# The 4th Sunday of Easter 30 April 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.

ST PETERSBURG



Come, let us with our Lord arise,
Our Lord, who made both earth and skies;
Who died to save the world he made,
And rose triumphant from the dead;
He rose, the prince of life and peace,
And stamped the day for ever his.

- 2 This is the day the Lord has made, That all may see his love displayed, May feel his resurrection's power, And rise again to fall no more, In perfect righteousness renewed, And filled with all the life of God.
- 3 Then let us render him his own,
  With solemn prayer approach the throne,
  With meekness hear the gospel word,
  With thanks his dying love record;
  Our joyful hearts and voices raise,
  And fill his courts with songs of praise.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

## **Entrance Antiphon**

Ps 33.5-6

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, 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.

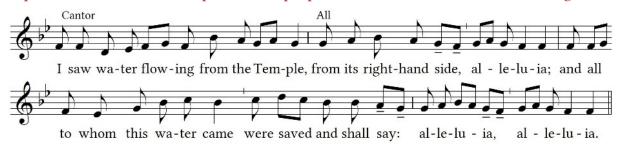
## Sprinkling with Holy Water

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.

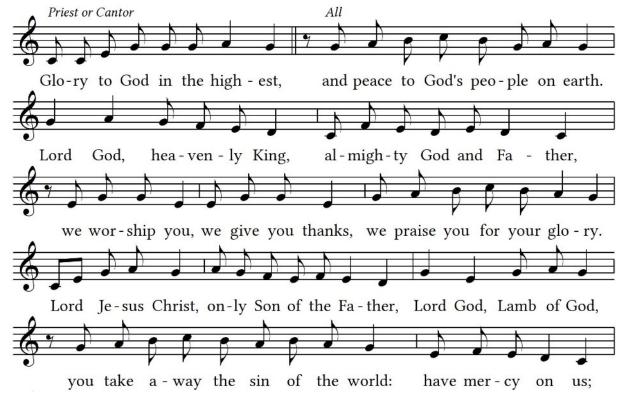
May he graciously renew us, that we may remain faithful to the Spirit whom we have received.

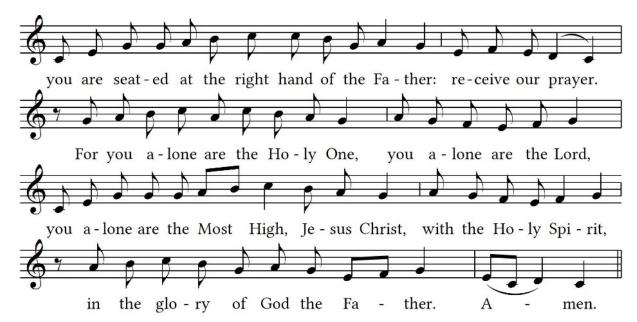
The priest or another minister sprinkles the people with the blessed water, while all sing:



Verses of Psalm 118 may also be sung.

## Hymn of Praise





## Collect

Let us pray.

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep: send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 2.42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

For the word of the Lord.

thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me, against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me, all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2.1–10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved: Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honour, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

and

"A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

John 10.14

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel John 10.1–10

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 said to the Pharisees: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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, the chant is sung, and a Collection will be taken up.



Praise the Lord, all nations!

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 loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen.** 

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

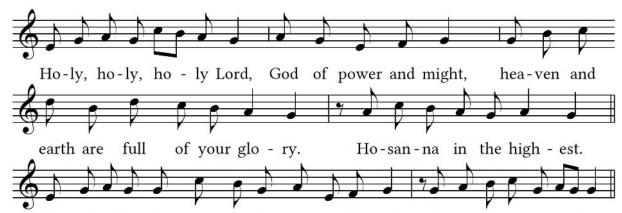
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## It is right to give our thanks and praise.

True and living God, the source of life for all creation, you have made us in your own image.
Always and everywhere we give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Because in his victory over death a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and we are once again made whole.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise your glorious name:



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

Blessed are you, almighty God, because on the night he was betrayed the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said, Drink this, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:



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

Therefore, loving God, recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son once for all upon the cross and the triumph of his resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

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

#### THE COMMUNION RITE

## The Lord's Prayer

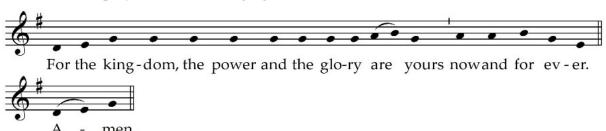
As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



#### 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

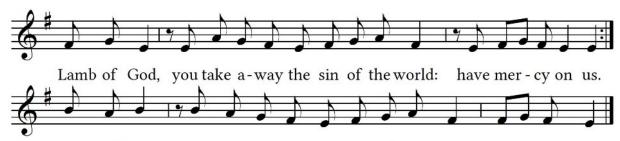
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace.

### **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.

Communion will be administered in one kind only. 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**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for the sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.** 

## **Postcommunion Hymn**

**DUNEDIN** 



Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring; Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.
- 3 In every insult, rift and war, where colour, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Brian Wren b.1936

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; 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.** 

#### MUSIC MATTERS ... AND MATTERS MUSICAL

Fr Steven writes ...

Later this year, it would be good for us as a parish to re-articulate our shared vision. Of course, this is about our mission. This "vision statement" will help us focus on key issues – and remind us that we can't do everything. Moreover, it allows us to build on the existing links we have with our growing network. In all this, music plays a vital role. Music is important for spiritual and aesthetic reasons. And it has a critical role in our mission as a progressive community in the anglocatholic tradition.

After some 40 years of devoted service, our director of music and organist, Chris Bright, has indicated that he wishes to move towards retirement from this ministry. To this end, we have agreed a transition period.

Basically, we see three stages. Chris has remained in post until today, and we will celebrate his dedication and contribution after Mass. Secondly, we will then enter an interim period of some months with 'temporary' or 'locum' organists, with music selection and rehearsal to be managed by some of the other musicians within the parish – how blessed are are to have a number of accomplished church musicians within our community. Third, and hopefully, a permanent appointment, which may well take three to six months. There is no rush. This last phase is about fitting in with our vision. It will include careful consideration of our finances. And it is about getting the right person.

Chris plans to remain a part of our community, and his "retirement" will not be complete! He will continue to be available to lend an occasional hand (and feet!) to our musical offerings.

#### **ADULT FAITH LEARNING - A COURSE IN MAY**

In May, Fr Steven will offer a course entitled I Met God In Bermuda – Lived experience and the art of theological reflection. The course will be delivered in-person in the Mission Hall on Thursdays at 10 am from 4 May to 8 June. A registration sheet is available for those who are interested.

Fr Steven writes ... In troubled times, we need hope for the future and wisdom for daily living. To this end, theological reflection can play an important role in the discernment of wisdom and hope.

In fact, many of us have theological skills we are not aware of. To this end, I will be facilitating a sixweek course. Our text will be a book I wrote years ago called I Met God in Bermuda. The book is a mix of anecdote and theological insights. It is available via ebay.com.au and amazon.com.au. If you have trouble sourcing a copy, please let me know and we will see what can be arranged.

**This course** <u>is</u> **for the brave-hearted**. And the aim of the course is to increase participants confidence, knowledge, and skills in the discernment of wisdom for the day.

#### 650TH ANNIVERSARY OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Julian of Norwich has become England's most widely known female visionary. In May 1373, when she was thirty years old, she experienced a series of sixteen visions or 'shewings' which revealed aspects of the love of God. Following her recovery, she spent the rest of her life pondering their meaning and implications and recording her insights in writing. Her *Revelations of Divine Love* is a spiritual classic, known and loved by millions, and a guide to many in the way of faith, hope and love. Devotion to Julian has steadily increased over the years, and here in Adelaide we have long had the presence of the Julian Centre, under Fr Philip's direction. We will commemorate this truly remarkable woman during Mass next Sunday, giving thanks for the 650th anniversary of the 'shewings' which Julian received, and for her spiritual teaching and holy wisdom.

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

The ongoing impact of COVID-19 in the community has been considered by the Parish Council, which has agreed that we will continue to take a conservative approach for the time being, and to encourage precautions including Distancing, Ventilation and Facemasks: **DVM** for short. Distancing means maintaining a sensible distance of 1.5 metres between individuals or family groups; Ventilation means leaving some doors and/or windows open to allow a flow of air—and we have air conditioning, in case of extreme weather!—and Facemasks are obvious.

That being said, it has been decided that the time has come to reintroduce some customs that have been in abeyance.

- The foot-washing was restored to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. On this occasion it was a token celebration, with two worshippers participating: next year we hope to restore it fully. Likewise the physical Veneration of the Cross was available on Good Friday.
- The Sprinkling of Holy Water (often called the Asperges, or in Easter time, Vidi Aquam) will now return to the Sunday Mass. During Easter time, the ceremony replaces the Confession and Absolution, as a reminder of the sanctifying power of baptism and its special association with Easter. During the remainder of the year, it occurs as part of the regular prayers of penitence at the beginning of Mass.
- The Gospel procession, in which the Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the congregation, has been restored.
- We are again taking up a Collection at the Offertory. Even though most of our community now supports the church by electronic transfer, there are some who do not, some who use envelopes, and of course visitors to the church find themselves uncertain about what do to.

We continue to review the few remaining actions which we have voluntarily chosen to forego during the pandemic. In particular, we are mindful of the desire on the part of some to reintroduce Communion in both kinds, both bread and wine, and will be looking closely at this during Easter time.

## ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION AUSTRALIA - LENT AND EASTER APPEALS - ENVELOPES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

The Anglican Board of Mission runs appeals throughout the year, but its two longest-standing appeals have been the Lent and Good Friday Appeal, and the Easter Gift. Donations to the Lent and Good Friday Appeal in 2023 will help to bring God's good news to vulnerable women, youth, and children in the Diocese of Jerusalem via the outreach of the Ahli Hospital in Gaza and a new youth empowerment project.

The Ahli Hospital, supported by the **Lent Appeal**, counts among its many patients some of the most marginalised communities in Gaza. It offers child nutrition programs to address malnutrition, especially in those families where no one is employed, and the housing is totally inadequate. Many of these families are unable to meet even the most basic demands. They are completely reliant on United Nations food assistance, which is insufficient because they also require medicine and cash to purchase other necessities.

The free nutrition program that Ahli Arab Hospital has implemented provides impoverished families with the necessary medications, vitamins, and biscuits that supported the recovery of children from malnutrition, and provide training in health and nutrition for adults not only from among their patients but in their wider circles of family and friends. A "community mobiliser" visits twice a month, correcting misconceptions and wrong health behaviours, and improving communication skills, and gender and protection concepts. The knowledge and skills imparted by this grass-roots program is positively impacting the lives of some of Jerusalem's poorest people.

The **Good Friday Gift** this year will support the training of young Palestinian Anglicans to gain greater knowledge of their cultural heritage and to strengthen their leadership skills. At a time when more than one third of Palestinian youth desire to leave their homeland and emigrate overseas, this training aims to strengthen the young people's attachment to their land and culture. The training targets three different age-groups via workshops, cultural visits, and a children's camp.

As part of this program, a group of young people from the diocese visited the Church Synagogue in Nazareth where Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah and proclaimed his good news for the poor. This was the good news which included "release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18).

The **Easter Gift** this year will support both the Meriba Maygi Zageth Anglican Council and the work of new Melanesian Brothers in the Torres Strait.

The "Coming of the Light" is a celebration of the Gospel in Australia and the contribution of Torres Strait Islander people, culture and spirituality to the wider church and society. In 2021, which marked the 150th anniversary of the Coming of the Light to the Torres Strait, the Diocese of North Queensland moved to establish a Torres Strait Islander ministry council to give autonomy over local church matters to Torres Strait Islander Anglicans. This council is known as the Meriba Maygi Zageth Anglican Council. "Meriba" means "Our" in the language of the Eastern Torres Strait Islands, and "Maygi Zageth" means "Holy Work" in the languages of the Central and Western Torres Strait Islands. Hence the name means "Our Holy Work" and is inclusive of language groups. The council is still in its early stages of establishment, with members coming together from across the Torres Strait to determine priorities and plans for their collective work.

Churches and wider communities in the Torres Strait have been encouraged by the reestablishment of a Melanesian Brothers household on Thursday Island. Brothers come from Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands to carry out their mission at the invitation of churches and communities across the Torres Strait and Cape York Peninsula.

#### **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. Note that Fr Steven is on leave until 26 April. Please direct any inquiries to the Wardens

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### Next Sunday, 7 May, at 10 am - The 5th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7.55-60 • Psalm 31.1-5, 17-18 • 1 Peter 2.11-25 • John 14.1-14

### **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.