

# The 6th Sunday after Epiphany

## 11 February 2024

St Mary Magdalene's  
Anglican Church

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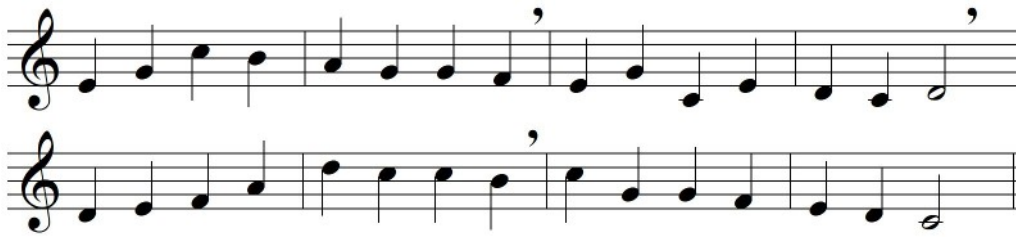


**Acknowledgement of Country.** As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude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

ALL FOR JESUS



**Come and journey with a Saviour  
who has called us from our birth,  
who has washed us in the waters,  
and who loved us on the earth.**

- 2 Come and journey, journey inward,  
come and seek him deep within,  
where he meets us in our living,  
in our striving and our sin.**
- 3 Come and journey, journey outward,  
telling others of his name,  
telling others of his glory,  
of his cross and of the shame.**
- 4 Come and journey, journey outward,  
where that cross calls us to care,  
where injustice and where hunger  
and the poor call us to share.**
- 5 Come and journey, journey upward.  
Sing his praises, offer prayer.  
In the storm and in the stillness  
find his presence everywhere.**
- 6 Come and journey, journey onward;  
all our gifts we now shall bring  
to the building of a city  
that is holy, Christ its King.**

Herbert O'Driscoll b.1928

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 31.3, 4

The choir sings

Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock and my stronghold. Lead me and guide me for your name's sake, for you are my strength,

## 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

Dear friends, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries,  
let us call to mind our sins.

Silence. Then 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



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.

Everliving God,  
 your Son, Jesus Christ, healed the lepers  
 and brought good news to the despised and outcast:  
 grant us your gifts of compassion and self-control,  
 that in serving others in their need  
 we may strive for the imperishable wreath  
 that you bestow on all who truly love you;  
 through 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

### Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 5.1-14

A reading from the second book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean? He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 30**

Douglas Mews 1918-93



**R** I will praise you, Lord, for you have res-cued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger last but a moment; his favour all through life,  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with the dawn. **R**

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R**

## New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 9.23-27

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

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air, but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7.16

Alleluia.

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

Alleluia.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 1.40-45

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly but stayed out in the country, and people came to him from every quarter.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

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

## Homily

### 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 119.12, 13*

*The choir sings*

Blessed are you, Lord God: O teach me your statutes.

With my lips I have been telling: all the judgements of your mouth.

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

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and you will not thirst.

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

Eternal God,  
you are the strength of the weak  
and the comfort of sufferers,  
receive all we offer you this day;  
turn our sickness into health  
and our sorrow into joy.  
We ask this 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.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

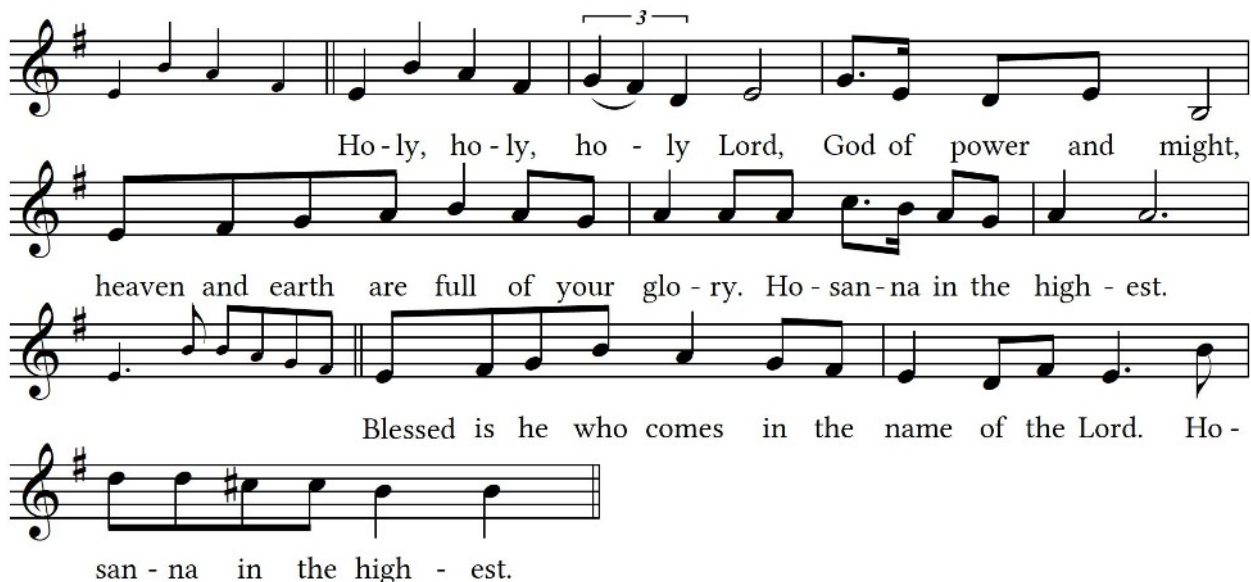
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, including a triplet of eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,'. The third staff continues with 'heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.' The fourth staff concludes with 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.



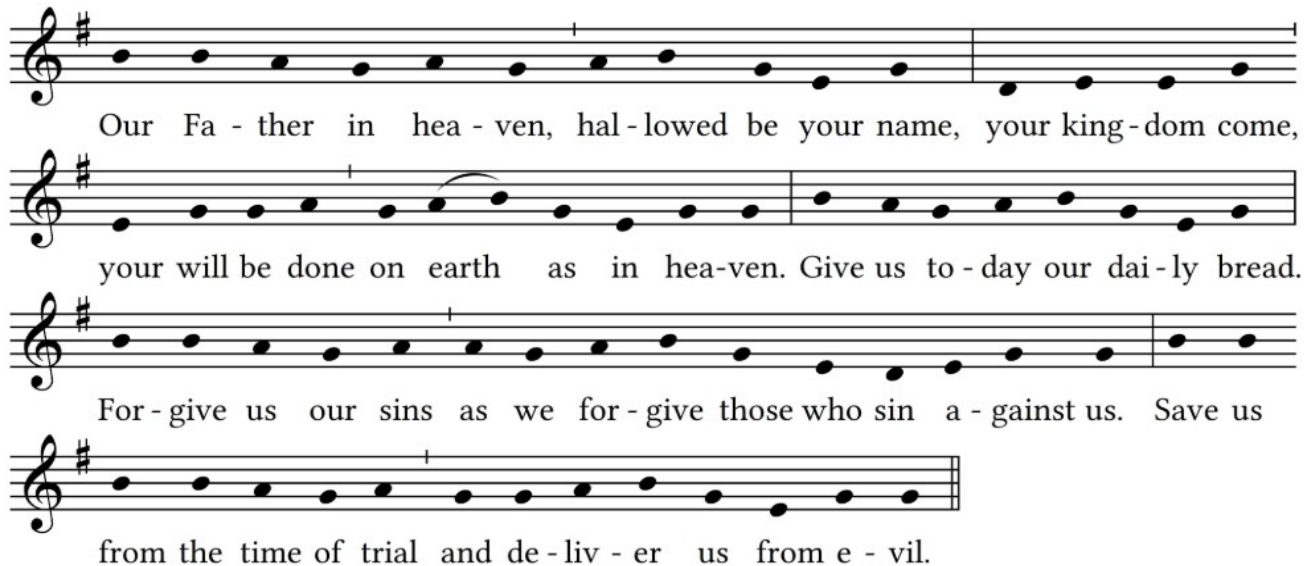
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in the sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

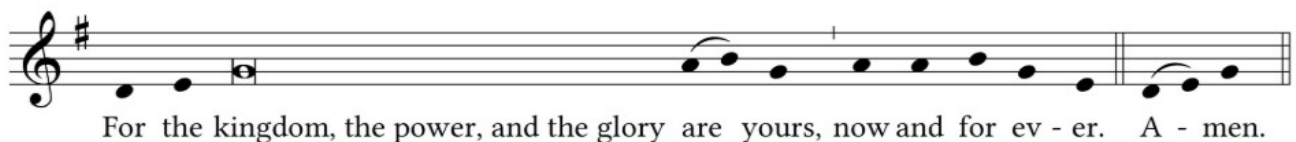
### The Lord's Prayer

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.



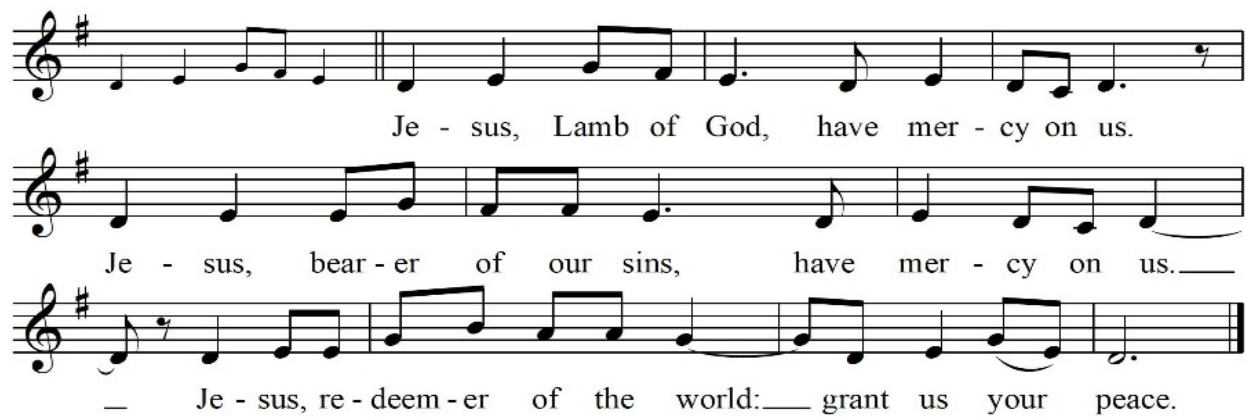
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

### 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.

## Communion Antiphon

Psalm 78.29, 34

The people ate and were well-filled: for God had given them what they desired.  
They remembered that God was their rock: that God Most High was their redeemer.

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of tender care,  
in this eucharist we celebrate your love  
for us and for all people.

May we show your love in our lives  
and know its fulfilment in your presence.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.

ALLELUIA DULCE CARMEN



Alleluia, song of gladness,  
voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem  
ever dear to choirs on igh;  
in the house of God abiding  
thus they sing eternally.

2 Alleluia cannot always  
be our song while here below;  
alleluia our transgressions  
make for us a while forego;  
for the solemn time is coming  
when our tears for sin shall flow.

3 In our hymns we pray with longing:  
grant us, blessed Trinity,  
at the last to keep glad Easter  
with the faithful saints on high;  
there to you forever singing  
alleluia joyfully.

Latin, 11th cent.,  
trans. John Mason Neale 1818-66 *alt.*

## Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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.**

"Learning to let go:  
Meister Eckhart's life, thought, and faith"  
Our parish Lenten Study. All welcome.



A philosopher and mystic from the Middle Ages who offers an enlivening and contemporary approach to life, and faith. Admittedly, Meister Eckhart is not an easy read, but together we will discover some gems for modern living. So, we will use his material selectively, and along the way I will provide some clues for interpreting this genius of the Middle Ages. Here is a sample:

"Now noble soul, consider yourself and the nobility that is in you, for you have been honoured in that you have received the image of God beyond all other creatures. Do not pursue mean things then since you have been created for greatness. This is how we should understand the soul to be the Kingdom of God."

Tuesday 6pm-7 (March 5, 12, 19, 26)

Thursday 10am-11:15 (March 7, 14, 21, 28)

The course text is the Penguin Classic Edition of Meister Eckhart's Selected Writings which is available at Dymocks and other book stores for \$20-\$25, or on [Amazon.com.au](https://www.amazon.com.au) for \$17.70.

**The Rest**

*Don't try to find God.  
Simplify your scattered life,  
and become one  
in yourself.  
Then God will  
find you. The rest  
will follow.*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

It seems early in the year to start talking about Easter, but it is a good idea to get a few dates into our diaries as soon as possible, as Lent and Easter are early this year.

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 14 February. There will be Mass with the blessing and imposition of ashes at 12.10 pm (said) and 6.15 pm (sung). During Lent there will be additional opportunities for worship, and a Lenten Study is under development.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 24 March. We expect to gather, as usual, with other city churches at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral then go in procession back to the Church for Mass. There will then be the customary Holy Week observances including Tenebrae on Wednesday in Holy Week, the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, and the special Good Friday liturgies. The Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter will be at 8 pm on Saturday 30 March, with the Mass of Easter Day—at which Bishop Denise Ferguson will preside—on Sunday 31 March.

And - the Annual Vestry Meeting will be held after Mass on Sunday 10 March.

Mark the dates!

## “Farewell to Alleluia”

The final hymn today, “Alleluia, song of gladness”, is an ancient hymn traditionally sung in the week before the penitential season of Lent begins. It is another ancient custom that the word “Alleluia” is not used during Lent – and its first appearance at the Easter Vigil is one of the great moments of that extraordinary liturgy.

A variety of farewell customs prevailed in many countries up to the 16th century. They were inspired by the sentiment which Bishop William Duranti (1296) voiced in his commentaries on the Divine Office: "We part from the Alleluia as from a beloved friend, whom we embrace many times and kiss on mouth, head and hand, before we leave him."

The custom of “farewelling” the Alleluia inspired some tender poems which were sung or recited in honour of the sacred word. The best known of these hymns is, *Alleluia, dulce carmen* (Alleluia, Song of Gladness), composed by an unknown author of the tenth century. It was translated into English by John Mason Neale (1866).

In some French churches the custom developed in ancient times of allowing the congregation to take part in the celebration of a quasi-liturgical farewell ceremony. The clergy abstained from any role in this popular service. Choirboys officiated in their stead at what was called "Burial of the Alleluia". We find a description of it in the fifteenth-century statute book of the church of Toul:

... all choir boys gather in the sacristy during the prayer of the None, to prepare for the burial of the Alleluia. [at the end of the service] they march in procession, with crosses, tapers, holy water and censers; and they carry a coffin, as in a funeral. Thus they proceed through the aisle, moaning and mourning, until they reach the cloister. There they bury the coffin; they sprinkle it with holy water and incense it; whereupon they return to the sacristy by the same way.

In Paris, a straw figure bearing in golden letters the inscription "Alleluia" was carried out of the choir at the end of the service and burned in the church yard.

Thus today the Alleluia is sung for the last time and not heard again until it suddenly bursts into glory during the Mass of the Easter Vigil when the celebrant intones this sacred word before the Gospel, repeating it three times, as a jubilant herald of the Resurrection of Christ.

## SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 8 am Lent Prayers**

**12 noon** Angelus; **12.10 pm Mass** (traditional rite), Blessing & Imposition of Ashes

**6.15 pm Sung Mass**, Blessing & Imposition of Ashes

**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 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

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

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**Next Sunday, 18 February, at 10 am** - The 1st Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 9.8-17 • Psalm 25.1-10 • 1 Peter 3.18-22 • Mark 1.9-15

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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 Sim, Jasmin, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Nance, Graeme, 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.*