The 25th Sunday after Pentecost 19 November 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

HANOVER



O worship the King all glorious above; O gratefully sing his power and his love: Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days, Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

- O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
 Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
 His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
 And dark is his path 0n the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old: Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn thee above, Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant 1779-1838

Entrance Antiphon

Jeremiah 29.11, 12

The choir sings

I know the pans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you future with hope. Then when you call upon me and pray to me, I will hear you.

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.**

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Dear friends, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence. Then all say

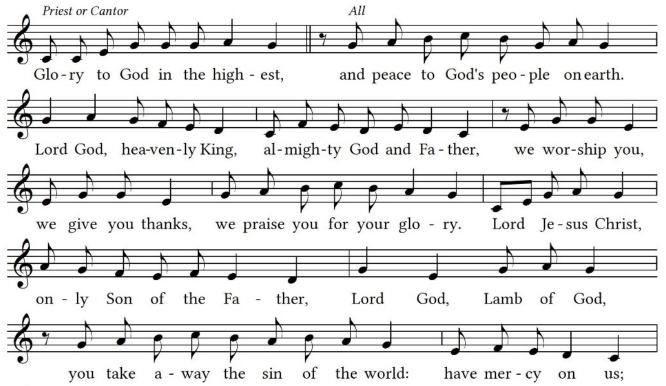
Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love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

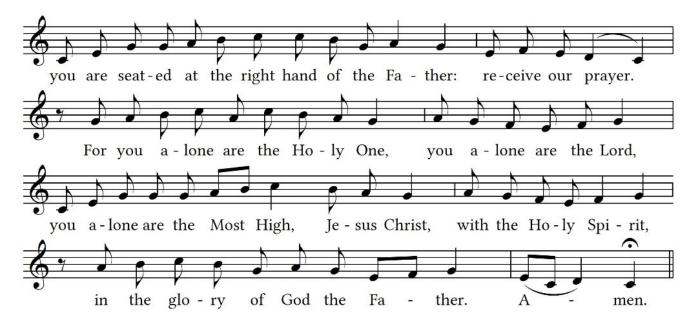
The priest says:

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.

Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Judges 4.1–10

A reading from the book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.' "Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go." And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens; behold, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the LORD our God, till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy. We are filled with contempt.

Indeed, all too full is our soul with the scorn of the arrogant, the disdain of the proud.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2.10

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25.14-30

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

▲ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven will be like this. It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had

received the five talents went off and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Fr Steven Ogden

Profession of Faith

All stand.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life for the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The priest may say

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers may conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

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

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Antiphon

Ps 130.1, 2

The choir sings

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

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



Jacquies 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,

in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.

Help us, through our offering this day,

to renounce all things that draw us from your love.

This we ask in the name 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 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.

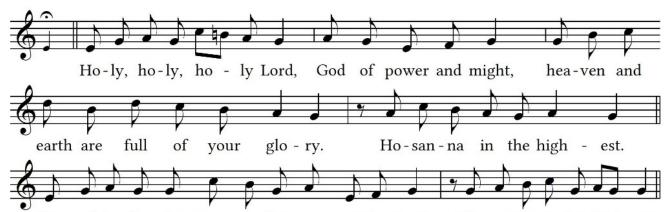
In every generation you befriend your people.

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:



Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

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

Then he took a cup of wine.

Again he thanked you and told them:

"Drink this, all of you: it is my blood, shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven.

Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

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



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

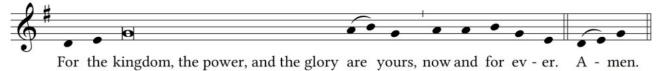
The Lord's Prayer

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.



The Breaking of the Bread

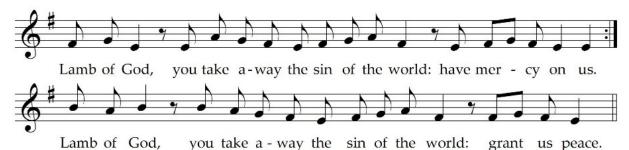
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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.

During Communion, the choir sings

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 25.20, 21

The choir sings

Lord, you delivered five talents unto me; behold, I have gained five more. Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

in this sacrament

we have shared the body and blood of Christ.

may we who have been nourished by holy things

bear witness to his light,

and share in his eternal priesthood;

for he is Lord for ever and ever. 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 1780-1825

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ♣ and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

ADVENT IS COMING ...

The four weeks leading up to Christmas are a time of preparation. To assist us in this journey, there are a number of opportunities for reflection on the season, including weekly prayers, a study series and a Sunday sermon (reflection) series. We will also be holding a Retreat/Quiet Day on Saturday 2 December: a sheet for registrations for this is available today. Flyers developed to appeal to the wider community are available.

WE ARE MOVING OUR BANKING!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Current Maintenance Work

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

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

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

We have finally secured the **repair of the audio system**, which seemed likely to be a simple fix but has become gradually more complex. The mixer has been taken replaced, and we were pleased to receive an anonymous donation of \$500 to meet the costs of the repair.

The regular "test and tag" of electrical equipment is scheduled for the first week of December.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hamper Items

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

Toy Items

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

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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 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, 26 November, at 10 am - The Feast of Christ the King

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 • Psalm 100 • Ephesians 1.15-23 • Matthew 25.31-46

For Your Prayers

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

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Sim, Jasmin, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Nance, Neil, Elaine, Edward, Neil, Hugh and Bart O'Donovan (priest).

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died recently, especially Prue O'Donovan (priest), and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.