# The 16th Sunday after Pentecost 17 September 2023

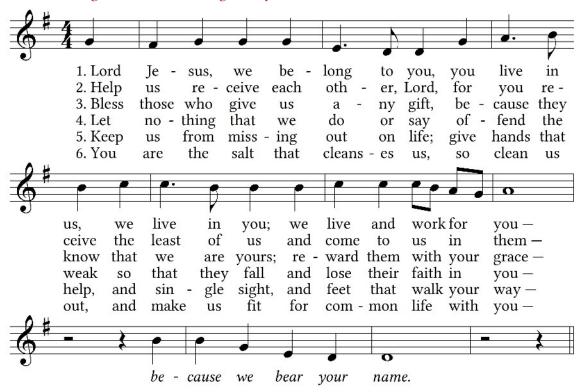


**Acknowledgement of Country**. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude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

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn

COOKE PLAINS



John Wilfred Kleinig b.1942 Music, Robin Mann b.1949

## **Entrance Antiphon**

Sirach 36.10

The choir sings

Reward those who wait for you, and let your prophets be found trustworthy. Hear, O Lord, the prayer of your servants, according to your goodwill toward your people.

## **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

Mass for 3 Voices (William Byrd)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

#### The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Silence. Then all say

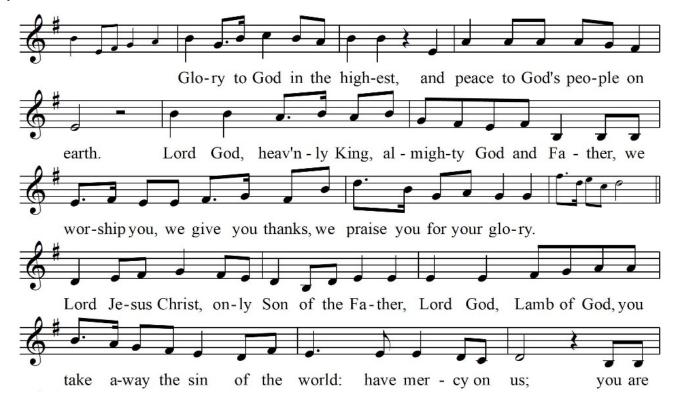
Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

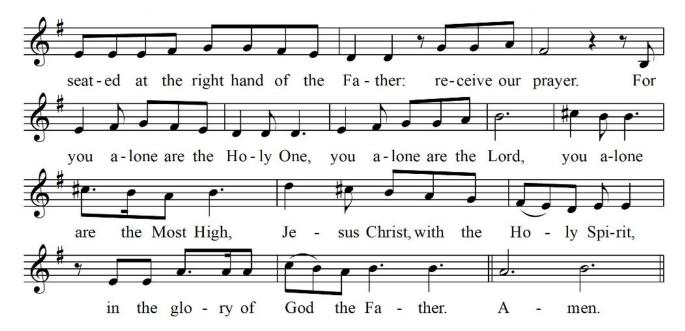
#### The priest says:

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.

## Hymn of Praise





#### Collect

Let us pray.

O God,

you call your Church to witness

that in Christ we are reconciled to you:

help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,

that all who hear it may turn to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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**

Exodus 14.19-31

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down upon the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had

followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle From Exodus 15

1 Let us sing to the LORD, who has gloriously triumphed; horse and rider have been hurled into the sea.

- 2 The LORD is my strength and might; and has become my salvation.
- 3 This is my God, and I will praise him, the God of my forebears, and I will exalt him.
- 4 Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendour, working wonders?
- 5 In your faithful love you guided the people you redeemed. In you strength you led them to your holy dwelling.
- 6 you will bring them in and plant them upon the mountain of your inheritance: the place which you, O LORD, have made your dwelling, the holy place, O LORD, that your hands have established.
- 7 The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

## **New Testament Reading**

Romans 14.1-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable.

Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another.

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

John 13.34

Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another, just as I have loved you, says the Lord

Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading** 

Matthew 18.21-35

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.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

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 choir sings

I love you, Lord, my strength; O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour; my God, my rock where I take refuge,; my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.

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



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

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. 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.

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

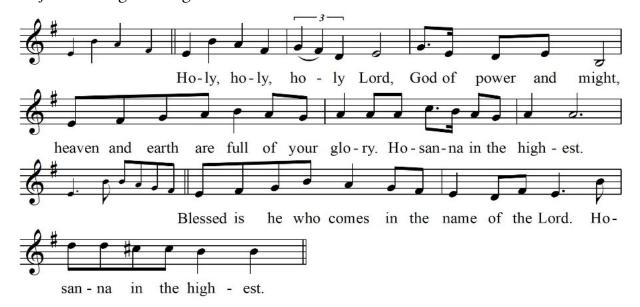
who came with forgiveness, feasting, and stories of your grace.

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:



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:



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.

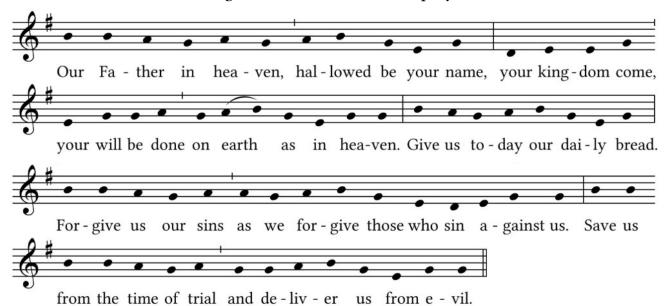
Protect us with your glory, unite your church in loyalty and love, and bring us home with Mary Magdalene and all your saints to feast with you for ever.

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:



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

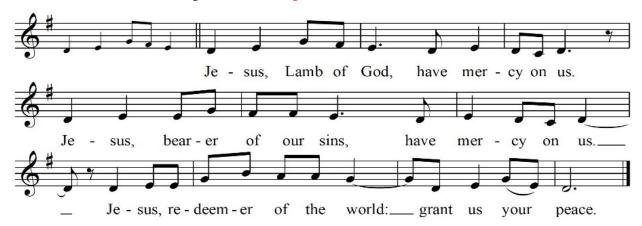
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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.



#### **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.

## **Communion Antiphon**

Psalm 96.8, 9

The choir sings

Bring an offering and enter the courts of the Lord; worship the Lord in holy splendour.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

God of peace,

in this eucharist we have been reconciled

to you and to our neighbours.

May we who have been nourished by holy things

always have the courage to forgive.

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

#### All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.



Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia! Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia! Deep and wide flows the tide severing us from bondage past, alleluia!

- 2 Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia! through the billows Israel led, alleluia! By his tomb Christ makes room, souls restoring from the dead, alleluia!
- 3 In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia!
  Buried and baptized were we, alleluia!
  Earthly night
  brought us light,
  which is ours eternally, alleluia!

Ronald Arbuthnott Knox 1888-1957

## **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.

#### **SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK**

Thursday12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)Sunday10 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 <a href="https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/">https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/</a>.

## 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, 24 September, at 10 am - The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 16.2-15 ● Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45 ● Philippians 1 ● Matthew 20.1-16

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