

The 5th Sunday of Easter

7 May 2023

St Mary Magdalene's
Anglican Church



Founded 1886

Commemoration of the 650th anniversary of Julian of Norwich and the *Revelations of Divine Love*

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.

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.

RUGGIERO

By your king-ly pow'r, O ris-en Lord, All that Ad-am lost is now re-stored:
In your re-sur-rec-tion be a-dored. Sing the joy-ful Eas-ter cry,
Sing the joy-ful Eas-ter cry,
Death has lost and life has won;
Sound it to the souls in pri-son, Shout our tri-umph to the sky:—
Let all times and peo-ples lis-ten: Death has no more vic-to-ry,—
Ev-'ry new-born soul we christ-en Now be-comes the Fa-ther's son:
— Sing Christ ris-en, sing Christ ris-en.—
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James Phillip McAuley 1917-76
and Richard Connolly 1927-2022

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 98.1-2

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

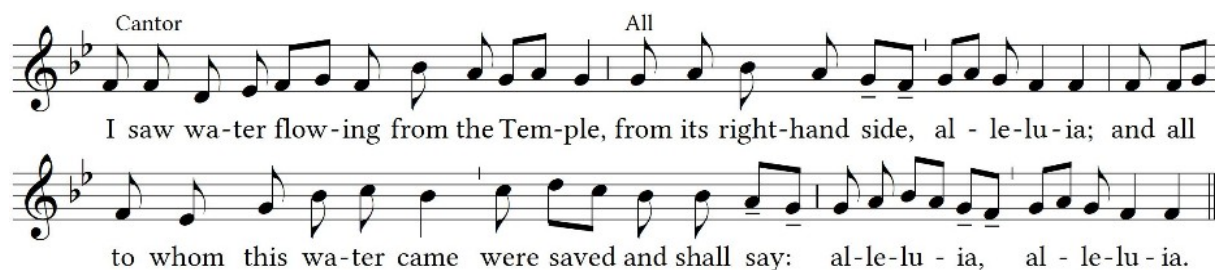
The priest or another minister may briefly introduce the Mass of the day.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

The priest addresses the congregation.

Dear friends let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
to bless this water he has created,
which will be sprinkled upon us
as a memorial of our Baptism.
May he graciously renew us,
that we may remain faithful to the Spirit
whom we have received.

The priest or another minister sprinkles the people with the blessed water, while all sing:



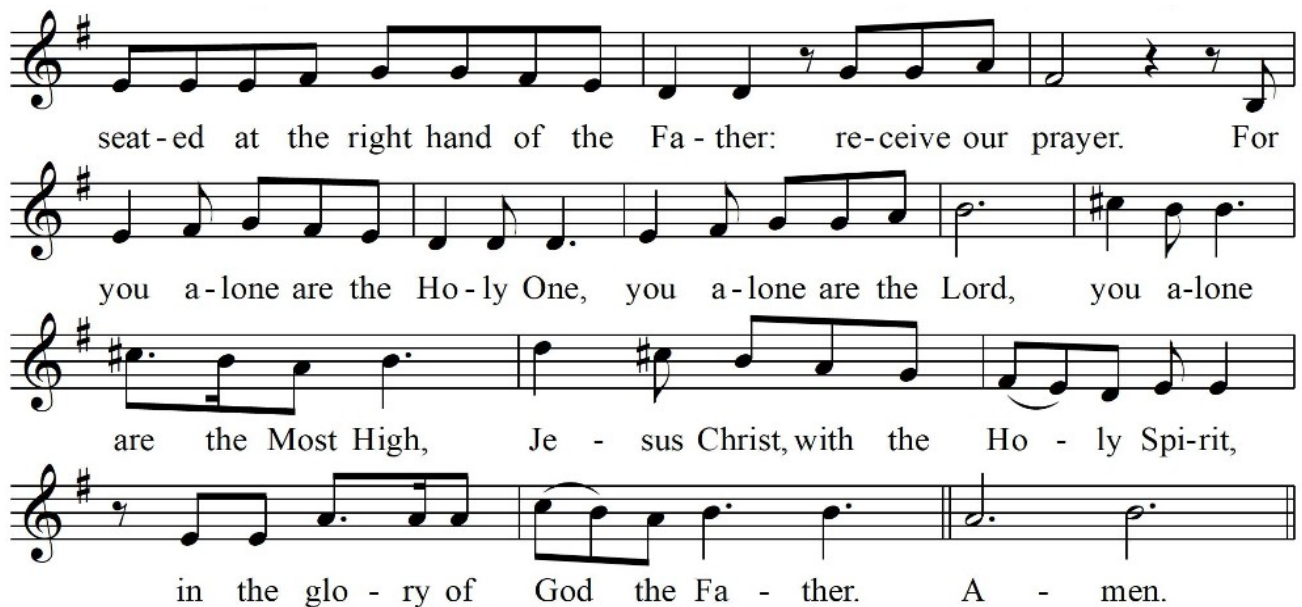
I saw wa-ter flow-ing from the Tem-ple, from its right-hand side, al - le-lu - ia; and all
to whom this wa-ter came were saved and shall say: al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Verses of Psalm 118 may also be sung.

Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone
 are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

Let us pray.

Everliving God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

give us grace to love one another,

to follow in the way of his commandments,

and to share his risen life;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1st Vision, Chapter 5

A reading from the Revelations of Divine Love.

Our good Lord showed me a spiritual sight of his familiar love. I saw that he is to us everything which is good and comforting for our help. He is our clothing, who wraps and enfolds us for love, embraces us and shelters us, surrounds us for his love, which is so tender that he may never desert us. And so in this sight I saw that he is everything which is good, as I understand.

And in this he showed me something small, no bigger than a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand, as it seemed to me, and it was as round as a ball. I looked at it and thought: What can this be? I was amazed that it could last, for I thought that because of its littleness it would suddenly have fallen away into nothing. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and always will, because God loves it; and thus everything has being through the love of God.

In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it, the second is that God loves it, the third is that God preserves it. But what did I see in it? It is that God is the Creator and the protector and the lover. For until I am substantially united to him, I can never have perfect rest or true happiness, until, that is, I am so attached to him that there can be no created thing between my God and me.



℞ In you, O Lord, I found re - fuge; let me nev-er-more be put to shame.

By your saving power deliver me,
bend down your ear and hear me;
come quickly, Lord, come quickly to my rescue. ℞

Be a rock of refuge to save me,
be a strong fortress to shield me;
Lord, lead and guide me for your own name's sake. ℞

“Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.”
Be strong, take courage, all who hope in the LORD. ℞

Second Reading

1 Peter 2.11–25

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake be subject to every human authority, whether to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.

Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor. Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all respect, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are dishonest. For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14.6

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 14.1-14

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Philip Carter

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Let us profess the faith of our Baptism:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (Commemoration of Julian of Norwich)

The celebrant says:

The best prayer is to rest in the goodness of God
and to let that goodness reach right down to our deepest need. (Revelations, Chapter 6)
So let us pray for the world and for the church.

Prayers and Petitions are recited. At the end, the choir sings this anthem:

SONG 46

- 1 All shall be well! For on our Easter skies see Christ the Son of Righteousness arise.
- 2 All shall be well! The sacrifice is made, the sinner freed, the price of pardon paid.
- 3 All shall be well! The cross and passion past; dark night is clear, bright morning comes at last.
- 4 All shall be well! Lift every voice on high, "Death has no more dominion, but shall die."
- 5 All shall be well! Rejoice and sing a-gain, all shall be well for evermore. Amen.

Timothy Dudley Smith b.1926

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, and a Collection will be taken up.

I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No-one comes to the Fa-ther ex-
cept through me. No-one comes to the Fa-ther ex-cept through me.

Bob Hurd b.1950

When all is prepared, the priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

**May the Lord accept our sacrifice
for the praise and glory of God's name,
for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

God of glory,
accept all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,
where Christ is King.
We ask this in his name. **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.

O Eternal Wisdom,
you hold all creation tenderly in your love,
before you the galaxies dance,
and the foundations of the world sing for joy.
You cause the sun to rise by day
and the moon by night
and regularly you wash us afresh
with the waters of your love.

You breathed life into every creature;
in you we live and move and have our being,
depending intimately on each other
and held in your love.
We meet you in sunshine and moonlight,
in snowflake and in desert places,
in fern tracery,
in humankind,
in the intricacies of your creation,
and in the myriad places where your heart beats
with love for us all.

We thank you for the flow of human history,
for the events which shape our lives,
for sisters and brothers who,
in the silence of their hearts,
are companions on the journey into you.

Therefore with Moses who entered the cloud of your love,
 with Elijah who heard you in sheer silence,
 with Paul who was caught up into the third heaven,
 with Mary who emptied herself to bear the Christ;
 with Julian who saw that in you all shall be well,
 and with all your mystics and lovers throughout the ages,
 who have met you in the silence,
 we praise you, saying:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
 who called you Abba,
 repeating your name in the stillness
 of long days in the wilderness;
 who emerged from the desert to teach us
 that the last shall be first and the first last,
 that love must empty itself, putting on vulnerability,
 that death is not the end.

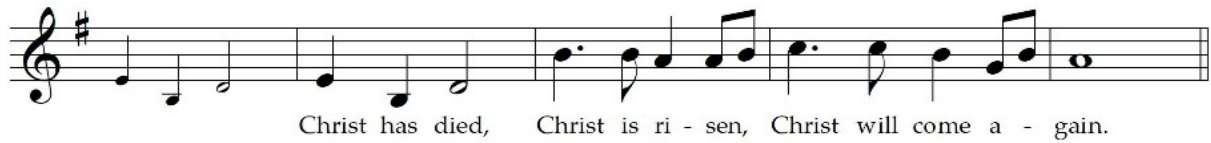
Blessed is our brother Jesus,
 bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh,
 who walks with us the road of our lives
 and is known in all your mysteries,
 but chiefly in the breaking of bread.

On the night he was handed over to the authorities,
 Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said,
 ‘This is my body, which is for you.
 Do this to remember me.’
 In the same way also, the cup, after supper, saying,
 ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
 Do this whenever you drink it, to remember me.’

After the meal,
 and after trial and torture,
 he opened wide his arms
 with a love stronger than death
 and surrendered his Spirit.

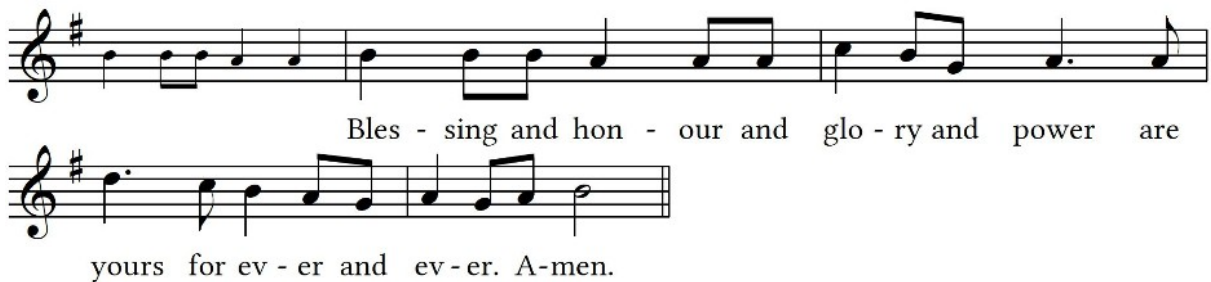
But death could not bind him
and he rose in the Spirit of holiness,
meeting us still in all the holy mysteries.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Come then, Spirit of holiness,
brood over these bodily things
and make us one body with Jesus,
our beloved brother,
that together we may labour
for the redemption of creation.

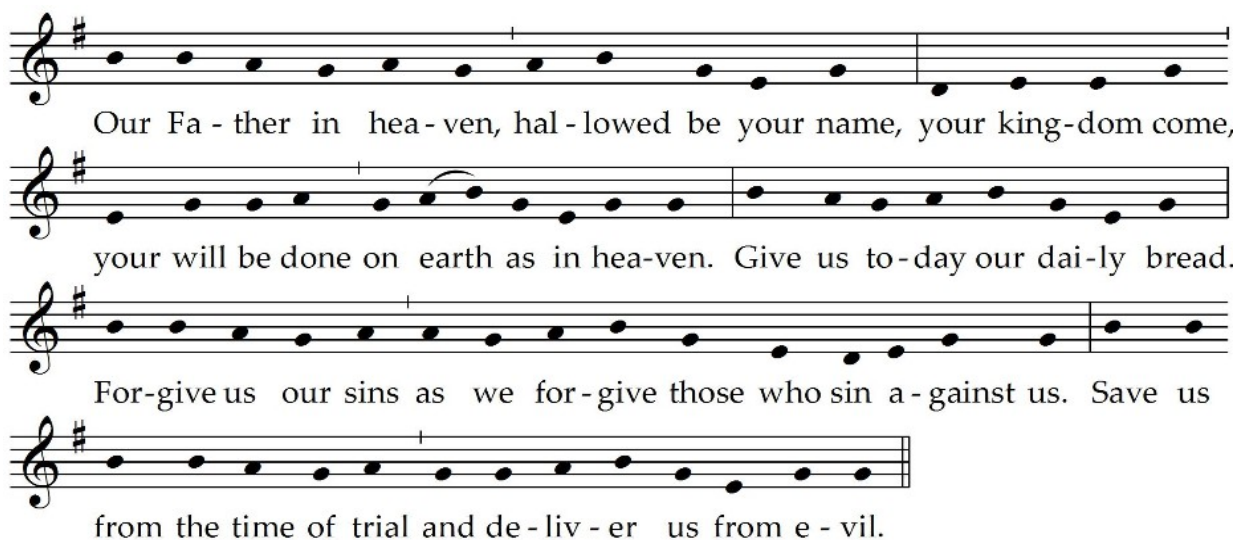
Praise and love be yours,
this day and all days,
from us and all people
and from all of creation
as we say, in songs of never-ending praise:



THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

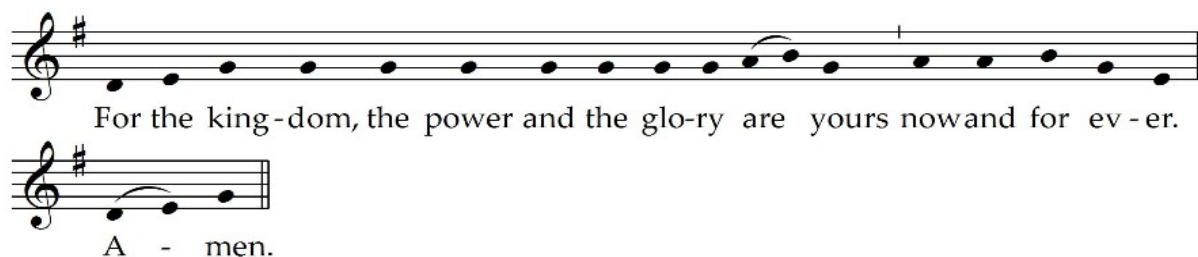
As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



The Priest continues alone

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.

And all make the prayer their own, singing

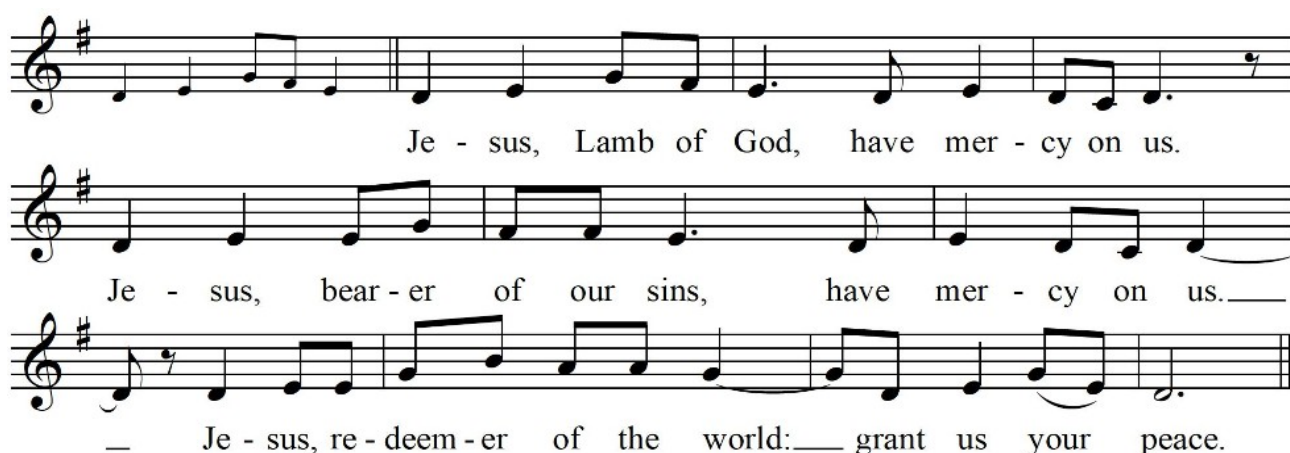


The Breaking of the Bread

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

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 are asked to approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning to their places via the side aisles.

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.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15.1, 5

The choir sings

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remain in me, and I in them, bear fruit in plenty, alleluia.

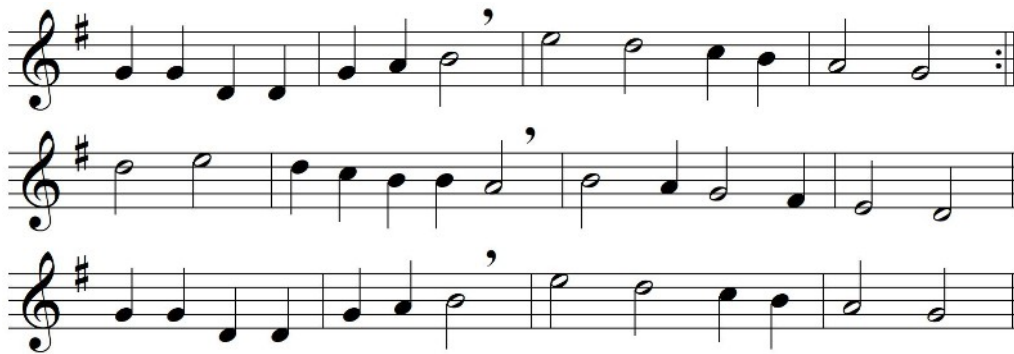
Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of love,
in this eucharist we have heard your truth
and shared in your life.
May we always walk in your way,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Hymn

AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM



**Come, God's people, sing for joy,
shout your songs of gladness,
for the hope of Easter day
overcomes our sadness.
Come with all God's people here,
who with true affection
join again to celebrate
Jesus' resurrection.**

- 2 Years before, as Moses led
Israel's sons and daughters
from their bonds to exodus
through the Red Sea waters:
so the living Lord of life
speaks through our baptism
of the new life which we share
with him who is risen.**
- 3 That first Easter he arose,
his disciples greeting;
Christians now in every place
still their Lord are meeting.
Christ, who died for all the world,
in his death brings healing;
and his rising from the grave
is God's power revealing.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you what is pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The Priest, deacon or another minister sings



All respond



While Regina cœli is sung, the celebrant and ministers move to the Shrine of Our Lady.

**Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou was meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God,
Who gave joy to the world
through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
grant we pray, that with his mother, the Virgin Mary,
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

650TH ANNIVERSARY OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Julian of Norwich has become England's most widely known female visionary. In May 1373, when she was thirty years old, she experienced a series of sixteen visions or 'shewings' which revealed aspects of the love of God. Following her recovery, she spent the rest of her life pondering their meaning and implications and recording her insights in writing. Her *Revelations of Divine Love* is a spiritual classic, known and loved by millions, and a guide to many in the way of faith, hope and love.

Devotion to Julian has steadily increased over the years, and here in Adelaide we have long had the presence of the Julian Centre, under Fr Philip's direction.

We will commemorate this truly remarkable woman during Mass today, giving thanks for the 650th anniversary of the 'shewings' which Julian received, and for her spiritual teaching and holy wisdom. Sister Juliana—whose name in religious life honours Julian—is celebrating, and Fr Philip is preaching.

ADULT FAITH LEARNING - A COURSE IN MAY

In May, Fr Steven will offer a course entitled **I Met God In Bermuda - Lived experience and the art of theological reflection**. The course will be delivered in-person in the Mission Hall on Thursdays at 10 am from 4 May to 8 June. A registration sheet is available for those who are interested.

Fr Steven writes ... *In troubled times, we need hope for the future and wisdom for daily living. To this end, theological reflection can play an important role in the discernment of wisdom and hope.*

In fact, many of us have theological skills we are not aware of. To this end, I will be facilitating a six-week course. Our text will be a book I wrote years ago called I Met God in Bermuda. The book is a mix of anecdote and theological insights. It is available via ebay.com.au and amazon.com.au. If you have trouble sourcing a copy, please let me know and we will see what can be arranged.

This course is for the brave-hearted. And the aim of the course is to increase participants confidence, knowledge, and skills in the discernment of wisdom for the day.

Julian of Norwich

***Celebrating on May 8, 2023 the 650th Anniversary
of Julian's Revelations of Divine Love***

Fr Philip Carter writes ...

“There is no doubt that Lady Julian is the greatest of the English mystics. Not only that, but she is one of the greatest English theologians in the ancient sense of the word”. For Thomas Merton, Julian is a “true theologian”, “one whose prayer is true”, and in whom there is no split between theology and spirituality.

For a good part of her life, Julian lived as a recluse or anchoress, in a cell attached to St. Julian's church (from which she probably took her name). She was an “anchored presence” in the midst of her world, her life a challenge to the activism of ordinary people and a symbol of stability and faith.

During her life time there was much political and theological change: it was a time of the Hundred Years War, the Black Death, and the Papal Schism. It was a time of moral and doctrinal corruption and confusion- yet it was also the time of Chaucer (*The Canterbury Tales*) and Langland (*Piers Plowman*), offering, though not achieving, reform through their works of satire and laughter. It was also a time for mystics, and alongside Julian, there are the writings of Richard Rolle, Margery Kempe, Walter Hilton and *The Cloud of Unknowing*.

650 years ago, on May 8, 1373, Julian was at the point of death, and her pain suddenly left her and she experienced a series of 16 wonderful “showings” (as she called them), began. These revelations of God's love centred on the Cross of Jesus. She reflected on them for 20 years, after recording them in a short book (which still exists), and then wrote a longer text of profound depth and wisdom, exploring the meaning of such revelations.

She has been described as “the mother of English prose” for her *Revelations of Divine Love*: it is the first book written in English by a woman.

Quotes from The Revelations of Divine Love

He showed me a little thing, the size of a hazelnut, in the palm of my hand, and it was as round as a ball ... In this little thing I saw three truths. The first is that God made it. The second is that God loves it. The third is that God looks after it. (Long Text 5)

He did not say: "You will not be troubled" or "You shall not have bitter labour" or "You will have no discomfort", but "You will not be overcome". God wills that we pay attention to this truth and that we be ever strong in faithful trust, in well-being and woe. (LT 68)

Our Lord looks at his servant with pity, not with blame. (LT 82)

I saw in truth that our Lord was never angry, and never will be. For He is God, goodness, life, truth, love and peace. (LT 46)

Sin is necessary, but all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. (LT 27)

For in every soul that shall be saved, there is a godly will that never assented to sin, and never shall. (LT 37)

Peace and love are always in us, living and working, but we are not always in peace and in love. (LT 39)

I am He who makes you to love. I am He who makes you to long; I am he, the endless fulfilling of all true desires. (LT 59)

He is our clothing, who, for love, wraps us up, holds us close; He entirely encloses us for tender love, so that He may never leave us, since He is the source of all good things for us, as I understand it. (LT 5)

As God is truly our Father, so just as truly is He our Mother. (LT 59)

God of Your goodness, give me Yourself, for You are enough for me. I can ask for nothing less that is completely to Your honour, and if I do ask anything less, I shall always be in want. Only in You do I have all. (LT 5)

For in God's sight we do not fall; in our own sight we do not stand, and both of these are true as I see it. The way our Lord sees is the higher truth. (LT 82)

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday 12 noon Regina Caeli; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)

Sunday 10 am Sung Mass with children's ministry and 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

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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 <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.

Directory

Parish Priest: The Revd Dr Steven Ogden

Fr Steven's appointment is part-time. His days on duty are Tuesday to Thursday and Sunday.

Note that Fr Steven is on leave until 26 April. Please direct any inquiries to the Wardens

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Next Sunday, 14 May, at 10 am - The 6th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 17.22-31 • Psalm 66.7-18 • 1 Peter 3.8-22 • John 14.15-21

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