The 5th Sunday of Easter 28 April 2024

St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church Founded 1886

CRESWELL

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.

1. Love is his word, love is his way, Feast-ing with friends, fast - ing a - lone, 2. Love is his mark, love is his sign, bread for our strength, wine for our joy, 3. Love is his name, love is his law, Hear his com - mand, all who are his, 4. Love is his law, love is his word, Love of the Lord, Fa - ther, and Word, Liv - ing and dy - ing, Love, on-ly love, ris - ing a - gain is his way. 'This is my bo - dy, love, on-ly love sign. this is my blood!' is his have loved you.' Love, on-ly love, is his 'Love one an-oth - er, Ι law. God Love of the Spi - rit, Love, on-ly love, is his ev - er one, word. Refrain Bet - ter than splen - dour and wealth. Rich-er than gold is the love of my Lord.

Luke Connaughton 1917-79 alt.

Ps 33.5, 6

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon

O sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things, alleluia, The Lord has made known his salvation: he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations, alleluia, alleluia.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

The celebrant greets the people.

✤ 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!

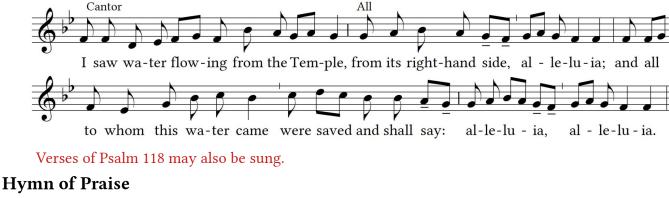
The priest or another minister may briefly introduce the Mass of the day.

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:







Collect

Let us pray.

O God,

form the minds of your faithful people,

that we may love what you command

and desire what you promise,

so that, amid the many changes of this world,

our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found;

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

First Reading

Acts 8.26-40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

From Psalm 22



My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the LORD, those who seek him. May your hearts live on forever and ever! R

All the earth shall remember and return to the LORD, all families of the nations worship before him. They have eaten and adore him, all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. \mathbf{R}

And my soul shall live for him, my descendants serve him. They shall tell of the LORD to generations yet to come, declare his saving justice to peoples yet unborn; "These are the things the LORD has done." **R**

Second Reading

1 John 4.7-21

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia! John 15.4-5

Gospel

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 his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

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. Fr Cameron Burr The Apostles' Creed

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

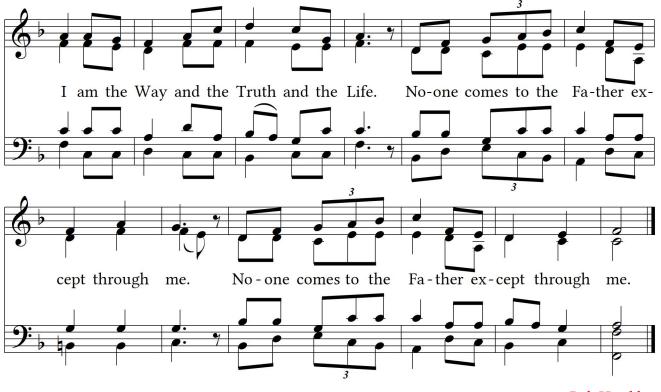
Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 66.1, 15

The choir sings

O shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to the honour of his name, and given him glory as his praise. Come then and hear, all you that fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me, alleluia.

The chant is sung, during which a Collection will be taken up.



Bob Hurd b.1950

When all is prepared, the celebrant 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 glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

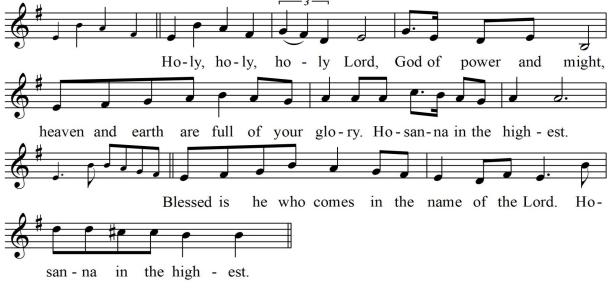
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God, eternal Wisdom, all you have made is beautiful and good. We thank you for darkness and light, for this earth and for our bodies, for growth and change and all that lies beyond our knowledge and imagination.

In every generation you befriend your people. You gave us your holy Law, sent the prophets, and called us back to the truth whenever we turned away.

You were vindicated in your servant Jesus who came with forgiveness, feasting, and stories of your grace. Though we rejected him, death on a cross could not quench the fire of his love. You raised him up for us, the firstborn from the dead, to build a new community of hope where all are honoured as Christ's equal friends.

And so we praise you with Mary, mother of the living Word, and with all your faithful friends, as we join the angels' song:



God of the feast, your household is hungry for the bread of heaven and the cup of life. Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration, so that we may eat at this table and be satisfied with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood. On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved. He took the bread, gave you thanks, broke it to share with them, and said: "Take and eat this: it is my body."

Then he took a cup of wine. Again he thanked you and told them: "Drink this, all of you: it is my blood, shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

So we delight to remember Jesus: the faithfulness of his life, the victory of his cross, the glory of his resurrection, the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

Great is the mystery of faith:



O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous,

accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Make us good stewards of creation,

with justice in our hearts,

courage in our actions and power in our speech

to bear witness to the truth.

Protect us with your glory,

unite your church in loyalty and love,

and bring us home with Mary Magdalene and all your saints

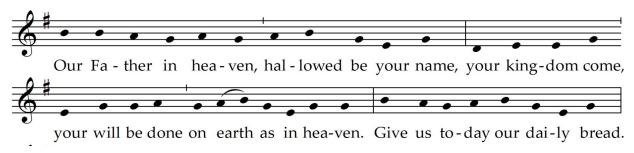
to feast with you for ever.

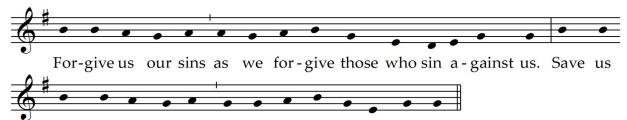
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, and in the Spirit's grace, with heart and soul and mind and strength we love and worship you alone, O God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

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





from the time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil.

The celebrant 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



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

The Breaking of the Bread

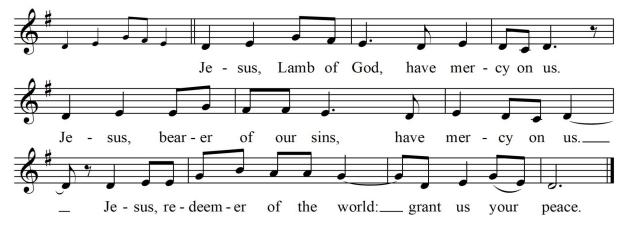
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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.



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.

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

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

I am the true vine; you are the branches, alleluia; they who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth

and shared in your life.

May we always walk in your way,

in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Postcommunion Hymn



John 15.5

St Alphonsus Liguori

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Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

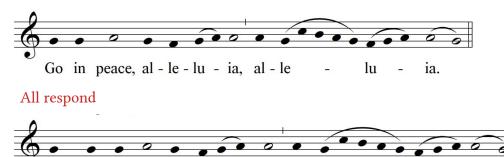
The God of peace,

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, 承 and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

The celebrant, deacon or another minister sings



Thanks be to God, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

While Regina caeli 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.**

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday 12 noon Regina Caeli; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)

Sunday 10 am Sung Mass with children's ministry and choir

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral from Monday to Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am. Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Steven Ogden.

Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

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 <u>https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/</u>.

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, 5 May, at 10 am – The 6th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 10.44-48 • Psalm 98 • 1 John 5.1-12 • John 15.9-17

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), Robert Whalley (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Mark, Olivia, Nance, Neil, Elaine, Edward, Neil and Grace.

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, especially Peter Garland (priest), and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † *Rest eternal grant unto them*, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.