

The 6th Sunday of Easter

14 May 2023

Acknowledgement of Country. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land; our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing; and our hope that we may walk together in harmony, in the spirit of Reconciliation.

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.

NUN LASST UNS GOTT



**A brighter dawn is breaking,
And earth with praise is waking;
For thou, O King most highest,
The power of death defiest;**

- 2 And thou hast come victorious,
With risen Body glorious,
Who now for ever livest,
And life abundant givest.**
- 3 O free the world from blindness,
And fill the world with kindness,
Give sinners resurrection,
Bring striving to perfection;**
- 4 In sickness give us healing,
In doubt thy clear revealing,
That praise to thee be given
In earth as in thy heaven.**

Percy Dearmer 1867-1936

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Isaiah 48.20

The choir sings:

Spread the good news with a voice of joy; let it be heard, alleluia;
speak it out to the very ends of the earth;
the Lord has liberated his people, alleluia, 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!

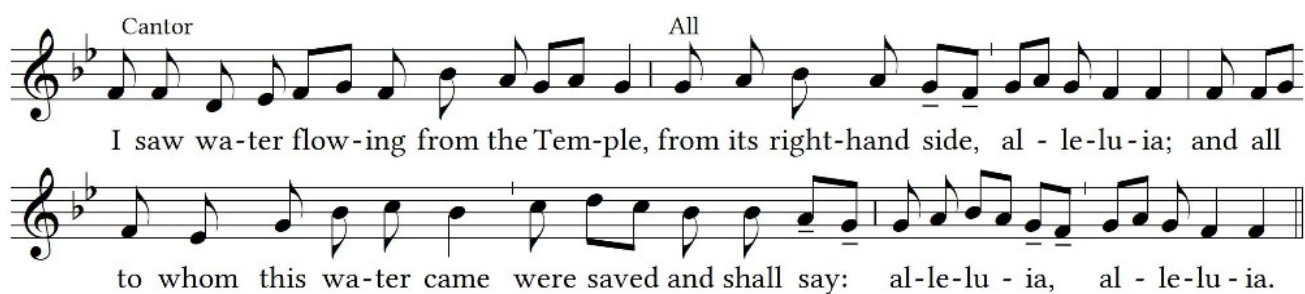
The priest or another minister may briefly introduce the Mass of the day.

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:



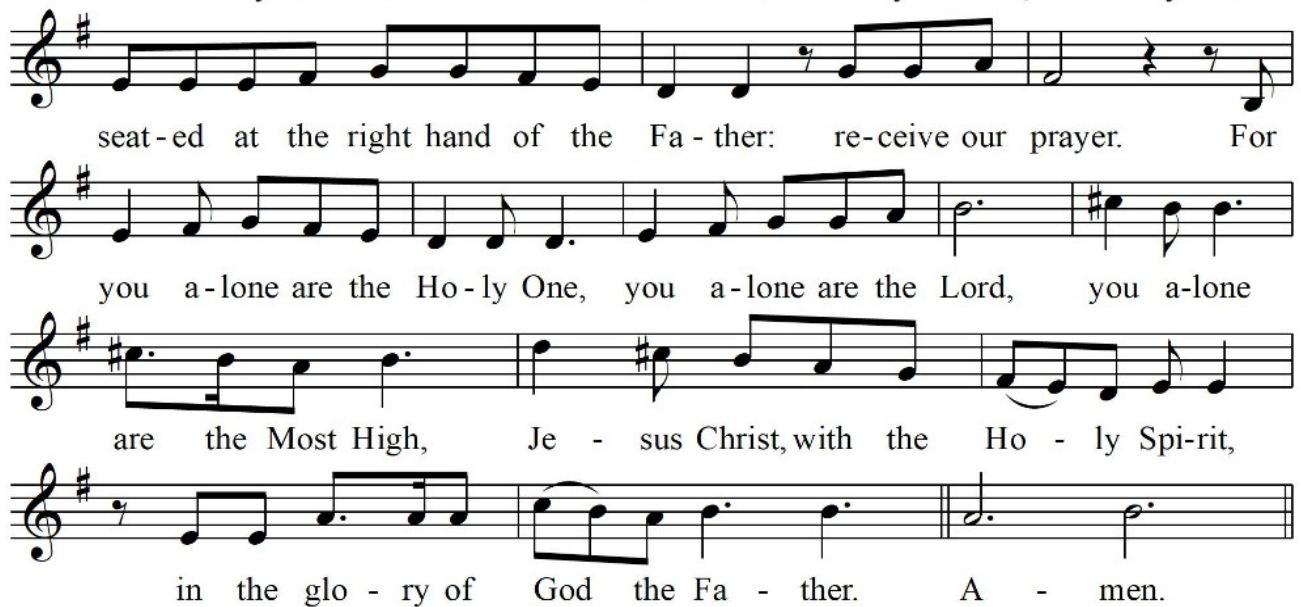
I saw wa-ter flow-ing from the Tem-ple, from its right-hand side, al - le-lu-ia; and all
to whom this wa-ter came were saved and shall say: al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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.

O God,
 you have prepared for those who love you
 joys beyond our understanding:
 pour into our hearts such love for you,
 that, loving you above all else,
 we may obtain your promises
 that exceed all we can desire;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 17.22–31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For

“In him we live and move and have our being”;
 as even some of your own poets have said,
 “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

Psalm

From Ps 66

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God, "How wondrous your deeds!
"Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!"
Come and see the works of God:
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam.
He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules forever by his might.
Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3.8–22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

All of you, have unity of spirit sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For

"Those who desire to love life
and to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;
let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting of the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing

evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you— not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 14.23

Alleluia, alleluia!

If any love me they will keep my word,
and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 14.15–21

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: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Steven Ogden

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

The priest may say

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers may conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the preparation of the gifts, the choir sings the Offertory antiphon, then all sing the chant, and a Collection will be taken up.

Offertory Antiphon

Ps 66:8, 9,20

O nations, bless the Lord our God, let the voice of his praises resound;
he has restored my soul to life and he has not suffered my feet to stumble;
blessèd be the Lord who has neither rejected my prayer
nor turned his mercy away from me, alleluia.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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,
you show us your way
and give us your divine life.
May everything we do
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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.

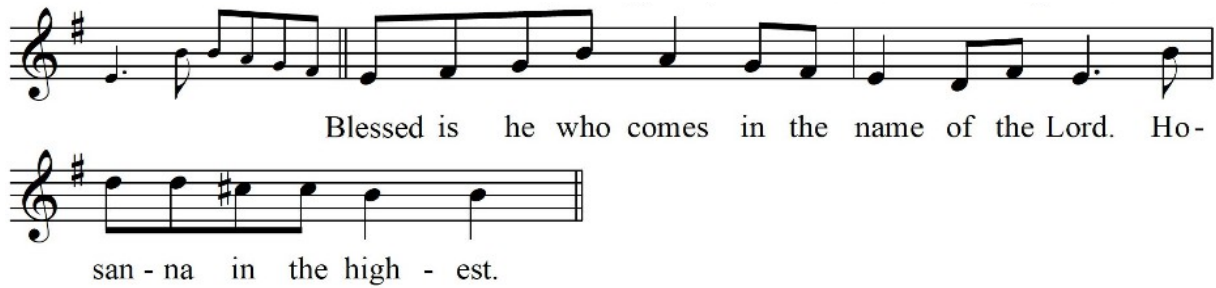
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with a triplet of eighth notes over the words 'ho - ly'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The lyrics are written below the notes.



How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord!
As a mother tenderly gathers her children
you embraced a people as your own.
You planted them as your own choice vine,
but again and again they turned from you in sin.
From them you raised up Jesus, our Saviour,
the living bread, in whom all hungers are satisfied.
He is the true vine, your chosen one,
in whom we are joined to bear fruit in plenty.

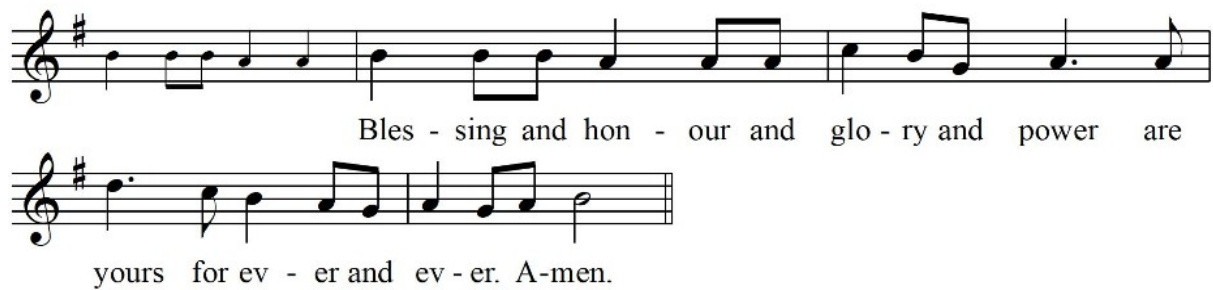
In the upper room with his friends
on the night before he died,
Jesus took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you!

At the end of supper,
taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
'Drink this, all of you;
This is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith:



Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he prays for us at your right hand:
Pour out your Holy Spirit
as we bring before you these gifts from your own creation,
that they may be for us
the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we taste and see that the Lord is gracious,
may we dwell in him, as he lives in us.
By whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

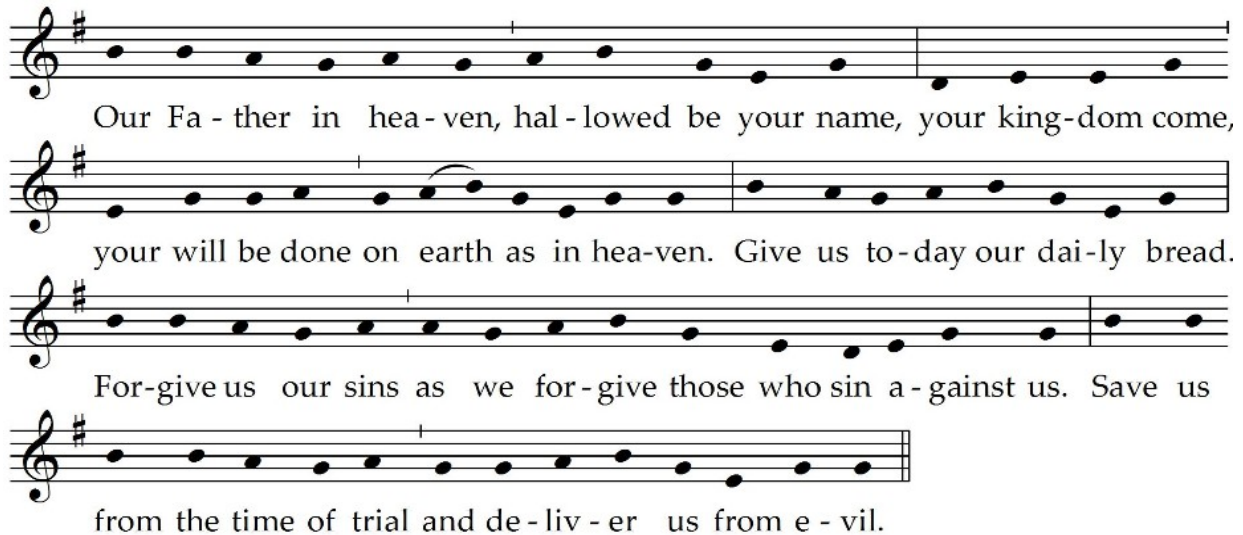


Bles - sing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are
yours for ev - er and ev - er. A-men.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

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

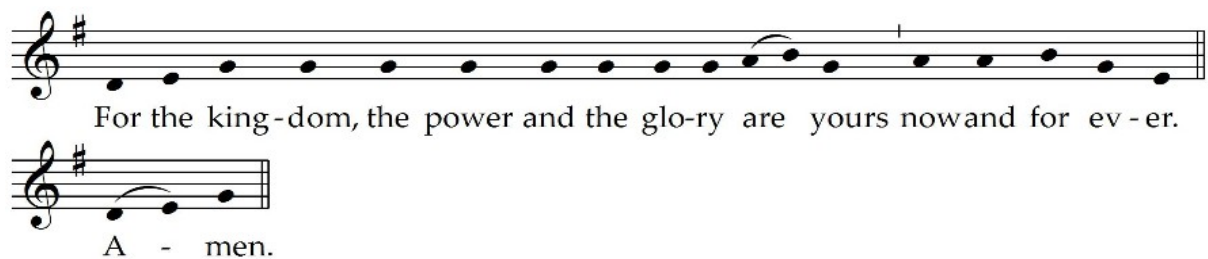


Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,
your will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The 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



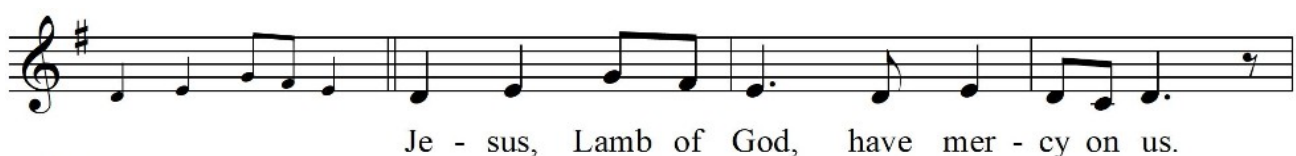
For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.
A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

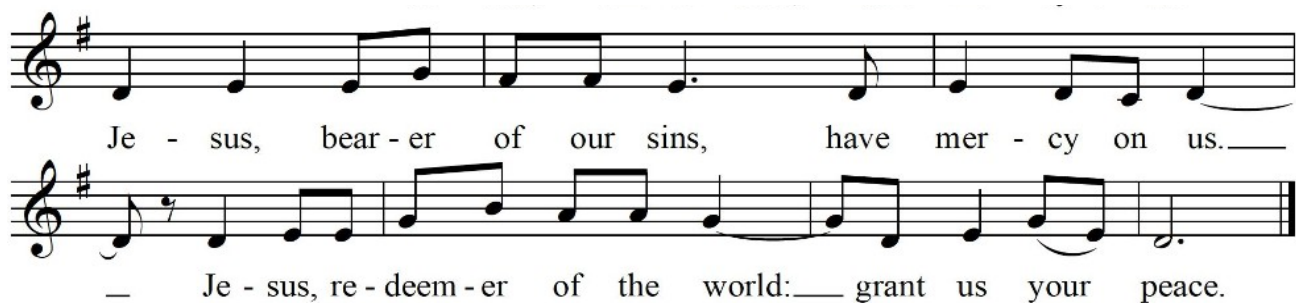
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



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

Jn 14.18

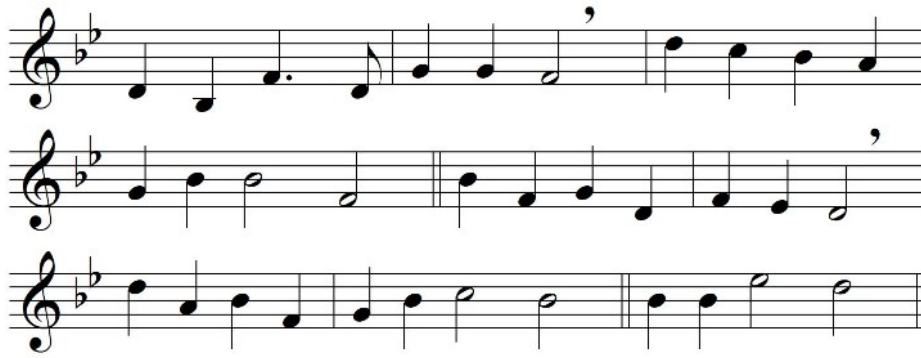
The choir sings

I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you again, alleluia;
and your heart will rejoice, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Father, you restored us to life
by raising your Son from death.
May we who receive this sacrament
always be strengthened to do your will,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**



- Jesus lives! Your terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us:
Jesus lives! by this we know
you, O grave, cannot enthrall us: *Alleluia!*
- 2 Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath
when we pass its gloomy portal: *Alleluia!*
- 3 Jesus lives! for us he died:
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our saviour giving: *Alleluia!*
- 4 Jesus lives! this bond of love
neither life nor death shall sever,
powers below, around, above
tear us from his keeping never: *Alleluia!*
- 5 Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given;
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven: *Alleluia!*

Christian Fürchtegott Gellert 1715–69
trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox 1812–97 alt.

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 coeli 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.**

Fr Steven writes ... The Promise of the Spirit

The journey through Easter-time is now reaching its climax, as we approach the Ascension, with its dense symbolism of departure, and the practical language of inspiration and power at Pentecost, which brings us back to the way that some ordinary human experience intersects with the divine.

So today, I will be preaching on the Holy Spirit. And so, I want to signal two important aspects of the life and work of the Spirit.

On the hand, in the Gospel for the day (John 14:15-21), Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. As such, the Holy Spirit will be their advocate. In the process, Jesus underlines the importance of the deep connection that exists between God, himself, and the disciples. This is an immanent and personal spirituality. This is the God who works from the inside out.

On the other hand, there is also a transcendent and cosmic spirituality. So, then, let's think of the cosmos as the manifestation of God in the universe. In this perspective, the Spirit is divine energy creating and sustaining all things, working through the evolutionary process. This is the God who inspires us, instilling a deep sense of wonder and curiosity in all of us.

In these challenging times, we need both a personal and cosmic understanding of the Spirit that speaks to us from within and inspires us to look to the stars, and dream dreams.

In faith, in the Spirit,

Fr Steven

650th Anniversary of Julian of Norwich

Many thanks to those who assisted with some extra effort to make last Sunday's commemoration of the 650th anniversary of Julian of Norwich and her *Revelations of Divine Love* such a fine occasion.

At only a few days notice we were able to craft a commemoration that drew on many of Julian's writings—and Fr Philip's reflections—for the intercessions; perform a special anthem, drawing on Julian's famous phrase "All shall be well", as well as Fr Philip preaching and Sister Juliana—whose name in the religious life honours Julian—celebrating.

It was, of course, also the weekend of the Coronation, and thanks to Catherine Freriks, whose crown-shaped shortbread at morning tea went down very nicely!

Current Maintenance Matters

A number of members of the community have noticed that we have some issues with the audio system at the moment, particularly the lectern microphone. We are yet to resolve these, so apologies for the inconvenience. In the mean time, all readers are asked to speak clearly!

This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension. Bishop Rowan Williams has said of this festival, "The Ascension marks the culmination of the resurrection gospel — the universalizing of Jesus' relevance to all aspects of human life, individual and global; the present possibility of a share in Jesus' loving union with his Father ... It represents both the call to witness (and to recognize Christ in the world of which he is declared Lord) and the promise of transformed—'deified'—life, as the ground and source of that witness. **Mass will be said at 12.10 pm, following Regina Caeli at noon.**

Covid-19 – Where are we now?

Many of you may have read during the week that the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 global emergency to be over. This does not mean that the pandemic itself has ended: COVID has not gone away, and in the last week, according to international statistics, there was a death from COVID every three minutes. While there are effective vaccines, they are not a cure.

There are signs that the virus is transitioning into something that is more predictable and less dangerous, but there will nonetheless be an ongoing impact for the time being. Parish Council has agreed that we will continue to take a conservative approach for the time being, and to encourage precautions including Distancing, Ventilation and Facemasks: **DVM** for short. Distancing means maintaining a sensible distance of 1.5 metres between individuals or family groups; Ventilation means leaving some doors and/or windows open to allow a flow of air—and we have air conditioning, in case of extreme weather!—and Facemasks are obvious, especially if you are vulnerable

That being said, it has been decided that the time has come to reintroduce some customs that have been in abeyance.

- The foot-washing was restored to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. On this occasion it was a token celebration, with two worshippers participating: next year we hope to restore it fully.
- The physical Veneration of the Cross was available on Good Friday.
- The Sprinkling of Holy Water (often called the Asperges, or in Easter time, Vidi Aquam) was restored at Easter, and will now return to the Sunday Mass. During Easter time, the ceremony replaces the Confession and Absolution, as a reminder of the sanctifying power of baptism and its special association with Easter. During the remainder of the year, it occurs as part of the regular prayers of penitence at the beginning of Mass.
- The Gospel procession, whereby the Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the congregation, will be restored.
- We will again take up a Collection at the Offertory. Even though most of our community now supports the church by electronic transfer, there are some who do not, some who use envelopes, and of course visitors to the church find themselves uncertain about what to do.

We continue to review the few remaining actions which we have voluntarily chosen to forego during the pandemic. In particular, we are mindful of the desire on the part of some to reintroduce Communion in both kinds, both bread and wine, and will be looking closely at this during Easter time.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday **The Ascension of the Lord. 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

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, 14 May, at 10 am - The 7th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1.6-14 • Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35 • 1 Peter 5 • John 17.1-11

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the COVID-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees, asylum seekers, and those seeking places of safety and security.

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Sim, Jasmin, Henry, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Robert Whalley (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Mark, Olivia, Nance, Neil, Elaine, Edward and Neil.

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