

# The Patronal Festival

## 23 July 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 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 processional hymn

SINE NOMINE

✠ Let us proceed in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

1 For all the saints who from their labours rest, Who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
3 For Mary Magdalene, who at thy word  
4 For those who shared thine Easter victory,  
thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
First ran with tidings of the risen Lord,  
And, bearing forth thy Cross o'er land and sea,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Al -  
Thou in the darkness drear their one true light.  
O Christ, our Saviour, be thy Name adored.  
Shook all the mighty world, we sing to thee.  
- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### Station at the Font

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and mind;  
cleanse and purify us and all your servants,  
that as we have been reborn in baptism,  
and filled with your life-giving Spirit,  
we may relish what is right  
and always rejoice in your consolation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The font is censed, and the procession resumes.

5 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,  
 6 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 7 The gol - den even - ing bright - ens in the west;

We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;  
 Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph - song,  
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;

Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Al -  
 And hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 — Sweet is the calm of pa - ra - dise the blest.

— le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### Station at the Shrine of St Mary Magdalene

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
 whose Son called Mary Magdalene  
 to be a witness of his resurrection:  
 mercifully grant that by your grace  
 we may be forgiven and healed,  
 and may know you in the power of your Son's risen life;  
 who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The shrine is censed, and the procession resumes.

8 But lo there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; The  
 9 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray:  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

The King of Glo - ry pass - es on his way. Al -  
 Sing - ing Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

— le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

William Walsham How 1823-97  
 with additional verses

## Entrance Antiphon

Ps. 27.7-9

The choir sings

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

## 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

Darke in F

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Silence.

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight  
and bringing our sins to the Lord 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.**

## Hymn of Praise

The choir sings

Darke in F

Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## Collect

Let us pray.

O God, whose Only Begotten Son  
entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others  
with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection,  
grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example  
we may proclaim the living Christ  
and come to see him reigning in your glory.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Song of Solomon 3.1-4

A reading from the book of the Song of Solomon.

Upon my bed at night  
I sought him whom my soul loves;  
I sought him, but found him not;  
I called him, but he gave no answer.  
“I will rise now and go about the city,  
in the streets and in the squares;  
I will seek him whom my soul loves.”  
I sought him, but found him not.  
The sentinels found me,  
as they went about in the city.  
“Have you seen him whom my soul loves?”  
Scarcely had I passed them,  
when I found him whom my soul loves.  
I held him, and would not let him go  
until I brought him into my mother’s house,  
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.  
For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 63

- O GOD thou art my God :  
early will I seek thee.
- 2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee :  
in a barren and dry land where no water is.
- 3 Thus have I looked for thee in holiness :  
that I might behold thy power and glory.
- 4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself :  
my lips shall praise thee.
- 5 As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner :  
and lift up my hands in thy Name.
- 6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness :  
when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.
- 7 Have I not remembered thee in my bed :  
and thought upon thee when I was waking?
- 8 Because thou hast been my helper :  
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
- 9 My soul hangeth upon thee :  
thy right hand hath upholden me.

Chant by Percy Whitlock 1903-46

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5.14-17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

For the word of the Lord,

**thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Cf Victimae Paschali

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way?

“I saw the tomb of the living Christ and the glory of his rising.”

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 20.1-2, 11-18

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said

to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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**

Psalm 63.2, 5

*The choir sings*

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you; for you my soul is thirsting.  
I will bless you all my life; in your name I will lift up my hands.

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

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al-le - lu - ia, al-le -

lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**Sing, Christians, sing with joyful voice,**

**In Christ our risen Lamb rejoice,**

**Alleluia, Alleluya!**

**For Jesus Christ, our light, our sun,**

**Our peace at last with God has won:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluya!**

- 2 **Speak, Mary Magdalene, and say  
What have you seen upon the way?  
Alleluia, Alleluya!**  
“I saw the grave, and there adored  
The glory of the risen Lord”:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluya!
- 3 “Within the grave on either hand  
I saw a white-robed angel stand;  
Alleluia, Alleluya!  
My Saviour Christ, my hope, my stay,  
Has risen from the tomb today”:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluya!
- 4 **We know for certain, truth to tell,  
That Christ arose from death and hell;  
Alleluia, Alleluya!**  
And as this joyful news we sing,  
We share your risen life, our King:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluya!

G.R. Woodward 1848-1934 adapt.  
Based on the Easter Sequence Victimae Paschali

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**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
grant that by the mystery of your body and blood  
we may watch at your cross,  
weep at your tomb  
and witness to your resurrection;  
for you are alive and reign,  
now and for ever. **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 just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
to glorify you in all things, almighty Father,  
whose mercy is not less than your power,  
through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostle of the Apostles



He appeared in the garden  
and revealed himself to Mary Magdalene,  
who had loved him in life,  
witnessed him dying on the Cross,  
sought him as he lay in the tomb,  
and was the first to adore him, newly risen from the dead.  
He honoured her with the office  
of being an apostle to the Apostles,  
so that the good news of new life  
might reach the ends of the earth.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

*The choir sings*

Darke in F

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The priest continues*

Lord, you are holy indeed,  
and all creation rightly gives you praise.  
All life, all holiness comes from you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by the working of the Holy Spirit.  
From age to age you gather a people to yourself,  
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting  
a pure offering may be made  
to the glory of your name.

And so, Lord God, we humbly pray:  
by the power of your Spirit sanctify these gifts  
we have brought before you,  
that they may become the body and blood  
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

On the night he was handed over to death,  
he took bread and gave you thanks and praise;  
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.

When supper was ended, he took the cup;  
again he gave you thanks and praise,  
gave the cup to his disciples, and 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

*The choir sings*

Darke in F (arr.)

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

*The priest continues*

Calling to mind, Lord God,  
the death your Son endured for our salvation,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven,  
and eagerly awaiting the day of his return,  
we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Grant that we who are nourished by the body and blood of your Son  
may be filled with his Holy Spirit  
and become one body, one spirit in Christ.

Let him make us an everlasting gift to you,  
that we may share in the inheritance of your saints,  
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,  
with the apostles, the martyrs,  
Saint Mary Magdalene, and all your saints,  
on whose constant intercession we rely for help.

Lord, may this sacrifice  
which has made our peace with you  
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.  
Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth:  
your servant our Primate and Bishop Geoffrey,  
all bishops, priests, and deacons,  
all ministers of your Church,  
and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Merciful Father,  
hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you,  
and unite to yourself all your children  
now scattered over the face of the earth.

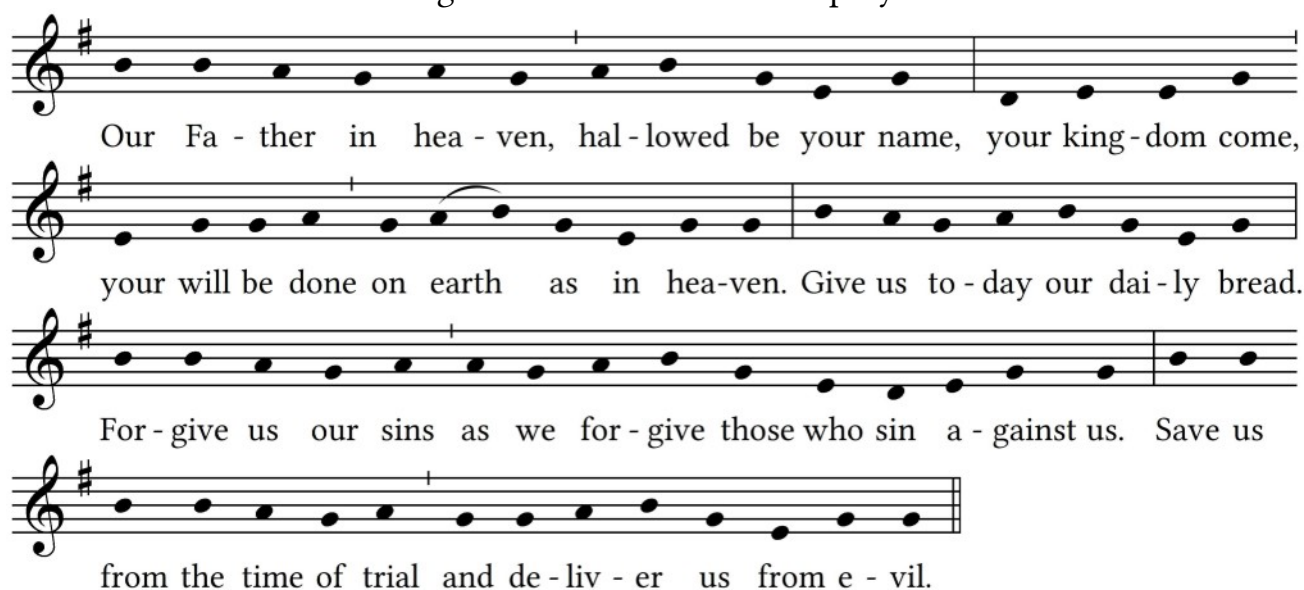
Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters  
and all who have left this world in your friendship.  
We hope to enjoy with them your everlasting glory,  
through Christ our Lord,  
through whom you give the world everything that is good.

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

## THE COMMUNION RITE

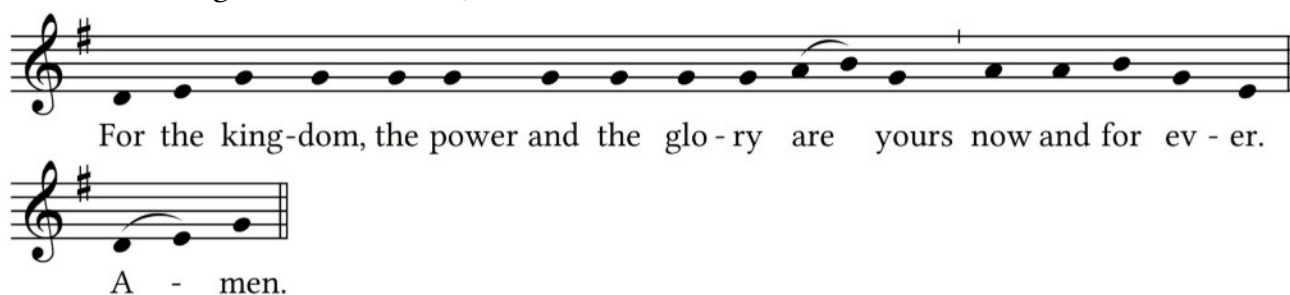
### The Lord's Prayer

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 by the choir

Darke in F

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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, or a blessing, as they prefer. Please approach in single file, returning via the side aisles.

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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.

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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:

Maria Magdalena et altera Maria  
ibant diluculo ad monumentum.

Jesum quem quaeritis non est hic:  
surrexit sicut locutus est.  
Praecedet vos in Galilaeam,  
ibi eum videbitis. Alleluia.

*Mary Magdalene and the other Mary  
went to the tomb at break of day.*

[And an angel said to them:]  
*Jesus, whom you seek, is not here:  
he is risen, just as he said.  
He goes before you into Galilee,  
where you will see him. Alleluia.*

Matthew 28: 1, 5-7

Andrea Gabrieli (c.1510-1586)  
*Ecclesiasticarum cantionum*, 1576

### Communion Antiphon

John 20.18

The choir sings

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples: "I have seen the Lord."

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of life and love,  
whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name  
and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles:  
in your mercy, help us,  
who have been united with him in this eucharist,  
to proclaim the good news that he is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**



- 1 **Apostle of the Word  
of resurrection grace,  
her ears that voice had heard;  
her eyes had seen his face,  
whose risen power within her heart  
bade grief depart one shining hour.**
- 2 **Now in her life was born  
a new and glorious faith,  
when on that Easter morn  
the vanquisher of death  
but spoke her name and found in her  
a messenger with heart aflame.**
- 3 **For doubt of Mary's tale,  
they all but failed to hear.  
O God, in us prevail to make  
your Gospel clear,  
that never may our hearts refuse  
but ever choose your living way.**

Rosemary Anne Benwell SSJD 1915-2001

## Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God give you grace  
to follow Mary Magdalene and all the saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
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.**

## THANK YOU ...

As we celebrate our patron, Mary Magdalene, in 2023, our thanks to all those who have helped to make this weekend a great celebration. Thanks to all those who contributed to the Mary Mags Dinner last night – as cooks, as volunteers on the night, and with donations of money and gifts for the guests at the dinner. Thanks to all those who are making a special effort today, especially our musicians, who have prepared a Mass setting by the 20th century English composer Harold Darke, and other special music. Thanks also to guest organist Alistair Knight.

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## FR STEVEN WRITES ... A VERY SPECIAL VESTRY

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Special Vestry Meeting on 9 July. Thanks, once again, to our wonderful catering and cleaning-up team. If you were not able to be there, there is still a chance to join in.

At the Special Vestry, we began to develop our parish's theology, where theology is about our shared reflections on life and faith. It is important to do this for its intrinsic worth, but it will also help in the future with planning and priorities.

In technical terms, we are developing an ecclesiology. Ecclesiology is a theology about what it means to be a church. It comes from the word *ekklesia*, which means *assembly*, and it is derived from ancient Greek democratic gatherings in the public square. The apostle Paul uses the term as a way of describing the church, where *church* means an open assembly rather than a building (see, for example, Paul's Letter to the Galatians).

Our theology encompasses our experience and our questions, as well as Scripture, tradition, and reason. In the spirit of Rahner's notion that God works from the inside out, we began on Sunday by sharing our values and our passions. Specifically, I was asking about our core values. Here are the key ideas/themes from Sunday:

- Acceptance, an open space, a multi-space, welcoming, learning, sacramentality, inclusion, questioning, clarity, service, volunteering, reflection, advocacy, challenging, witnessing, mystery, divine other, liturgy, music, arts, past-present, capacity to make public statements.

Copies of the Minutes of the Meeting (which have been approved by Parish Council on the Vestry's behalf) are available at the back of the church. From these I have distilled the ideas/themes brought up the meeting in a format (below) we can work build on. I am also inviting you to reflect on this, passing on to me your questions, comments, and suggestions as this is a living document. I have added some theological commentary:

- St Mary Magdalene's is a welcoming and inclusive Anglican faith community. We follow Jesus, the human one, who worked and died for others in the name of love. His humanity, compassion, and courage shape our faith and practice.
- As a faith community, we are part of a (holy) open space. This is a space for learning, sharing, growing, caring, grieving, and celebrating. We are committed to a life of care, generous service in the church and the wider community. This care is grounded in a commitment to love, social justice, challenging injustice, and advocacy in the public square.
- We are grounded in the life of divine mystery, the divine other, which is disclosed to us in the life of Jesus, and his friends from Galilee. We know and celebrate this mystery in daily life, in friendship and in solitude, in our liturgies, our music, and the arts. All this represents, what we call our sacramental view of life, which is honoured in our sharing of bread and wine.

Please let me know what you think.

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## **370L FRIDGE TO GIVE AWAY**

We have been tidying up the storage areas in the Mission Hall, and have identified a 370L Westinghouse fridge as being surplus to requirements. The fridge is approximately 10 years old, and is in good working order, but has had little use for some years. It is yours to have FREE – the only requirement being that you arrange for the collection! If you or someone you know is interested, please speak to the Wardens.

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## **JULY SERMON SERIES: “The human one: On hope and the practice of love”**

What is our ground for hope? It is the practice of love. By love, I am talking about something powerful yet gentle, inclusive, and generous. This love builds community and works for justice in the world. During July, Fr Steven will preach on this theme. The titles of his five reflections are:

- 2 July Welcoming the marginal
- 9 July Queering the church
- 16 July Subverting ageism
- 23 July Mary Magdalene, feminist
- 30 July Irrepressible hope

We first set the context in “Welcoming the Marginal”. Jesus, the human one, with his friends from Galilee, represented a resistance movement inspired by love. Secondly, in “Queering the Church” we considered the need to welcome the stranger, and embrace the outsider, who may well have a prophetic perspective we need to hear. The third week, “Subverting Ageism”, likewise considered entrenched and implicit systems of discrimination, and the importance of adequate movements of resistance to oppose them.

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## **“THE CONVERSATION” DISCUSSION GROUP**

The Conversation is a discussion group running during July and early August, where the group’s questions and aspirations set the agenda. It is based on adult-learning principles, with theological and biblical input from Fr Steven.

In the first week, we canvassed a range of issues, focusing on the complexity of human experience, the nature of suffering, and our shared humanity. From this, we came up with discussion points for the each week. Those for the remaining two weeks are:

### **July 27**

What about the Church? In the fourth century, under Constantine, it became “institutionalized” amplifying problems of power and politics in the church. How do we live creatively with our institution? The importance of church as an *ekklesia* (an open space). How do we relate to other denominations? Other faiths?

### **August 3**

An exploration of mystery. The importance of “Aha!” experiences. What is holiness then? Understanding the limits of monotheism? New concepts: *an-arche* and *aleph*. Understanding the Trinity as symbol and story. What about love, forgiveness, and new beginnings?

**Thursday mornings at 10 in the Mission Hall. All welcome.**

## SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

**Thursday** 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)

**Sunday** 10 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.

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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.

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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

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, 30 July, at 10 am - The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 29.15-28 • Psalm 105.1-11 • Romans 8.26-39 • Matthew 13.44-58

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### 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), Robert Whalley (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Mark, Nance, Neil, Elaine, Edward, Neil, Hugh, Bart O'Donovan (priest) and Prue O'Donovan (Priest).

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died recently, especially Jennifer Wilson, Jane Wilson, and James King, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*