stripping of the Altars

The Watch of the Passion throughout the night



# **Good Friday 7 April**

10 am The Liturgy of the Day
Solemn Prayers, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion
3 pm Solemn Liturgy
with singing of the St John Passion



# **Easter Eve 8 April**

8 pm The Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter Followed by an Easter Cocktail Reception



## **Easter Sunday 9 April**

10 am, Procession and Solemn Mass

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

**Wednesday** 8 am Reflection and Prayer

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

FridaySunday6.15 pm Stations of the CrossSunday10 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

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 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 March, at 10 am - The 3rd Sunday in Lent

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7 • Psalm 95 • Romans 5.1-11 • John 4.5-42

#### **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, Edward and Neil.

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and in other tragic circumstances; those who have died recently, especially Joan Neal and Sonia Coorey, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.