# The 7th Sunday of Easter 21 May 2023



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

A ministry of prayer for healing and wholeness will be offered in the Holy Innocents Chapel during the Communion of the People. If you would like to make a note of prayer points or special intentions for prayer, please use the card which is available at the rear of the church.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn.

CHISLEHURST



Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluya! Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya! Christ, awhile to mortals given, Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluya!

- 2 There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya!, Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya! Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Take the King of glory in. Alleluya!
- 3 Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluya! Far above yon azure height, Alleluya! Grant our hearts may thither rise, Seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluya!
- 4 There we shall with thee remain, Alleluya! Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluya! There thy face unclouded see, Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya!

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

## **Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 27.7, 8, 9

The choir sings:

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me, alleluia; Of you my heart has spoken, "Seek his face." It is your face, O LORD, that I seek; hide not your face from me, alleluia, alleluia.

# Greeting

▶ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

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

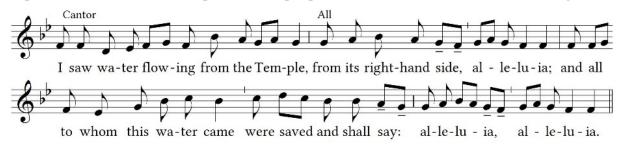
# Sprinkling with Holy Water

The priest addresses the congregation.

Dear friends let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled upon us as a memorial of our Baptism.

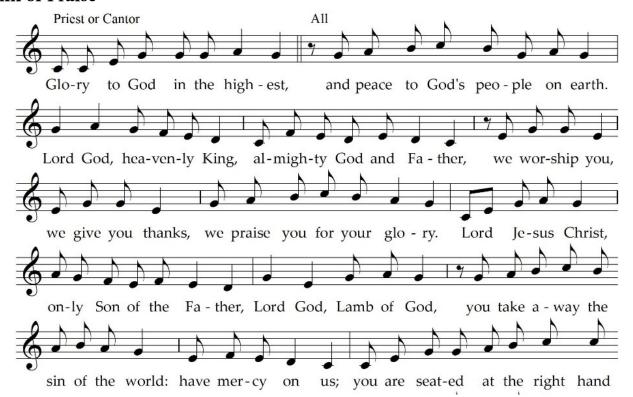
May he graciously renew us, that we may remain faithful to the Spirit whom we have received.

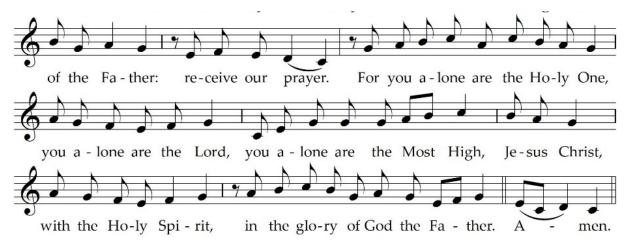
The priest or another minister sprinkles the people with the blessed water, while all sing:



Verses of Psalm 118 may also be sung.

# Hymn of Praise





## Collect

Let us pray.

O God,

whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 1.6–14

The beginning of the Acts of the Apostles.

now and for ever. Amen.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.



The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God;

they shall exult with glad rejoicing.

O sing to God; make music to his name.

The LORD is his name; exult at his presence. R

Father of orphans, defender of widows:

such is God in his holy place.

God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;

he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity. R

You poured down, O God, a generous rain;

when your heritage languished, you restored it.

It was there that your flock began to dwell.

In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor. R

Second Reading 1 Peter 5

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

As an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must be subject to the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Cf. John 14.18

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel John 17.1–11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

▲ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# Homily Profession of Faith

Fr Steven Ogden The Apostles' Creed

Let us profess the faith of our Baptism:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Prayers of the People

The priest may say

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers may conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

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

# **Greeting of Peace**

We are the body of Christ.

God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the preparation of the gifts, a Collection will be taken up.

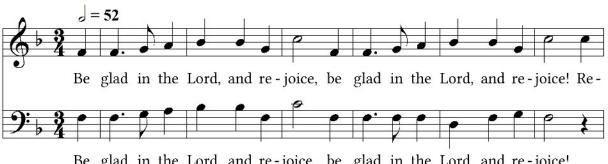
# Offertory Antiphon

Ps 47:6

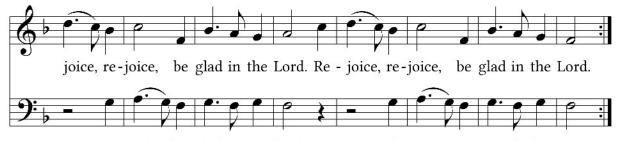
The choir sings:

God has gone up amidst shouts of joy, the Lord to the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.

All sing the chant.



Be glad in the Lord, and re-joice, be glad in the Lord, and re-joice!



Re - joice, be glad in the Lord.

Re - joice, be glad in the Lord.

Russell Pascoe b.1959

# 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

Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same 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.

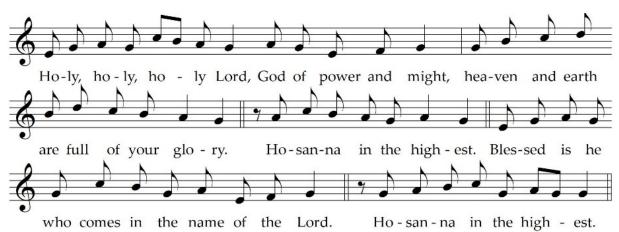
God of majesty, Lord of life and love, Jesus Christ has ascended to heaven, uniting us in the destiny we share.

Today we sing a song for all nations, a new song, the equal music that you promise in your kingdom.

Today we preach the good news, inspired and inspiring, boldly declared, a living witness to our Redeemer.

Today we dance with joy and thanksgiving, a way we find, through neither speech nor language, to realise the Spirit's power.

And so we follow Christ our Light, advancing with all the host of heaven beyond the height of the heavenly powers, and joined by ranks of angels, as we celebrate the wonder of your power:



Lord, you are holy indeed; you enlighten our path with the light of Christ, who has scattered the darkness of heart and mind. Send your Spirit of truth, the Advocate who pleads our cause, that these gifts, which earth has given and human hands have made, may become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ, truly human, truly risen, our companion on the road.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, God of loving-kindness, we gather together, sharing in your passion and resurrection, clothed with the power promised us from on high, our eyes opened in the breaking of the bread.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come a - gain.

God of earth and all creation, Breath of life and Fire of love, increase your gifts of grace within us that we may imitate your compassion and build up the body of Christ.

Give us a constant faith and a firm hope, that we may walk with the disciples as heralds and witnesses of justice and peace, enlightened with the flame of faith and inspired by the life you give to the world.

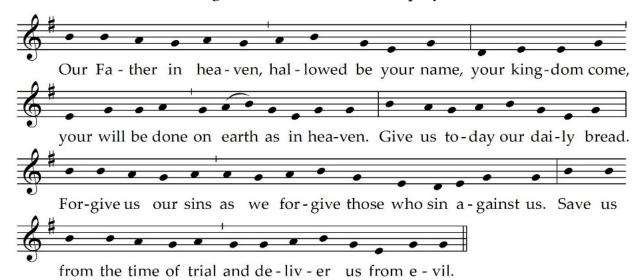
Call us in hope to the glory of heaven, where, with all who praise your name whose records bear witness, and whose art is their prayer, we praise you, many members, one body, in Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

#### THE COMMUNION RITE

# The Lord's Prayer

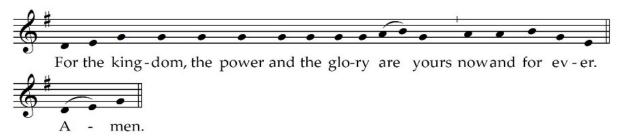
As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



#### The Priest continues alone

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

And all make the prayer their own, singing



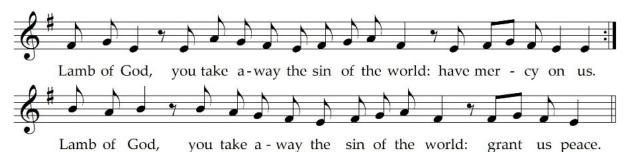
# The Breaking of the Bread

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**

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.

Communicants are asked to approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning to their places via the side aisles.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

# **Act of Spiritual Communion**

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Healing ministry will be offered in the Holy Innocents chapel. Please enter the chapel one at a time. You may wish to record prayer points or remembrances on a piece of paper prior to Mass.

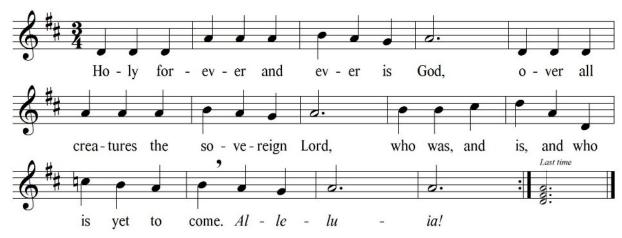
# **Communion Antiphon**

John 17.12, 13, 15

Father, when I was amongst them, I kept those whom you had given me, alleluia; but now I am coming to you; I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but to keep them from evil, alleluia, alleluia.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord. **Amen.** 



- 2 Praise to our Maker and Mover we sing, glory and honour and blessing we bring; all our existence depends on the Lord.

  Alleluia!
- 3 Worthy are you who, by shedding your blood, brought from all nations a people for God. Folk of all races you call to be priests.

  Alleluia!
- 4 Worthy the Lamb who was sentenced and slain! Worthy the Lamb in his rising again! Worthy of power and wisdom and wealth, Alleluia!
- 5 Blessing and honour and glory and might be to the Lamb on the throne, as is right. Let earth and heaven unite to exclaim Alleluia!

John Bell b.1949

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

# **Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May Christ, whose glory fills the heavens, pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ♣ and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

## **Dismissal**

The Priest, deacon or another minister sings



All respond



While Regina cœli is sung, the celebrant and ministers move to the Shrine of Our Lady.

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia! He whom thou was meet to bear, alleluia! As he promised hath arisen, alleluia! Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God,

Who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we pray, that with his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## Fr Steven writes ... Spirituality as Cosmic and Personal

From Monday to Wednesday last week, I attended the annual Clergy Conference. These meetings are sometimes good, sometimes not so good, and I am pleased to report that the meeting this year was of a high calibre, and there was a sense of fellowship between clergy of many different backgrounds and viewpoints that has not always been present.

There were excellent presentations on serious issues including domestic and family violence, as well as an outstanding keynote address from a Brisbane-based clinical psychologist.

Last Sunday, I preached about the spirit, and spirituality, as a dynamic and divine connection, which has personal and cosmic dimensions.

In this context, the Feast of the Ascension, which we celebrate today, is ultimately a mystery of divine connection. All this helps to form the context for developing a fresh understanding of prayer.

Today, I will be preaching on 'The courage to pray', where I will present a modern view of prayer in two stages. First, I will use the prayer of Jesus in John (17:1-26) as a starting point, and then, I will provide five tips for prayer:

- Rhythm
- Wonder
- Questions
- Truth-telling
- And resistance

#### Fr Steven

**Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost**, when we mark the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages.

We will celebrate this great festival with special ceremonies, including the renewal of our baptismal promises. The liturgical colour is red, so please feel free to get out your red party clothes! A special morning tea is planned, with red again featuring prominently!

Bishop Rowan Williams has said, of this feast, "Pentecost is a time for remembering that the Holy Spirit gives the gift of communication – we recognise strangers speaking our own language. We need to take seriously the implications of living in a world made new by Christ, in which we can respond to this miracle of recognition and sharing – and we are reminded of the need to tackle all the varieties of insecurity, poverty and disadvantage that silence people the world over. The challenge is whether we are ready and willing to be part of this process of releasing the voices of the poor so that – like the people in Jerusalem at the first Pentecost – we can hear them talking in our own language about the wonderful works of God."

We will welcome as our **Guest Preacher** Associate Professor Lorna Hallahan. Lorna has been a social worker for over 40 years and in 2005 gained a Doctorate in Theology for her study of disability theory and the Doctrine of Incarnation. She is a member of the Parish of St Chad's Fullarton where she is a lay preacher.

#### COVID-19 - Where are we now?

Parish Council at its meeting on 17 May discussed the reintroduction of the few customs that have been in abeyance during the pandemic. We have decided that effective immediately, we will reintroduce the common cup at the time of Communion, and the physical Greeting of Peace. What does this mean?

• Communion in both kinds. The "Common Cup" is one of the hallmarks of Anglicanism. At the Last Supper, Jesus took one cup and gave it to all of his disciples to drink. There is a powerful challenge in this. We are reminded of the agonising decision that faced Jesus when he was praying before the crucifixion: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want'. (Matthew 26:39) We are also reminded by the one cup that we cannot drink it alone. We drink from a common cup as a strong symbol of unity and our willingness to accept each other. We share our love and lives as we share the cup. The implications for this for fellowship and support in the local church, for relationships between rich and poor in communities and nations, and for justice in our land, and first world and other countries are enormous. The cup of love and unity is unavoidably a cup of sacrifice.

So with immediate effect, the cup will be available to those who wish to partake of it. On Sundays, we will continue to receive Holy Communion one at a time in a single line, with the priest at the centre, and an assistant with the chalice to one side. If you wish to receive in both kinds, simply move to that side and receive. There is no obligation to receive in both kinds, and indeed the church has always taught that Christ is sacramentally (and equally) present under each species (of bread and wine), and therefore if a person receives only one species, Christ is fully present and nothing is lacking.

• The Greeting of Peace. "Passing the peace" is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains ours hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace. From the beginning Christians have exercised this practice. "Peace be with you" is a greeting Jesus himself used with his disciples. Our custom, since the pandemic, has been to refrain from a physical greeting of those outside our immediate families. We feel it is now acceptable to resume the use of a physical gesture.

But remember, the Greeting of Peace is not an interval! There is plenty of time for social chat over hospitality after Mass.

#### **Current Maintenance Matters**

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

#### Mid Winter Dinner, Friday 23 June

A flyer for our **Mid Winter Dinner on Friday 23 June** is available today, as is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

St Mary Magdalene's

# Mid Winter Dinner

# Friday, 23 June 2023 6.30 for *7*.00 pm

St Mary Magdalene's Mission Hall, Moore Street, Adelaide



Join us for a delicious and warming 3 course dinner of soups, roasts and puddings (vegetarian, gluten free and other dietary options available)

# Tickets \$30 or \$20 concession (cash or card)

BYO Drinks



Be ready for surprises and bring cash for a Thelma-style raffle

Bookings essential. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church or email StMMAdelaide.Parish@outlook.com

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

Thursday12 noon Regina Caeli; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)Sunday10 am Sung Mass with children's ministry and choir

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral from Monday to Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am. Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Steven Ogden.

Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

## **Regular Giving and Donations**

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

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#### The Magdalene Centre

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Donations of cash are welcome via <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, 28 May, at 10 am - Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2.1-21 • Psalm 104, 32-35 • 1 Corinthians 1.1-13 • John 20.19-23

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