

# The 2nd Sunday of Advent

## 10 December 2023

St Mary Magdalene's  
Anglican Church

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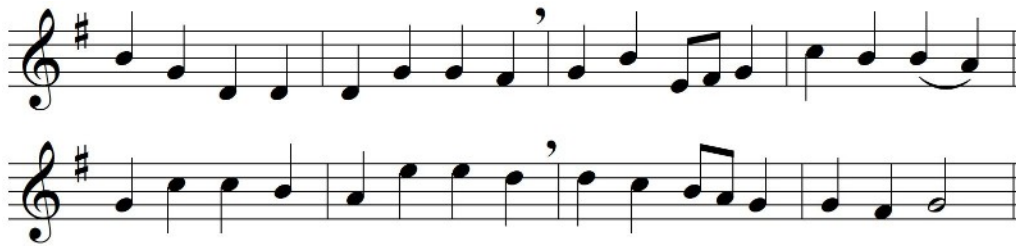


**Acknowledgement of Country.** As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kurna people today. We express our gratitude in 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.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn.

CROSS OF JESUS



Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

### Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: the Candle of Peace

Prepare the way of the peace-maker:

**Make the paths straight.**

Prepare your hearts for praise:

**Let music sound, as we lift our voices to sing.**

Prepare the world for justice:

**For the righteous One comes among us,  
and we will praise God!**

The Candle is lit.

Anew we tell the ancient tale, as we prepare to receive the light of the world.  
This second flame is to bring balance, and the promise of harmony.

This is the candle of Peace.

**Let us honour the Light!**

The hymn resumes.

3 Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 **By Thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Isaiah 30.19, 20

People of Zion behold, the Lord is coming to save all nations;  
and the Lord shall cause you to hear his majestic voice for the joy of your heart.

### 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

William Mathias 1934-92

Slow and contemplative

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - - - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness,  
and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith

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.**

### **Collect**

Let us pray.

Eternal God,  
through long generations you prepared a way  
for the coming of your Son,  
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:  
renew us in faith and hope  
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts  
and claim our love;  
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 40.1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass;

their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers; the flower fades,

when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers; the flower fades;

but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”  
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms  
and carry them in his bosom  
and gently lead the mother sheep.  
For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13**

- 1 Lord thou art become gracious unto thy land;  
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
- 2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people,  
and covered all their sins.
- 8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say;  
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints,  
that they turn not again unto foolishness.
- 9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him;  
that glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together:  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth,  
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
- 12 Yea, the Lord shall show lovingkindness;  
and our land shall give her increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him,  
and shall direct his going in the way.

### **Second Reading**

**2 Peter 3.8-15a**

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Luke 3.4, 6

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **Gospel**

Mark 1.1-8

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ The beginning of the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way,

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight,’ ”

so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

### Offertory Antiphon

Ps 85.78

The choir sings

You will turn toward us, O God, and restore our life again, and your people will rejoice in you. Show us, Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation.

All stand to sing the chant, during which a Collection will be taken up.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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 our strength,  
we are nothing without you.  
Receive all we offer you this day  
as you sustain us with your mercy;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.**

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

He is the one foretold by all the prophets,  
whom the Virgin Mother awaited with love beyond all telling,  
the one whose coming John the Baptist heralded,  
and whose presence he proclaimed.

This same Lord invites us to prepare with joy  
 for the mystery of his birth,  
 so that when he comes  
 he may find us watchful in prayer,  
 our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,  
 with all the heavenly host,  
 we proclaim your glory  
 and join their unending chorus of praise:

Mathias

**Flowing**

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five systems of music. The first system shows a piano introduction with chords and a vocal line starting with 'Ho - - ly, ho - - - ly,' marked *mp*. The second system continues with 'ho - ly Lord. God of power and might, — heav'n and earth are' marked *mf*. The third system concludes with 'full — of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.' marked *f*. The fourth system begins with 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the' marked *mp*. The fifth system ends with 'name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.' marked *f*. Dynamics include *mp*, *mf*, and *f*. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Lord, you are holy indeed,  
 you are the fountain of all holiness.

Send down your Spirit upon these gifts to make them holy,  
 that they may become for us  
 the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

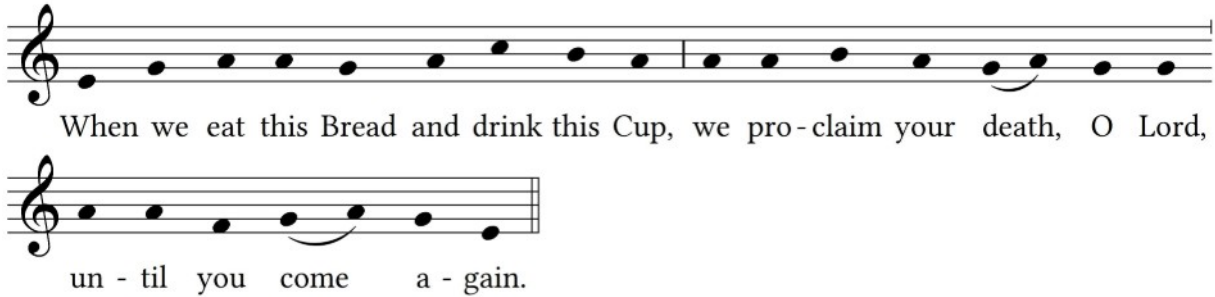
Before he was given up to death,  
 a death he freely accepted,  
 he took bread and gave you thanks;  
 he broke the bread,  
 gave it to his disciples, and said:  
 Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
 this is my Body, which will be given up for you.



When supper was ended, he took the cup;  
again he gave you thanks,  
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:  
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:  
this is the Cup of my Blood,  
the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all,  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your death, O Lord,  
un - til you come a - gain.

Remembering therefore his death and resurrection,  
we offer you, Lord God,  
this life-giving bread, this saving cup.  
We thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We pray that all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world:  
perfect us in love  
together with Geoffrey our Primate and Bishop,  
with all bishops, priests, and deacons,  
and all who minister to your people.

Remember our brothers and sisters  
who have gone to their rest  
in the sure hope of rising again;  
bring them and all who have died in your mercy  
into the light of your presence.

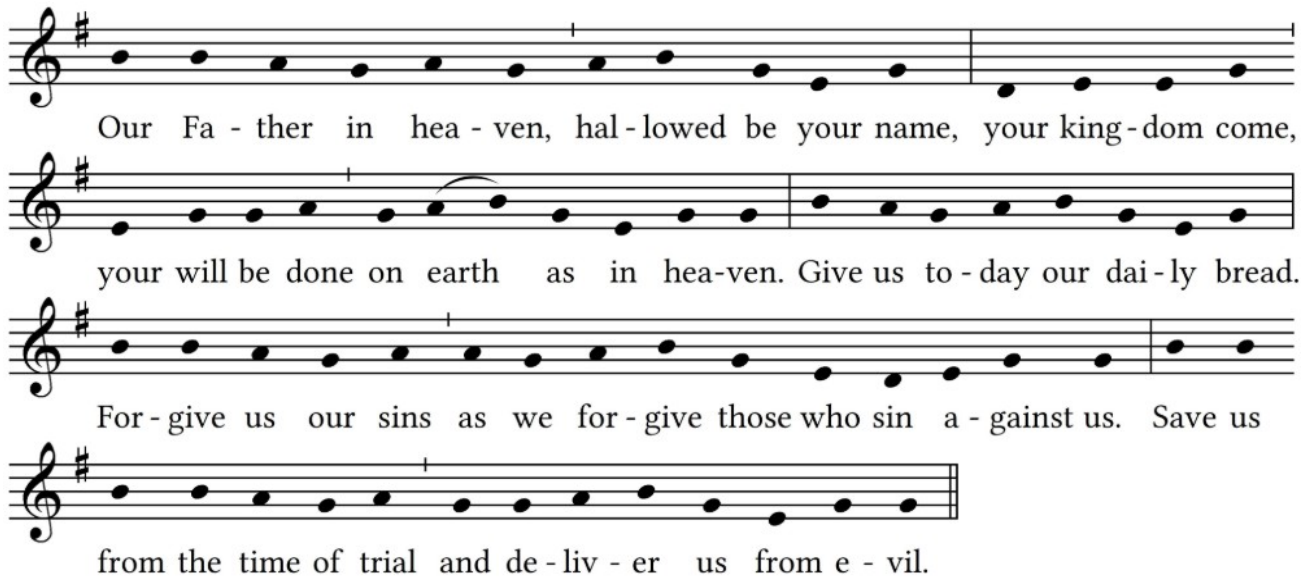
Have mercy on us all:  
make us worthy to share eternal life,  
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,  
with the apostles and with all the saints,  
who have found favour with you throughout the ages;  
in union with them may we praise you and give you glory  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

# THE COMMUNION RITE

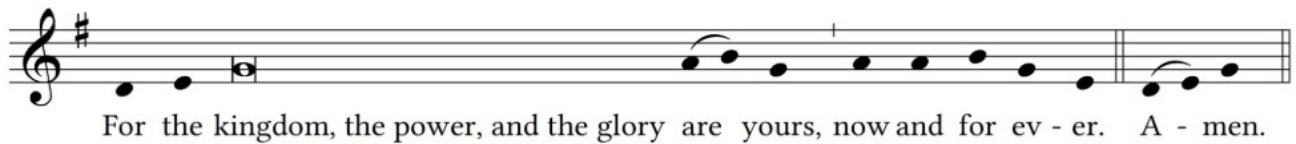
## The Lord's Prayer

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



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,  
your will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us  
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.



For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

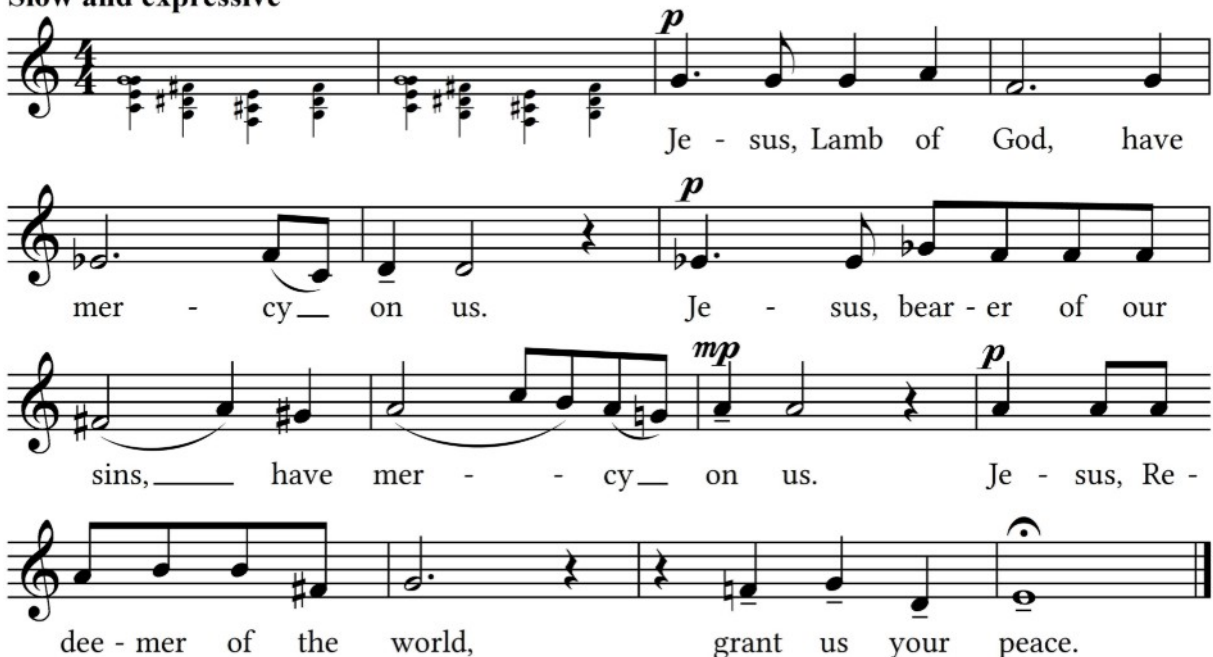
We who are many are one body,

**for we all share in the one bread.**

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.

Mathias

Slow and expressive



*p* Je - sus, Lamb of God, have  
*p* mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our  
*mp* sins, have mer - cy on us. *p* Je - sus, Re -  
dee - mer of the world, grant us your peace.

## 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, or a blessing, as they prefer. Please approach in single file, returning via the side aisles.

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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.

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During Communion, the choir sings

### Communion Antiphon

Baruch 5.5, 4.36

The choir sings

Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high;  
and behold the joy that shall come to you from God.

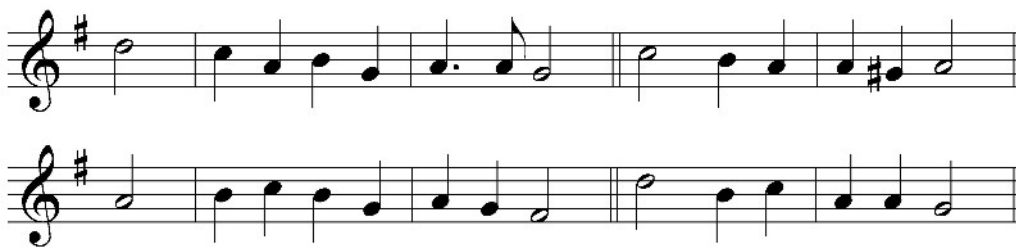
### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Faithful God,  
we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.  
Help us always to hear the prophet's call  
to turn our hearts to you;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the hymn.

BRISTOL



**Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long!  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.**

**2 He comes the prisoners to release  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.**

- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace  
Enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With thy belovèd name.

Philip Doddridge 1702-51

### Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
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.**

## **ADVENT IS HERE**

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. Liturgically, this is a season of preparation, reflection, and anticipation. To this end, we are offering an extensive program. All this will be sustained and enhanced in our worship and our music.

### **Advent reflections on the practice of hope**

Our world is changing. And we have changed. As such, there is a growing mistrust of institutions (like the church), the climate crisis, and increasing violence, anxiety, and loneliness. We are in the middle of a paradigm shift.

A paradigm is a guiding example. It is like a benchmark. We are in the middle of a paradigm shift as many of our old principles and practices for living are not working. There is a loss of that deep trust that nurtures life and build communities. So, what about hope? In this series of reflections, I explore the theme of hope, where hope is a shared aspiration. Together, we live hopefully. Hope is a performative. We aspire, we live, and we enact hope.

- December 3 *Powerlessness and hope*
- December 10 *Queering faith, living with integrity*
- December 17 *On Thor, the messianic, and the future*
- December 24 *Cultivating the practice of hope*

### **Advent studies articulating the practice of hope**

On Thursday at 10am on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21.

Our Advent study consists of four one-hour sessions. Each session consists of a half-hour analysis of a text, followed by a half-hour for questions and discussion.

- November 30 on Job 38:1 – Vulnerability and mystery
- December 7 on Galatians 3:28 – A queer church
- December 14 on Daniel 11:32 – Resistance
- December 21 on John 1:5 – Light

### **Advent midweek reflections, great way to start you day**

Wednesdays 8am in the Nave on November 29, December 6, 13, 20

All this sounds like a smorgasbord. And I hope you can find something here that will assist your Advent preparation. Above all, however, I hope you can participate in all these things. It can be good for the soul, and a tonic for our faith community.

### **Bring a friend. Make it memorable.**

Fr Steven

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## **ASSISTANT PRIEST IN 2024 – FR CAMERON BURR**

We are delighted to announce that Fr Cameron Burr will join the ministerial team at St Mary Magdalene's for 2024. Fr Cameron was ordained deacon and priest last year, and has served in the Parish of Gawler. He has now been appointed to the Chaplaincy team in the Central Adelaide Local Health Network, and will spend most Sundays at St Mary Magdalene's as part of his ongoing formation.

Fr Cameron is a proud Booandik man, whose people come from South-eastern, South Australia down around the Mount Gambier region to just across the Victorian boarder of the Glenelg River region. His last name comes from Mount Burr, the extinct volcano that sits about 10-15km outside of Millicent in the South East, near a mission where his great great grandmother was cared for as an orphan in the 1860s. We look forward to hearing more of his story.

Fr Cameron will be with us from today. Please make him welcome.


**Second Sunday of Advent**



## Bringing Peace to refugees in Ethiopia

Sara\* fled to Ethiopia from Yemen eight years ago with her four children. In Addis Ababa refugees are at risk of severe exploitation, with little access to education, medical care, or basics like food. Through Act for Peace's partner, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission, you can help provide refugees with medical and psychological care, as well as livelihoods training, giving people like Sara the chance to build secure futures for their families. **Please give today.**

\*Name changed for safety reasons



**Christmas Bowl**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au](https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

### WEEK 2: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Immersed in God's forgiveness, we are ready to engage the good news. Usually, people immersed themselves for purity and cleansing. John did something different which gave him the nickname the baptiser/dipper/ immerser. In doing it to others he underlined that forgiveness and cleansing is God's gift, God's action, not ours. Forgiveness for all who turn and allow themselves to be immersed in God's forgiveness. Some stop there as though forgiveness for all is, itself, the good news. It is, however, only the beginning; John already offered it. The good news about Jesus and which he brought is summed up in Jesus' declaration in 1:15, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" or as John puts it: "He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit" (1:8). Jesus will immerse people in God's Spirit, a neat summary of all to follow in Jesus' ministry. That means confronting the powers set on destroying people, whether out in the wilderness or directly in people's lives. Healing, restoration, reconciliation with God, peace in community... these are the results of flooding your world with God's generosity, proclaiming and living the good news. Get ready! Be immersed in God's forgiveness! Get set! Open yourself to God's Spirit as born anew into God's family! And go! And may God's Peace go with you. Hope for people like Sara depends so much on our willingness to support actions which bring relief and offer opportunity for education and health.

#### HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT

**Envelopes** for giving by cash or cheque are available at the back of the church. If you wish to claim a tax deduction for this donation, please complete the relevant portions of the envelope.

You can also **give electronically** via <https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate> At the bottom of the page, please start typing "St Mary Magdalene" in the "Or donate through your church" box then select "Adelaide St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Parish". You will then be taken to pages where you can enter the amount of your donation and your details for your tax deductible receipt.

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## SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 8 am** Prayer and Reflection  
**Thursday 12 noon** Angelus; **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 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.

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### 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 <https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/>.

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### 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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### 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.*

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### Next Sunday, 17 December, at 10 am - The 3rd Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11 • Psalm 126 • 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28 • John 1.6-8, 19-28

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### For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations; 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, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Nance, Neil, Elaine, Hugh and Bart O'Donovan (priest).

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died recently, especially Neil Smith, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*