

# The Feast of the Holy Family

## 31 December 2023

St Mary Magdalene's  
Anglican Church

Founded 1886

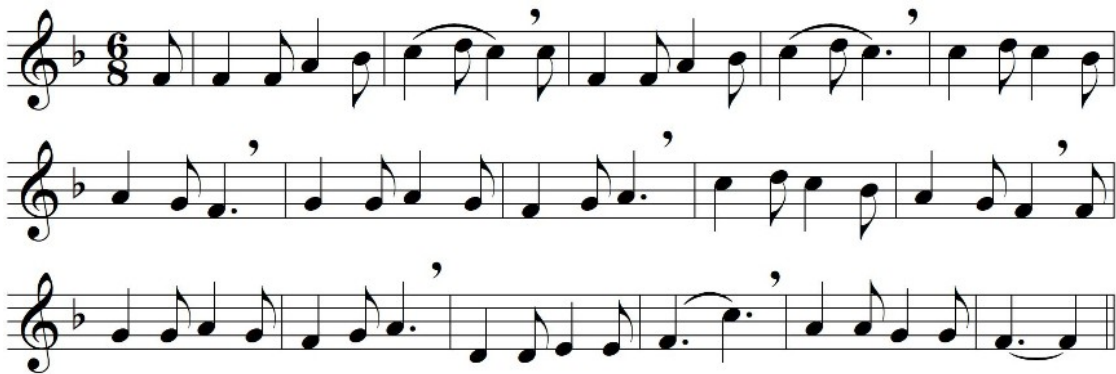


**Acknowledgement of Country.** As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude 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.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn

IN DULCI JUBILO



**Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now give heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today,  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.**

**Christ is born today;  
Christ is born today.**

**2 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now you hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this.  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest for evermore.**

**Christ was born for this;  
Christ was born for this.**

**3 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now you need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save,  
calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.**

**Christ was born to save;  
Christ was born to save.**

John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt.

## Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 68.34, 35

The choir sings

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies.  
Awesome is God in his sanctuary; he gives power and strength to his people.

## 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 priest, deacon, or another minister says

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Silence

As we celebrate the mystery of God with us,  
let us remember that our Saviour  
is rich in mercy and great in kindness.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**And grant us your salvation.**

The priest says:

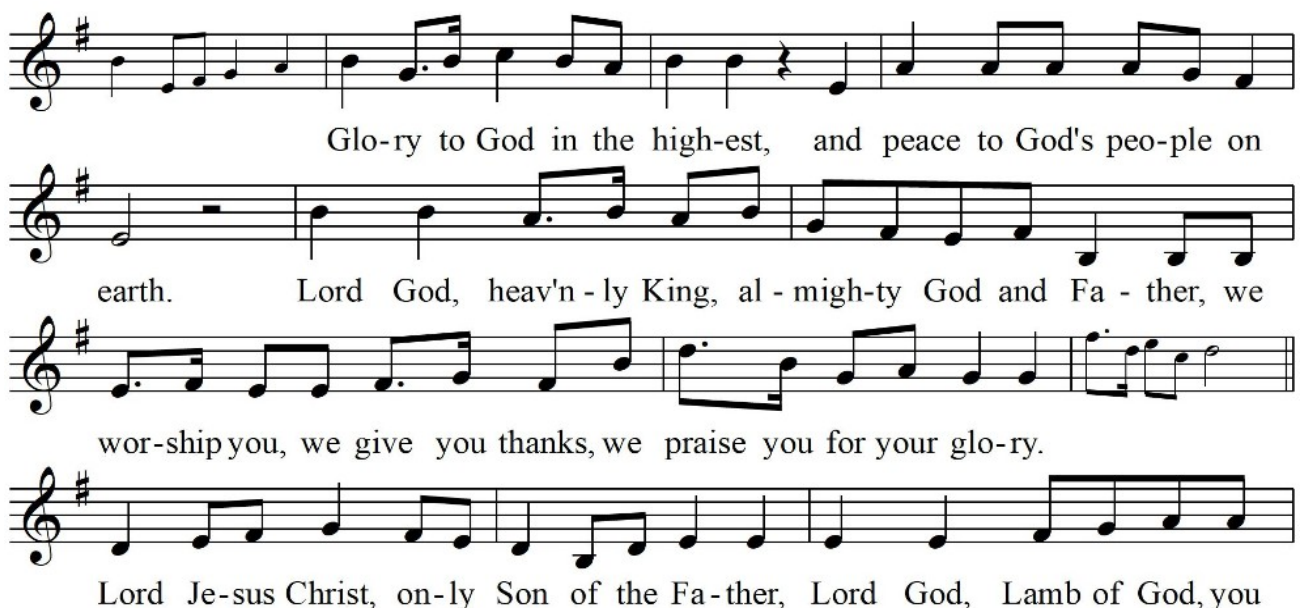
May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The choir sings


Mass for 3 voices (William Byrd)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

## Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone  
 are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect

Let us pray.

Saving God,  
 whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple  
 and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations:  
 grant that in him we may be presented to you  
 and in the world may reflect his glory;  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said:

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
 my whole being shall exult in my God,  
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
 as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland  
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots  
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
 so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
 to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
 until her vindication shines out like the dawn  
 and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

### **From Psalm 148**

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:  
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:  
O praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon:  
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heaven:  
and you waters that are above the heavens.
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:  
princes, and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens:  
old folk and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for his name alone is exalted.
- 14 His glory is above earth and heaven:  
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.

### **Second Reading**

Galatians 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Hebrews 1.1-2

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

At various times in the past and in various different ways,  
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;  
but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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 31.15, 16

The choir sings

In you have I put my trust, O Lord; You are my God, my destiny is in your hands.

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

Round

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri a, - in - ex cel - sis - De o, -

glo - ri a, - glo - ri a, glo ri a, glo ri a.

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 light,  
in the birth of your Son we see your glory.  
May we who share in this mystery  
grow daily in your love.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 him thanks and praise.**

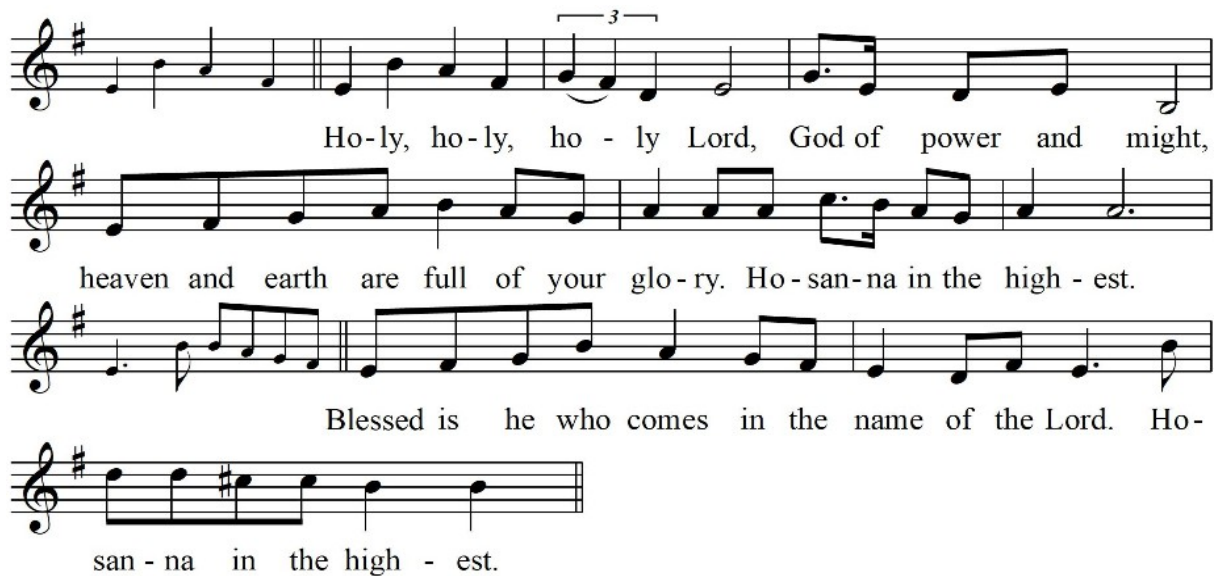
It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe

You created light out of darkness  
and brought forth life on the earth.  
You formed us in your image  
and called us to love and serve you.  
When we were unfaithful  
and turned from your ways,  
you did not forsake us,  
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,  
made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and sent prophets to call us back to your way.

In the fullness of time  
you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.  
In him, your Word, dwelling with you from all eternity,  
became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth,  
and we beheld your glory,  
Immanuel!

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the celestial choirs  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
Born in humility, he came to rule over all.  
Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love.  
Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace.  
Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him.  
In his dying and rising,  
you gave birth to your church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus,  
on the night before he died,  
took bread,  
and after giving thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat.  
This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.



In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,  
we take from your creation this bread and this wine  
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising  
as we await the day of his coming.  
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you  
to be a living and holy sacrifice,  
dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break  
and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
that we may be one with all who share this feast,  
united in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

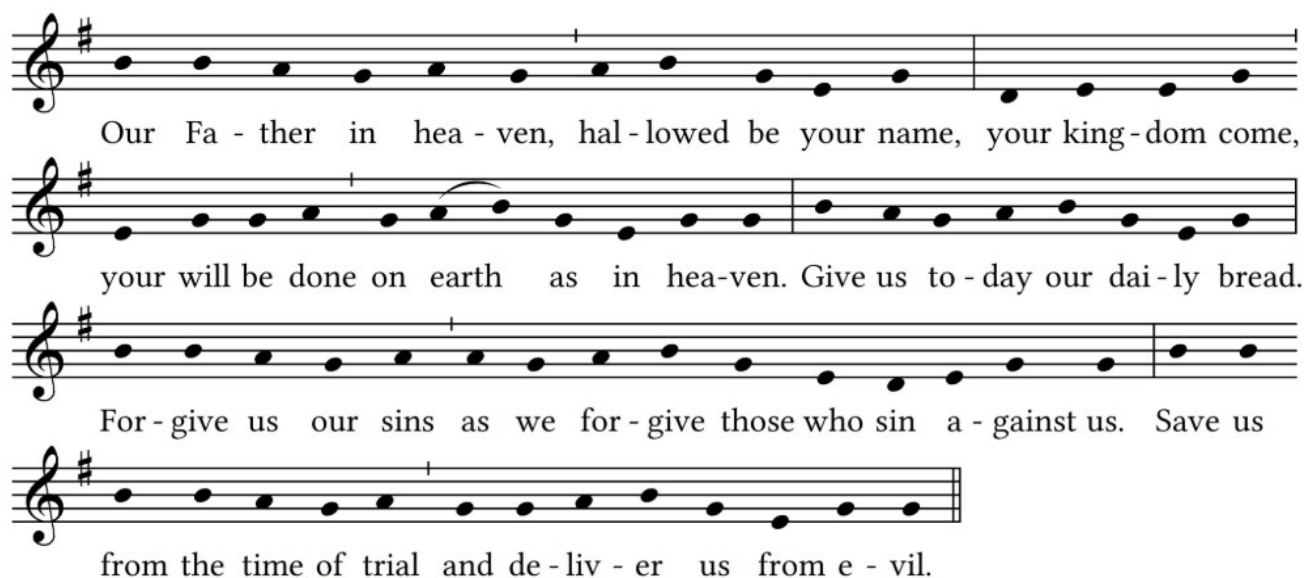
Empower us by your Spirit, O God,  
to be Christ's presence in the world  
even as Jesus was God-with-us.  
Give us courage  
to speak his truth,  
to seek his justice,  
and to love with his love.  
Keep us faithful in your service  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we shall feast with all your saints  
in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

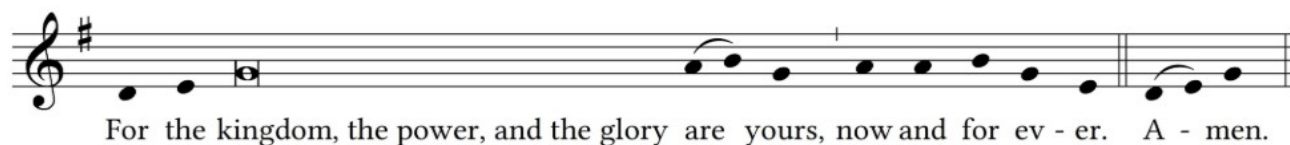
### The Lord's Prayer

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.



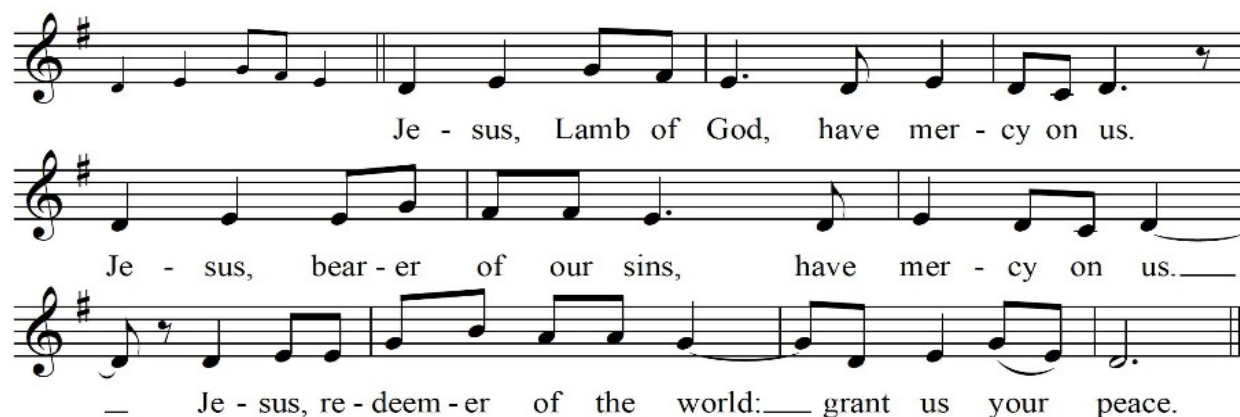
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

### The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us. —  
— Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: — grant us your peace.

## Invitation to Communion

The priest says

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All receive Holy Communion, 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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During Communion, the choir sings carols.

### Communion Antiphon

Psalm 98.4

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Source of truth and joy,  
may we who have received the gift of divine life  
always follow the way of your Son.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.

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**Now Lord, let your servant  
Leave this place in peace:  
For your word has taught us –  
Love will never cease.**

**2 Eyes with wonder seeing  
In this moment's rite,  
Israel's promised glory,  
Every nation's light.**

**3 Holy people waiting  
For Christ's light to shine:  
Temple prayers now answered –  
Jesus is God's sign.**

4 **Sign and Son and saviour  
Held in Mary's arms:  
Promise for all peoples  
Sung in Israel's psalms.**

Neil Thompson b.1966 *alt.*

### **Solemn Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;  
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.**

## **FR STEVEN WRITES ... A Happy and Holy Christmas**

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our Advent and Christmas services memorable. Thanks to our readers, cleaners, servers, and morning tea helpers. A special thank you to Alison McAllister and our choir, who presented wonderful, reverential, and moving music throughout this time. Thanks to our liturgical wonder Peter Burdon, for all the preparation he does behind the scenes.

Of course, Christmas is a difficult and painful time for many people. So, in the name of the poor Christ, the broken Christ, and the compassionate Christ, let us continue keep the suffering ones in our prayers, and offer practical gestures of kindness and goodwill, whenever and wherever we can. Let us continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land and a renewed spirit of reconciliation. Let us pray for our Christian, Jewish, and Islamic kin. As we are all children of Abraham, and, at heart, our three traditions are about compassion, justice, and hospitality to the stranger.

Let us continue to pray for the Ukraine. Let us pray for our indigenous sisters and brothers. Let us pray for the healing and cleansing of the earth.

In all this, I hope you can find time and space to experience the divine mystery that sustains the universe, and fill ours lives with hope.

Every blessing

Steven



**Share God's love through the Christmas Bowl**

Thank you for joining with churches across Australia as we share God's love through the Christmas Bowl.

Since 1949, the Christmas Bowl has brought together committed Australian Christians with dedicated local partners around the world to give hope to people uprooted by conflict and disaster. By sharing this tradition, you are helping build a world where all people have a safe place to belong. **Thank you.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au](https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au)**

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### THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Luke portrays Jesus as born into a family carefully observant of the Law, a simple family and not well endowed, so not able to offer a sheep but just two birds as the Law allowed (Lev 12:8). Their devotion, however, went beyond strict observance. For Luke places them at the centre of Israel's aspirations. Like Zechariah and Mary in the previous chapter, both Simeon and Anna also longed for the "consolation of Israel" (2:25), the "liberation of Jerusalem" (2:38). Hope runs like a golden thread through Luke's two volumes. Joseph of Arimathea was "waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God" (23:51); and the disciples ask the risen Jesus: "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). Luke appears to have envisaged the coming of Jesus as Messiah to reign in Jerusalem at the end of time and so has him say to the Jerusalem crowd, that when they see history's predicted disasters they should look for him to appear: "stand up and raise your heads, because your liberation is drawing near" (21:28). Images of hope varied greatly, as did images of who the Messiah might be and what he might do, but common to all was the vision of justice and peace, good news for the poor, which remains our hope and agenda, not just for Jerusalem and Israel, but for all peoples, indeed "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (2:32; Isaiah 49:6). The Christmas Bowl is one effective way to fulfil that agenda. .

### HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT

**Envelopes** for giving by cash or cheque are available at the back of the church. If you wish to claim a tax deduction for this donation, please complete the relevant portions of the envelope.

You can also **give electronically** via <https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate> At the bottom of the page, please start typing "St Mary Magdalene" in the "Or donate through your church" box then select "Adelaide St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Parish". You will then be taken to pages where you can enter the amount of your donation and your details for your tax deductible receipt.

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## 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

From Christmas to the end of January, Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday and 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, 7 January, at 10 am - The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 • Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14 • Ephesians 3.1-12 • Matthew 2.1-12

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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), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Nance, Neil, Elaine, 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, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.