

# The 4th Sunday in Lent

## 19 March 2023

St Mary Magdalene's  
Anglican Church

Founded 1886



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

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn

WARRINGTON



**Eternal light, shine in my heart,  
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;  
eternal power, be my support,  
eternal wisdom, make me wise.**

**2 Eternal life, raise me from death,  
eternal brightness, make me see;  
eternal Spirit, give me breath,  
eternal Saviour, come to me:**

**3 Until by your most costly grace,  
invited by your holy word,  
at last I come before your face  
to know you, my eternal God.**

Christopher Idle b.1938

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Isaiah 66.10-11

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

#### 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

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister, says  
Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.**

## Collect

Let us pray.

Gracious God,  
in order that we children of earth  
might discern good from evil  
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:  
as the light of Christ shines upon us,  
may we learn what pleases you,  
and live in truth and goodness;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 6.1–13

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did

what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought David in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23**

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- The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.**
- 2 My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.**
- 3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill:  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.**
- 4 My table thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.**
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.**

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters:

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

John 8.12

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

**Gospel Reading**

John 9.1–41

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that

now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshipped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgement, so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

During the preparation of the gifts, the chant is sung. 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.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and you will not thirst.

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

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### 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.**

Holy Father,  
compassionate and good,  
it is right to give you thanks and praise,  
for you never cease to call us  
to a new and more abundant life.

Though we are sinners,  
you constantly offer us pardon  
and ask us to trust in your mercy alone.

Time after time, when we broke your covenants,  
you did not cast us aside;  
but through the incarnation of Jesus, your Son,  
you bound the human family to yourself  
with a new and unbreakable bond.

In Christ you give your people  
a season of reconciliation and grace:  
a time to draw new breath  
for our journey back to you,  
a time to open our hearts to your Spirit  
and respond to the needs of all.

In wonder and gratitude  
we join our voices with the choirs of heaven,  
as we proclaim with joy the power of your love  
and sing the endless 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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na in the high - est.

From the beginning, O God,  
all you have done for the human family  
you have done for our good,  
that we may be holy, as you yourself are holy.

Look with kindness, then,  
on your people gathered before you.  
Send forth your Spirit in power,  
that these gifts may become for us  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,  
in whom we too are your children.

When we were lost  
and our hearts were far from you,  
you showed the depth of your love:  
your Son, who alone is the Just One,  
gave himself into our hands  
and was nailed to the wood of the cross.



Before he stretched out his arms between heaven and earth  
as the lasting sign of your covenant,  
he desired to celebrate the Passover  
in the company of his disciples.  
While they were at table,  
he took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

At the end of the meal,  
knowing he would reconcile all things in himself  
by his blood poured out on the cross.  
he took the cup filled with wine;  
again he gave you thanks,  
and, handing the cup to his friends, he said:  
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:  
this is the Cup of my Blood,  
the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all,  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

We remember Jesus Christ, our Passover and our lasting peace,  
we celebrate his death and resurrection,  
we await the blessed day of his return.  
And so we present to you, God ever faithful and true,  
the offering that restores the world to your grace.

Merciful Father,  
look with love on those you draw to yourself  
through their sharing in the sacrifice of Christ.  
By the power of your Spirit,  
may they become the body of your risen Son,  
in whom all divisions are healed.

Help us to work for the coming of your kingdom,  
until at last we stand in your presence  
and take our place among the saints,  
with the Virgin Mary and the apostles,  
and with our departed brothers and sisters,  
whom we commend to your mercy.

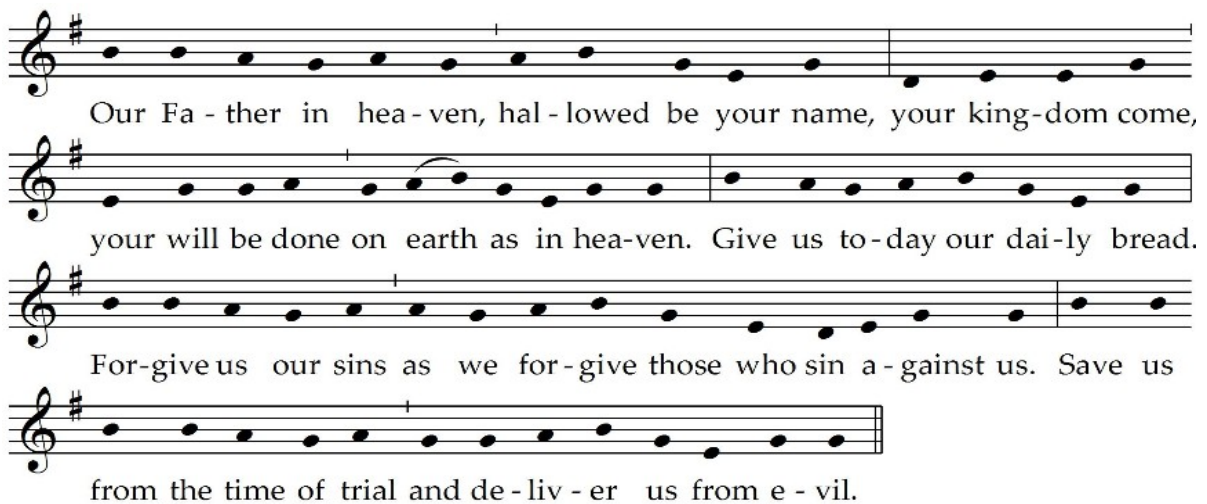
Then, in the glory of your new creation,  
freed from the sting of death,  
we shall sing to you the hymn of thanksgiving  
which rises from Christ the living Lord,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through whom, with whom, in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

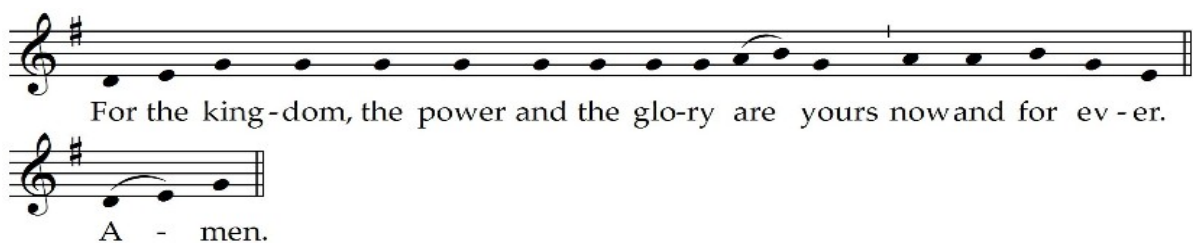
### The Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

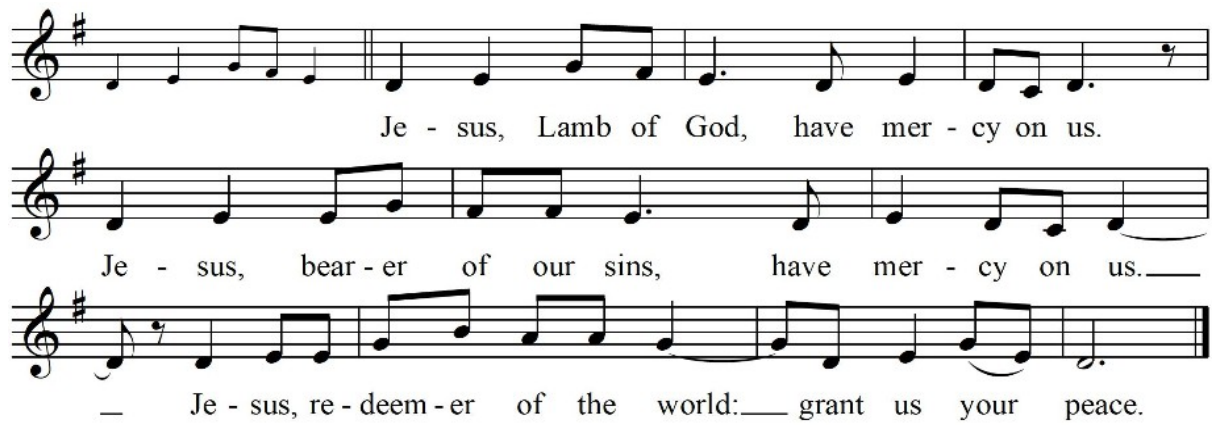


For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

### 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.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us. —

— Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: — grant us your 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. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants should approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning via the side aisles. Communicants should remove their face masks prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

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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.

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During Communion, the choir sings.

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 9.11, 28

The Lord anointed my eyes,  
I went, I washed, I saw and believed God.

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.  
Giver of life,  
you enlighten all who come into the world.  
Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily praise your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**



Thou whose almighty word  
 Chaos and darkness heard,  
 And took their flight;  
 Hear us, we humbly pray,  
 And where the gospel day  
 Sheds not its glorious ray  
 Let there be light.

2 Thou who didst come to bring  
 On thy redeeming wing  
 Healing and sight,  
 Health to the sick in mind,  
 Sight to the inly blind,  
 O now to all mankind  
 Let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,  
 Life-giving, holy Dove,  
 Speed forth thy flight;  
 Move on the water's face,  
 Bearing the lamp of grace,  
 And in earth's darkest place  
 Let there be light.

4 Blessèd and holy Three,  
 Glorious Trinity,  
 Wisdom, Love, Might,  
 Boundless as ocean's tide  
 Rolling in fullest pride,  
 Through the world far and wide  
 Let there be light.

John Marriott, 1720-1825

### Blessing of Simnel Cake

Almighty God, giver of all joy:  
 receive at our hands this cake,  
 that it may be to us a symbol  
 of our communion with you and with one another;  
 as its flour was once scattered  
 over our land as wheat and now is one,  
 so let us be one in anticipation  
 of your gift of the new Jerusalem  
 which, as your redeemed people,  
 is our joy, our hope, our destiny, and our home.  
 Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

### **Prayer over the People and Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O God, who enlightens everyone who comes into this world,  
illuminate our hearts, we pray,  
with the splendour of your grace,  
that we may always ponder  
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty  
and love you in all sincerity.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
be among 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.**

## **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING TODAY**

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held after Mass today. Please move quickly to the Hall after Mass for some brief hospitality before the meeting begins.

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## **THELMA ZIMMERMAN**

We were sad to hear that our long-time worshipper Thelma Zimmerman died on Thursday morning at the grand age of 100 (and a half). Thelma worshipped at St Mary Magdalene's for many years until old age and failing sight made it difficult for her to get about. She served as a volunteer in the Magdalene Bargain Centre well into her mid 90s. Her enthusiasm for everything to which she made a commitment was her hallmark – in particular, her love of well-polished brass! There is general agreement that St Peter, Our Lady, and the whole company of heaven are presently being instructed on the correct manner of polishing – in Thelma's own inimitable way.

Thelma's funeral will be held at 1 pm tomorrow, Monday 20 March, at the War Widows Memorial Hall, 2 Hewitt Avenue Rose Park.

May Thelma rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

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## **FR STEVEN ON RADIO**

Fr Steven will be on Peter Goers' evening program on ABC891 on Wednesday 22 March at about 8.35 pm. They will be discussing "The Fear of Difference". Appearances of this kind are a great way to introduce others to this community's way of thinking about important issues: please let your friends know!

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## **ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT – PALM SUNDAY**

The Archbishop's annual visit will be on Palm Sunday, 2 April, where he will join the city churches at the ecumenical blessing and procession of palms at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, then return to St Mary Magdalene's for the Solemn Mass. Please mark this important date in your diaries.

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## **THE WATCH OF THE PASSION ON MAUNDY THURSDAY**

At the end of the "Mass of the Lord's Supper" on Maundy Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the "Altar of Repose" in the Holy Innocents Chapel, where it is reserved for the Communion on Good Friday (when Mass is not celebrated). We have a long-standing custom—which, as far as we are aware, is only maintained at one other church in Australia—of keeping watch before the Sacrament throughout the night of Maundy Thursday to the liturgies of Good Friday.

A roster is available today. Please consider your availability and nominate a time. For those who are not familiar with this custom, there are arrangements in place to ensure security and safety, especially in the night hours.

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## **LENTEN STUDY: TRANSFORMATION: THE STORY OF NICODEMUS: 16 – 23 – 30 MARCH**

Three-part Lenten study in two groups (Thursday 10am (Parco, 259 Hutt Street) 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)

There is still time to join the studies for the second and third weeks. Please speak to Fr Steven.

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St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church  
Moore Street, Adelaide

## Join us for Holy Week and Easter

### **Palm Sunday 2 April**

10.30 am Solemn Mass with the St Matthew Passion  
*\* beginning at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral \**  
Archbishop Geoff Smith will preside



### **Holy Wednesday 5 April**

7.30 pm, Tenebrae



### **Maundy Thursday 6 April**

7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
*Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Stripping of the Altars*

*The Watch of the Passion throughout the night*



### **Good Friday 7 April**

10 am The Liturgy of the Day  
*Solemn Prayers, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion*

3 pm Solemn Liturgy  
*with singing of the St John Passion*



### **Easter Eve 8 April**

8 pm The Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter  
*Followed by an Easter Cocktail Reception*



### **Easter Sunday 9 April**

10 am, Procession and Solemn Mass





## SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8 am</b> Reflection and Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12 noon</b> Angelus; <b>12.10 pm</b> Mass (traditional rite)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6.15 pm</b> Stations of the Cross
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10 am</b> 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.

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### 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.

Our Details: Bank: Bankwest • BSB 305 122 • account no 0324654 • Reference: Your name

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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/>.

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### 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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### Directory

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### Next Sunday, 26 March, at 10 am – The 5th Sunday in Lent

Readings: 1 Samuel 16.1-13 • Psalm 23 • Ephesians 5.8-14 • John 9.1-41

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