

The 6th Sunday after Epiphany

12 February 2023

St Mary Magdalene's
Anglican Church

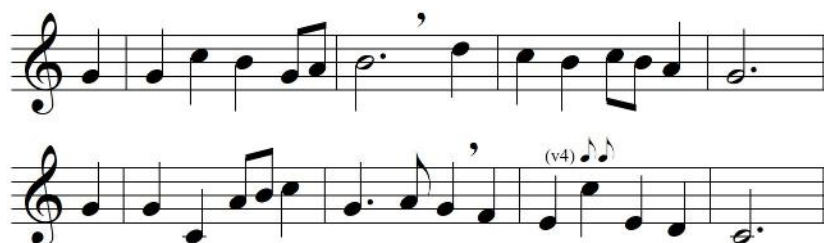


Founded 1886

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.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn

SANDYS



**Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see;
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee!**

- 2 To scorn the senses' sway,
While still to thee I tend;
In all I do be thou the Way,
In all be thou the End.**
- 3 All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which, with this tincture, 'for thy sake',
Will not grow bright and clean.**
- 4 A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.**
- 5 This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.**

George Herbert 1593-1632 *alt*

Entrance Antiphon

Ps. 31.1-4

The choir sings

Be my protector, O God; a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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.

Almighty God,
 you gave the law to guide our lives:
 grant that we may never shrink from your commandments,
 but, as we are taught by your Spirit,
 may fulfil your law in perfect love;
 through Christ our Lord and Master,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Sirach 15.15–20

A reading from the book of Sirach.

If you choose, you can keep the commandments,
 and to act faithfully is a matter of your choice.
 He has placed before you fire and water;
 stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.
 Before each person are life and death,
 and whichever one chooses will be given.
 For great is the wisdom of the Lord;
 he is mighty in power and sees everything;
 his eyes are on those who fear him,
 and he knows every human action.
 He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly,
 and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119.1–8

- 1 Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed are they who keep his commandments
and seek him with all their hearts.
- 3 They who do no wrong,
but walk in the ways of the Lord.
- 4 For you, Lord, gave your precepts
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 O that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame
when I look on your commandments.
- 7 I will praise you with sincerity
as I learn your righteous judgements.
- 8 I will keep your statutes:
do not utterly forsake me.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 3.1–9

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

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not all too human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labour. For we are God's co-workers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11.25

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 taught his disciples, saying:

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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.

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau -
da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau - num.

All nations, praise the Lord!

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

Eternal God,
you are the strength of the weak
and the comfort of sufferers,
receive all we offer you this day;
turn our sickness into health
and our sorrow into joy.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

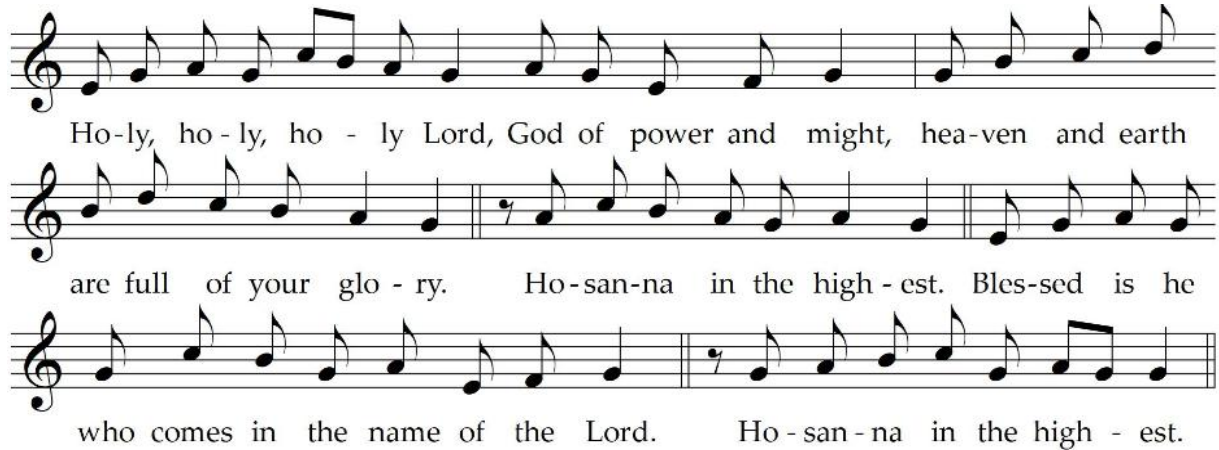
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
you brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
and so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout for joy:



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

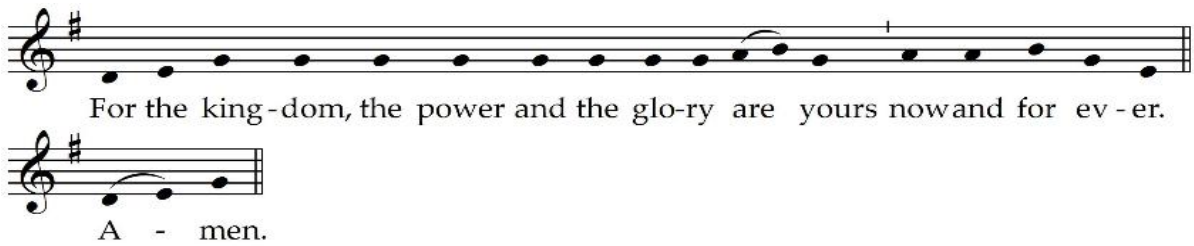
Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

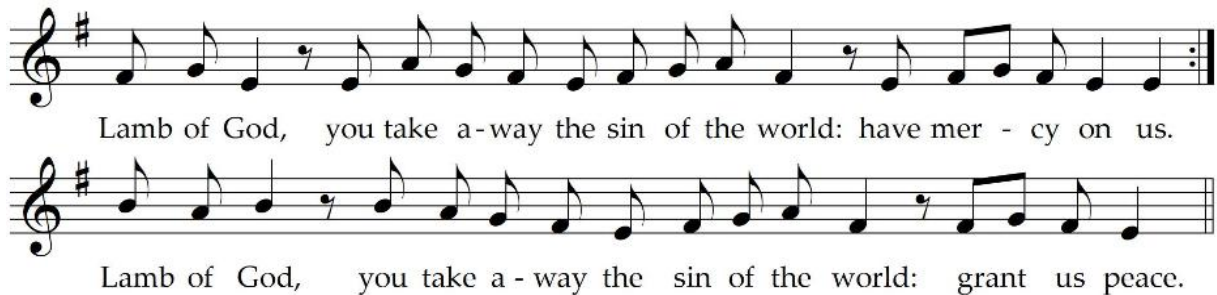


The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.



Invitation to Communion

The priest says

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants should approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning via the side aisles. Communicants should remove their face masks immediately prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Healing ministry will be offered in the Holy Innocents chapel. Please enter the chapel one at a time. You may wish to record prayer points or remembrances on a piece of paper prior to Mass.

During Communion, the choir sings.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 78.29-30

The choir sings

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

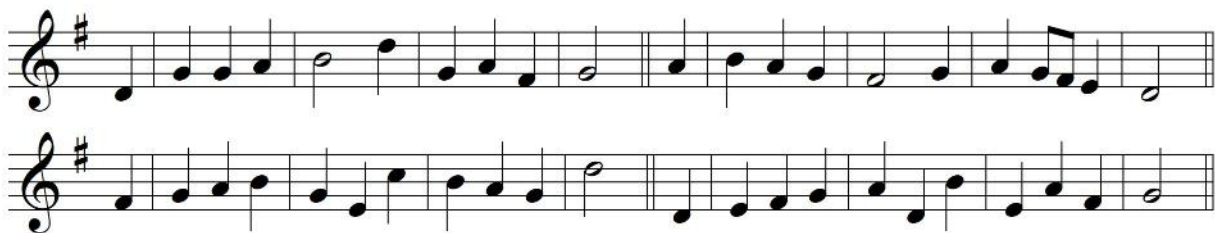
God of tender care,
in this eucharist we celebrate your love
for us and for all people.

May we show your love in our lives
and know its fulfilment in your presence.

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

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.

HANOVER



**The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**

**2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**

**4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.**

Bryn Rees 1911-83

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 - GRACE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Today I will be looking closely at the 'antitheses' in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:21-37), which follow the pattern of "you have heard that it was said ... but I say to you". So, what is happening here? Well, there are three key aspects to these antitheses.

First, Jesus is telling his listeners about the kingdom of heaven (i.e., the reign of God). The reign of God is the creative presence of God in the world, here and now, leading us into the future.

Second, the reign of God comes alive in the congregation of the faithful through its ethical commitments. In other words, how we treat each other, as well as marginalized others, is the decisive measure of Christian practice and faithfulness.

Third, these are radical demands. We can only achieve them with the help of the Holy Spirit, through our personal transformation, and with the love and goodwill of our travelling companions in Christ.

Sometimes, this all seems daunting. Life is complicated. And we all make mistakes. But this ethical demand brings out the very best in us.

All in all, this represents an insight into the precious gift of Christian community (i.e., koinonia). In other words, the communion we share means we are not a club or an interest group. Instead, we are the body of Christ.

As such, the reign of God in the world requires transparency, mutual accountability, passion, kindness, and a generous serve of grace.

Fr Steven

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.

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, Assistant Priest at the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Holy Protection, Wayville; and Bonython Professor of Law at The University of Adelaide.

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: TRANSFORMATION: 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

TEACH ME, MY GOD AND KING – A POEM BY GEORGE HERBERT

The first hymn today comes from a poem by the priest and poet George Herbert. The poem is entitled “The Elixir” and in giving it such a title, Herbert was communicating to his readers that the poem was going to employ the allegory of *alchemy*. Broadly (and somewhat inaccurately) defined, alchemy was that precursor-of-chemistry discipline that sought, among other things, to turn *base* metals (i.e., common metals, like lead) into *noble* metals (i.e., valuable metals, like gold).

The alleged processes employed for such a lotto-winning transformation were thought to include the use of the fabled (but never discovered) “philosopher’s stone”, *tinctures* (a *tincture* being a single chemical agent) and *elixirs*. The concept of an *elixir* varied, from a synonym for the “philosopher’s stone” to a cocktail of ingredients that might grant the successful alchemist immortality.

So Herbert’s allegorical message to believers is this: Even when we are involved in “mean” work (where *mean* carries the older definition of *base, unimportant, inferior, lowly*), we can realise that we are serving God and offer up our labour to God. Thus, applying the *tincture* of this realization — we are doing it “for thy sake” — our “drudgery” is transmuted into something divine by its consecration to God. This conscious, consecrated offering up of all our seemingly insignificant labours to God “is the famous stone” – remembering that Herbert intended the “philosopher’s stone” to mean God – “that turneth all to gold,” and “God doth touch and own” such endeavours and is glorified by them.

The Elixir of eternal life is Jesus Christ. Think of Herbert’s arcane poem as a costumed, colourful, elaborate, thought-provoking presentation of Colossians 3:17,23-23:

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father ... Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see,
And what I do in anything
To do it as for Thee.

To scorn the senses’ sway,
While still to Thee I tend,
In all I do be Thou the Way,
In all be Thou the End.

Not rudely, as a beast,
To run into an action;
But still to make Thee prepossest,
And give it his perfection.

A man that looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the heav’n espy.

All may of Thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture—“for Thy sake”—
Will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws,
Makes that and th’ action fine.

If done t’obey Thy laws,
E’en servile labours shine;
hallowed is toil, if this the cause,
The meanest work divine.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.

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*

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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, 19 February, at 10 am – The Last Sunday after Epiphany: The Transfiguration

Readings: Exodus 24.12-18 • Psalm 2 • 2 Peter 1.16-21 • Matthew 17.1-9

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