

The Last Sunday after Epiphany 19 February 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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. 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

CHRISTUS IST ERSTANDEN



- Jesus on the mountain peak
stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
shout through them their joyful greeting:**
- 3 Swift the cloud of glory came,
God, proclaiming, in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:**
- 4 Jesus is the chosen One.
Living hope of every nation,
hear and heed him, everyone;
sing, with earth and all creation,**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Matthew 17.5

Entrance Antiphon

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.

The Father's voice was heard:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

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 priest, deacon, or another minister, says

God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.

Silence

Let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
and your justice as the great deep:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The priest says:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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,
 in the transfiguration of your Son
 you confirmed the mysteries of the faith
 by the witness of Moses and Elijah,
 and in the voice from the cloud
 you foreshadowed our adoption as your children:
 make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory,
 and bring us to enjoy its fullness;
 through the same 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

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24.12–18

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.”

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 2

℞ You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt
and the princes plot together,
against the LORD and against his anointed?
- 3 “Let us break their yoke”, they say;
“let us cast off their bonds from us.” ℞
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the LORD has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath
and his rage fills them with terror. ℞
- 6 “I myself have set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion.”
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD:
he said to me, “You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.” ℞
- 8 “Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 ‘You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.’ ℞
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear,
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all who take refuge in him! ℞

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 1.16–21

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17.5

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17.1-9

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 took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Steven Ogden

Profession of Faith

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.

Theme A is sung throughout. Theme B may be added ad. lib.

Theme A

Theme B

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,
receive all we bring before you this day,
and bring us also to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God our Creator.

You brought light out of darkness
and set the sun to brighten the day
and the moon and stars to illumine the night.
Your glory blinds the eyes of our sin,
while your radiance warms our needy hearts.

You lead us by the light of your truth
into the way of righteousness and peace.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.____
 _____ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
 and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
 On a lonely mountain
 his human body was transfigured by your divine splendor.
 In his face, we have glimpsed your glory.
 In his life, we see your love.

For your image is untarnished in him,
 and the burden of human sorrow and suffering
 could not diminish his reflection of your holiness.
 The world was dark at his death,
 but the light of his life could not be extinguished.
 From the grave he rose like the sun,
 with blinding power and radiant peace.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus,
 on the night before he died,
 took bread,
 and after giving thanks to you,
 he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
 shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
 we take from your creation this bread and this wine
 and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
 as we await the day of his coming.
 With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you
 to be a living and holy sacrifice,
 dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

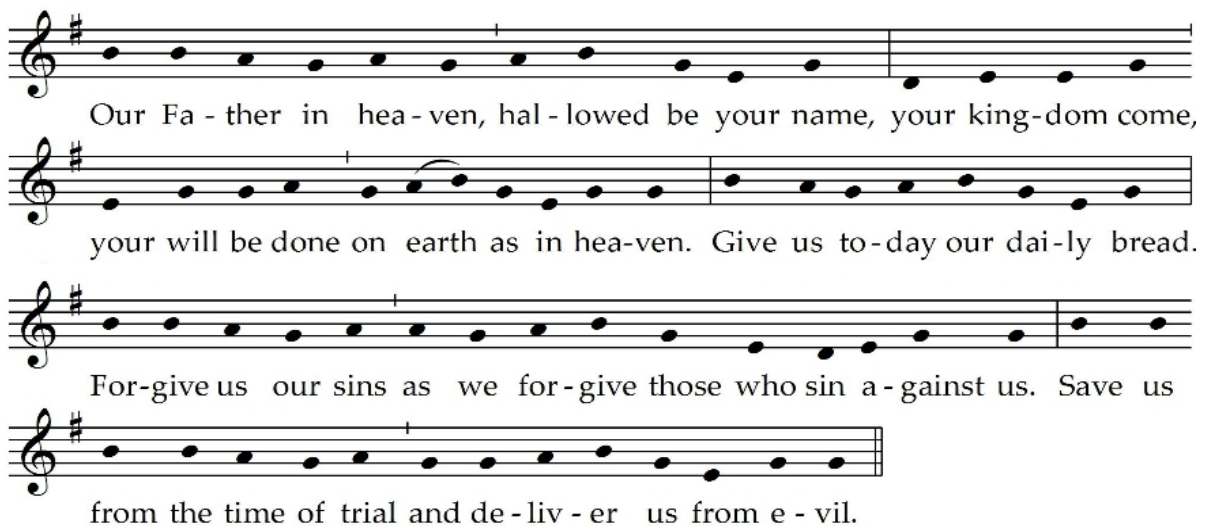


Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
Illumine our lives, O God,
with the radiance of Christ's love,
and inspire us to shine in faith and witness
as his holy disciples.
Transform us into his likeness
that we may live for you, as he lived,
and love others, as he loved them.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages
we will feast with you at your table in glory.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

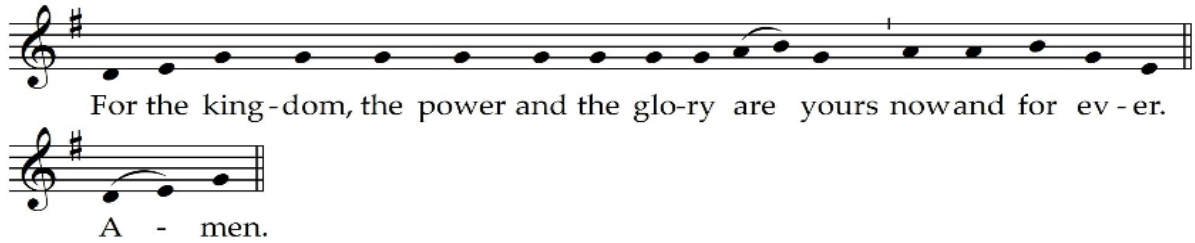
THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

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



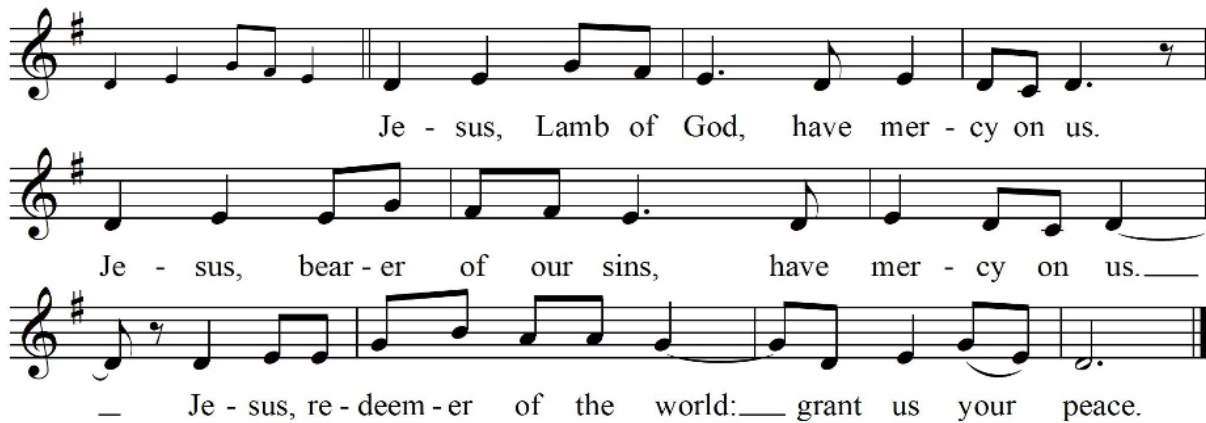
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



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 face masks immediately prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

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

1 John 3.2

The choir sings

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:

may we who are partakers at his table

reflect his life in word and deed,

that all the world may know his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.

Postcommunion Hymn

REGENT SQUARE

“Farewell to Alleluia”

This hymn, *Alleluia, dulce carmen*, is very ancient, dating from the 10th century, traditionally sung as a “farewell” to the word “Alleluia” (“God be praised”) which is not sung from Ash Wednesday until the proclamation of the Gospel at the Easter Vigil.



**Alleluia, song of sweetness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
ever raised by choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally.**

- 2 Alleluia cannot always
be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions
make us for awhile forgo;
for the solemn time is coming
when our tears for sin must flow.**
- 3 Therefore in our hymns we pray thee,
grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep thine Easter,
in our home beyond the sky,
there to thee for ever singing
Alleluia joyfully.**

Alleluia dulce carmen (10th cent.)
after John Mason Neale 1818-86

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ Jesus,
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,
draw you to himself
that you may live in his light and share his glory;
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 – MATTERS OF THE HEART

Today we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration. It reminds us that the theme of transformation was central to the life and ministry of Jesus. And this ministry focused on the heart.

In fact, the ministry of Jesus was grounded in binding the broken-hearted. As such, his ministry was transformative. It often began, or concluded, with mending hearts. For example, the story of Nicodemus, from approaching Jesus in the night to receiving his body at the foot of the cross, is fundamentally about a change of heart. So, what do we mean by the heart?

The heart is a metaphor for the centre of the human being. It is the locus of feeling and thought. It makes us who we are. It shapes our lives and our relationships. In other words, our relationships centre on the heart. So, we can put up with a myriad of physical complaints, if only matters of the heart are restored. And so, we know what it is to have a broken heart. We also know what it is like to long for the transformation of the heart.

Theologian Rita Nakashima Brock says a lot about the importance of the heart, “Heart is our original grace. In exploring the depths of heart, we find incarnate in ourselves the divine reality of connection, of love. The grace we find through heart reveals the incarnate graciousness, generosity, and love necessary to human life”. So, what are the practical possibilities here?

Consider the history of European colonialism, and the exploitation of first nations peoples, if we had a change of heart, we would see more compassion and justice in our land. What about violence in the Ukraine, and elsewhere? Surely, we need to change the hearts of the protagonists. Without a change of heart, there is no chance of a fair and just solution. And then there’s the decimation of the environment. With a change of heart, for example, we could see major advances in the area of climate action. We could bring healing to our beloved planet. It all begins with a change of heart.

Take heart,

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.

Special Event: The Psalms and the Songs of Ascent, Wednesday 8 March

We have a special event in association with our final Fringe concert on the Psalms. On Wednesday 8 March at 7 pm there will be a workshop, **The Psalms and the Songs of Ascent**, led by Old Testament scholar the Revd Dr Melinda Cousins. Dr Cousins completed her PhD on the Psalms, and specifically on the Songs of Ascent, with reference to ideas of performance, imagination, emotion, and embodiment. Dr Cousins 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.

Free registration is [via Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or email StMMAdeelaide.Parish@outlook.com.

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

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Wednesday	8 am Reflection and Prayer 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite) with Blessing & Imposition of Ashes 6.15 pm Sung Mass with Blessing & Imposition of Ashes
Thursday	12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)
Friday	6.15 pm Stations of the Cross
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

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.

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Next Sunday, 26 February, at 10 am – The 1st Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 22.15-17; 3.1-7 • Psalm 32 • Romans 5.12-31 • Matthew 4.1-11

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