

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

12 November 2023

St Mary Magdalene's
Anglican Church

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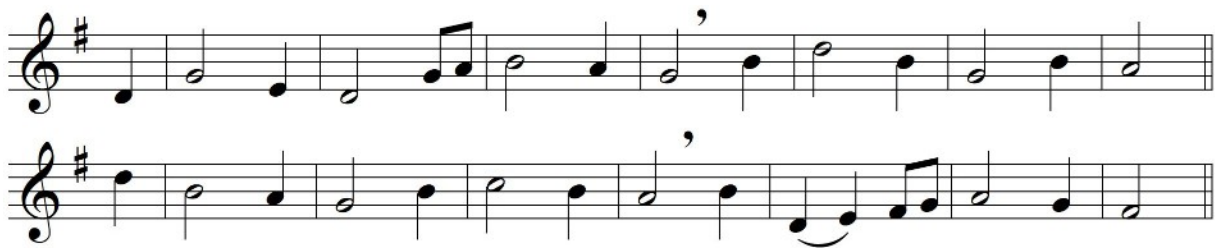


Acknowledgement of Country. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kurna people today. We express our gratitude in the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

MARTYRDOM



As pants the hart for cooling streams
When heated in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for thee,
And thy refreshing grace.

- 2 For thee, my God, the living God,
My thirsty soul doth pine:
O when shall I behold thy face,
Thou Majesty Divine!
- 3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
The praise of him who is thy God,
Thy health's eternal spring.
- 4 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Nicholas Brady 1659-1726 (alt.)
and Nahum Tate 1652-1715 (alt.)

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 88.3

The choir sings

Let my prayer enter into your presence; incline your ear to my supplication, O Lord..

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.

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.

Eternal God,

you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand:

keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,

so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes

we may go out joyfully to meet him,

and with him enter into the marriage feast

that you have prepared for all who truly love you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Joshua 24.1–3a, 14–25

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors— Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78.1-7

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
That which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,
and the wonderful works he has done.
He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children;
That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4.9-18

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24.42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,

because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25.1-13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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 119.133

The choir sings

Guide my footsteps, O Lord, according to your word,
so that no iniquity may ever gain the upper hand, O Lord.

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

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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

Gracious God,
your word to us is food indeed.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and let your loving-kindness be our comfort,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. **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.

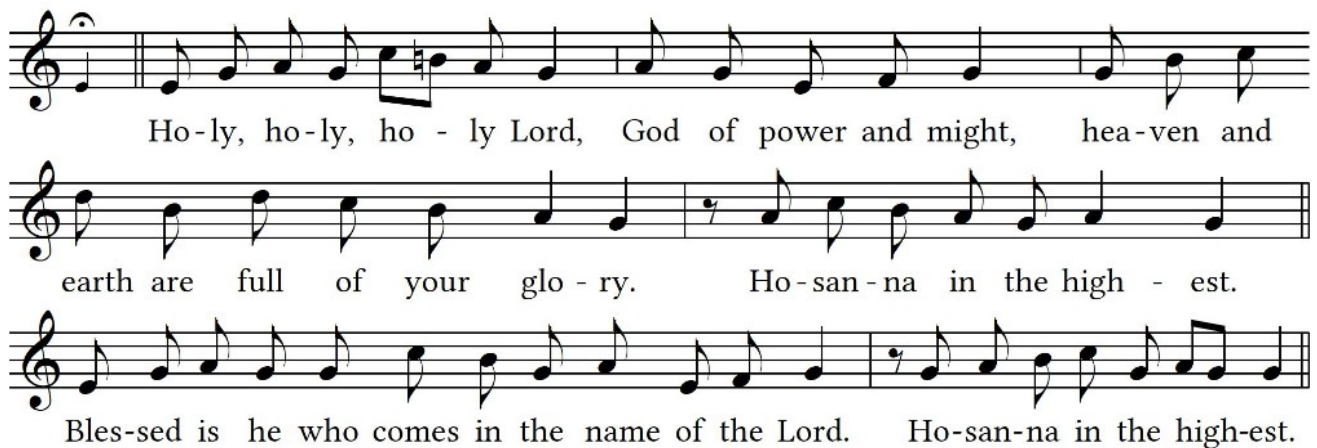
O God, eternal Wisdom,
all you have made is beautiful and good.

We thank you for darkness and light,
for this earth and for our bodies,
for growth and change
and all that lies beyond our knowledge and imagination.

In every generation you befriend your people.
You gave us your holy Law, sent the prophets,
and called us back to the truth whenever we turned away.

You were vindicated in your servant Jesus
who came with forgiveness, feasting, and stories of your grace.
Though we rejected him,
death on a cross could not quench the fire of his love.
You raised him up for us,
the firstborn from the dead,
to build a new community of hope
where all are honoured as Christ's equal friends.

And so we praise you
with Mary, mother of the living Word,
and with all your faithful friends,
as we join the angels' song:



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.

God of the feast, your household is hungry
for the bread of heaven and the cup of life.
Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration,
so that we may eat at this table and be satisfied
with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

On the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved.
He took the bread, gave you thanks,
broke it to share with them, and said:
"Take and eat this: it is my body."

Then he took a cup of wine.
Again he thanked you and told them:
"Drink this, all of you: it is my blood,
shed for you and for many
so that sins may be forgiven.
Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

So we delight to remember Jesus:
the faithfulness of his life,
the victory of his cross,
the glory of his resurrection,
the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

Great is the mystery of faith:

With vigour

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

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a repeat sign. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes: 'Christ has died:' under the first measure, 'Christ is risen:' under the second measure, and 'Christ will come a - gain.' under the third measure.

O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous,
accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Make us good stewards of creation,
with justice in our hearts,
courage in our actions and power in our speech
to bear witness to the truth.

Protect us with your glory,
unite your church in loyalty and love,
and bring us home with Mary Magdalene and all your saints
to feast with you for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
and in the Spirit's grace,
with heart and soul and mind and strength
we love and worship you alone, O God,
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.

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes: 'Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,' on the first line, 'your will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.' on the second line, 'For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us' on the third line, and 'from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.' on the fourth line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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 musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of one line of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes: 'For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

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.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us 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.

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.

During Communion, the choir sings

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Matthew 25.4, 6

The choir sings

The brides took oil in flasks with their lamps; at midnight there was a cry:

“Behold, the groom is here; come out to meet Christ the Lord.”

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Living God,

in the eucharist you fill us with new hope.

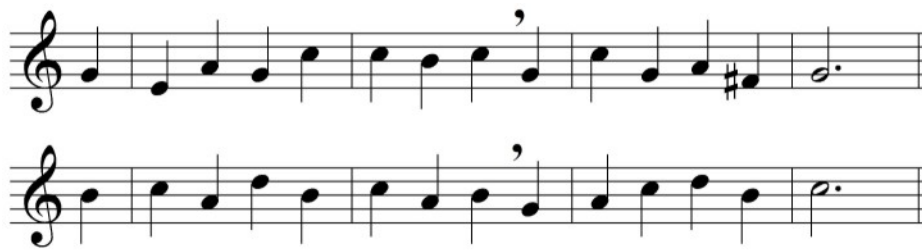
May the power of your love,

which we have known in word and sacrament,

continue your saving work among us,

and bring us to the joy you promise.

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



- O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

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.

ADVENT IS COMING ...

The four weeks leading up to Christmas are a time of preparation. To assist us in this journey, there are a number of opportunities for reflection on the season, including weekly prayers, a study series and a Sunday sermon (reflection) series. A flyer developed to appeal to the wider community is available today.

WE ARE MOVING OUR BANKING!

As advised last Sunday, our current bank will be ending its business banking services on 23 November, so it is necessary for those who currently give by direct debit or credit to change the details for their regular transactions.

The Parish Council has decided to transfer its banking to Anglican Funds SA. AFSA now has around 80% of Parishes and other church organisations among its customers, and utilising those services provides direct benefit to the wider church with up to 80% of surpluses generated that are not required for the future capital needs of the fund being distributed back to nominated Anglican entities.

The Bank Account Details (and sorry about the 6 zeros in the account number!) are:

- BSB 705-077 (Anglican Funds SA)
- Account No. 00000052 (Anglican Parish of St Mary Magdalene's)
- Reference: Your Name (Regular Giving)

Our Treasurer Heather Carter will be emailing all those who give regularly by this means to advise them of these arrangements, but this comes by way of a reminder.

If you have any questions, or if you are not yet making your regular contributions in this convenient way, please speak to Heather.

Current Maintenance Work

The past two weeks have seen a lot of planned and unplanned maintenance taking up a lot of volunteer time and energy, and costing plenty of money at the same time!

During the week we completed the current round of works on **doors and locks**, particularly replacing some old-fashioned door handles with fixtures that are easier for people with disabilities to use, and re-keying some doors to align with the master-key system.

An **air-conditioning specialist** has spent most of the week in the roof of the hall, carrying our major repairs to one of the three compressors in the ceiling, and essential maintenance on the other two units. The total cost of this work will exceed \$9,000. Approximately 1/3 of this will be recovered from the hall tenant (as per the tenancy agreement), and the parish's share will be deducted from rental remittances, meaning we will have no income in this line for around 2 months. While this is unplanned and unbudgeted, we are drawing on cash reserves to fund the project.

Another matter is the long-delayed **repair to the audio system**, which seemed likely to be a simple fix but has become gradually more complex. The mixer has been taken away for examination. If not repairable, the expense of replacement is, fortunately, not high – \$400 or so.

We were planning to conduct the regular **“test and tag” of electrical equipment** this week, but the technician called in sick. So that is for another day.

Thanks to Heather Carter and Hamish McLachlan, both of whom have assisted with access.

The AnglicareSA 2023 Christmas hamper and toy drive has officially kicked off with a mission of helping those in need this Christmas.

With thousands of South Australians facing poverty every day, AnglicareSA will this year provide more than 1000 hampers to bring festive cheer to those in need.

By providing food hampers, essentials, financial and emotional support, Anglicare aims to not only support people in need during the festive season but to help them to get their lives back on track.

We will again be participating in the drive this year, and Heather Carter has kindly agreed to coordinate our participation. Information will be supplied shortly about where to bring your donations.

In the mean time, many people find it convenient to buy a few extra food items in the course of their regular shopping. A list of the items sought is given below.

Hamper Items

- Long life milk 1L
- Spread (peanut butter, jam, vegemite) 400g
- Can of fruit 825g
- Can of vegetables (corn, peas, mix) 420g
- Jar of pasta sauce 500g
- Pasta or rice 500g
- Breakfast cereal 375g
- Coffee or tea
- Sugar 1kg
- 1 x 5 Pack of 2 min instant noodles
- Christmas pudding
- Pkt of sweet biscuits
- Pkt savoury biscuits (Jatz, shapes or rice crackers)
- Chips (crisps, pretzels, nuts)
- Bag of lollies

Toy Items

- Footballs, basketballs or soccer balls
- Tennis and cricket sets
- Lego for both boys and girls
- Cars, planes, trains
- Construction sets
- Board games, jigsaws
- Dolls, prams, cradles, tea sets
- Arts and craft sets
- Batteries for children's toys (AAA, AA, C, D size, 9v)
- Books, educational toys
- Back to school kits - pencils, pencil cases, back packs
- Musical instruments
- Remote control toys
- Makeup, nail polish, perfume or aftershave sets

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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.

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/>.

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.

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Next Sunday, 19 November, at 10 am – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Judges 4.1-10 • Psalm 123 • 1 Thessalonians 5.1-113 • Matthew 25.14-30

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, Edward, Neil, 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 Prue O'Donovan (priest), and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*