

The Epiphany of the Lord

7 January 2024

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 Kurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kurna 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

WAS LEBET



**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

- 2 **Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**
- 3 **Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**
- 4 **These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**
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J. S. B. Monsell 1811-75

Cf. Malachi 3.1, 1 Chronicles 29.12

Entrance Antiphon

The choir sings

Riches and honour come from you, O Lord, and you rule over all.
In your hand are power and might,
and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

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

Missa O magnum mysterium (Victoria)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Priest or Cantor

All

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-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.

Lord God of the nations,
 we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour:
 may the brightness of your incarnate Word
 pierce the night that covers the earth,
 signal the dawn of justice and peace,
 and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 in the splendour of eternal light,
 God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
 and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
 For darkness shall cover the earth,
 and thick darkness the peoples;
 but the LORD will arise upon you,
 and his glory will appear over you.
 Nations shall come to your light,
 and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
 they all gather together, they come to you;
 your sons shall come from far away,
 and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
 Then you shall see and be radiant;
 your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
 because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
 the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From Psalm 72

Chant: Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

- 1 Give the King thy judgments, O God,
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
- 2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right,
and shall defend the poor.
- 6 He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass,
even as the drops that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents;
the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall down before him;
all nations shall do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth;
the needy also, and him that hath no helper.
- 13 He shall be favourable to the simple and needy,
and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3.1-12

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2.2

Alleluia.

We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2.1-12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage. When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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 72.10-11

The choir sings

The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall offer presents; the kings of the Arabians and of Sheba shall bring gifts; all the kings of the earth shall adore him, all nations shall serve him.

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

The top line is sung throughout. The bottom line may be added as the singing proceeds.

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glo-ry of the Lord has dawned up-on you. A -

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glo-ry of the Lord has dawned up-on you. A -

Ruth Cunningham (2007)

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

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,

and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Day and night celebrate your glory

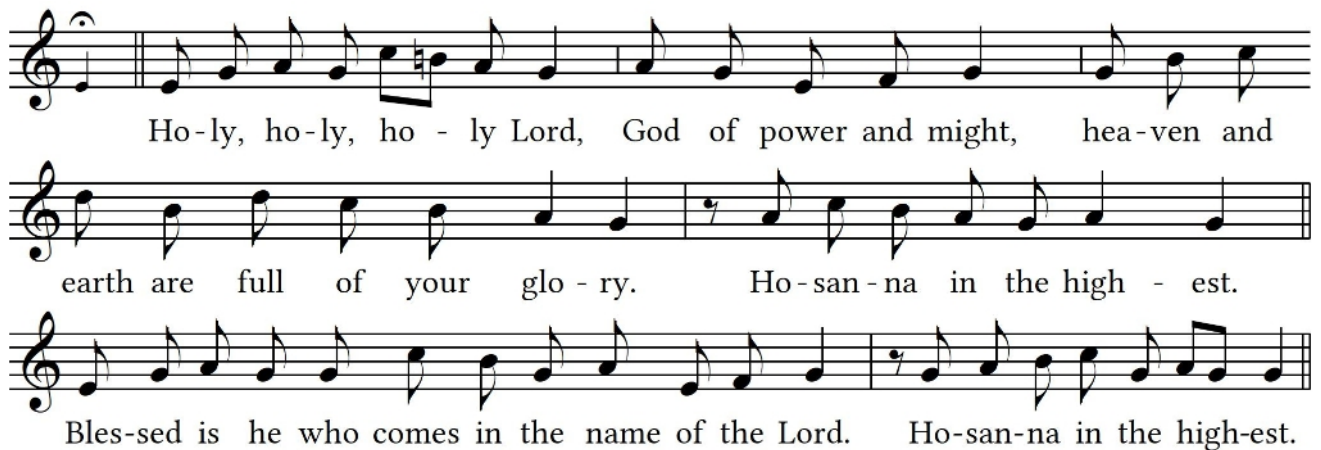
till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only-begotten Son,

you have revealed yourself to the world.

By the guiding of a star,
you made him known to the nations
as the son of David and king of Israel;
that in following him,
we might be led from darkness
and into his marvellous light.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who celebrate the manifestation of your Son,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:



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

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.
Our hope is built on him
in whom you are well pleased.
Having been shown to the world
as your beloved Son,
he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.
The blind received their sight,
the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed,
and the captives set free.

At his word, water became wine,
the hungry were filled with bread,
and the dead were raised.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
desiring to complete the work
for which he came into the world,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
“Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

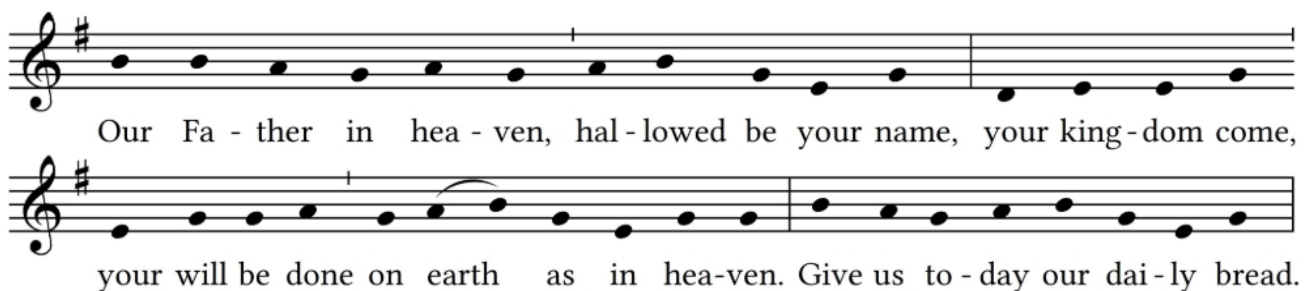
Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end. **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 - lored 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.

Not fast

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us 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.

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

Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

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

During Communion, the choir sings carols.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Matthew 2.2

We have seen his star in the East, and we have come with our gifts to worship the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of all the nations of the earth,
guide us with your light.
Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us
in this eucharist and in our neighbours.
May we welcome him with love,
for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.

CRUGER



Hail to the Lord's Anointed!

**Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.**

**2 He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.**

- 3 Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.
- 4 O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.

James Montgomery 1771-1854

Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
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.

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

SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES

The Sunday and weekday cycle of worship remains in place during January. Sunday Mass is sung at 10 am, and on Thursday Mass is said at 12.10 pm following the Angelus at noon.

The Sundays after Epiphany, when the theme of each week is the expanding revelation of Christ to the world, continue until 11 February. Lent and Easter are early this year: Ash Wednesday is on 14 February.

WORKS THIS WEEK

The ongoing maintenance of our facilities continues during the holiday season. This week we have had window glass replaced in the men's toilet – a costly exercise. In addition, the freezer in the kitchen is on its last legs. A replacement has been ordered and is expected to be delivered in the next week or so. Thanks to a number of donors who have met the \$880 cost of replacement and delivery.

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.

Regular Giving and Donations

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

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The Magdalene Centre

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

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

Donations of cash are welcome via <https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/>.

The Collective of St Mary Magdalene (Mary Mags Dinner)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship at other times during the week.

Directory

Parish Priest: The Revd Dr Steven Ogden

Fr Steven's appointment is part-time. His days on duty are Tuesday to Thursday and Sunday.

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Next Sunday, 14 January, at 10 am – The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-20 • Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18 • 1 Corinthians 6.12-20 • John 1.43-51

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