

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

30 March 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.

PART ONE : THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL THE LUCERNARIUM

The celebrant says

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

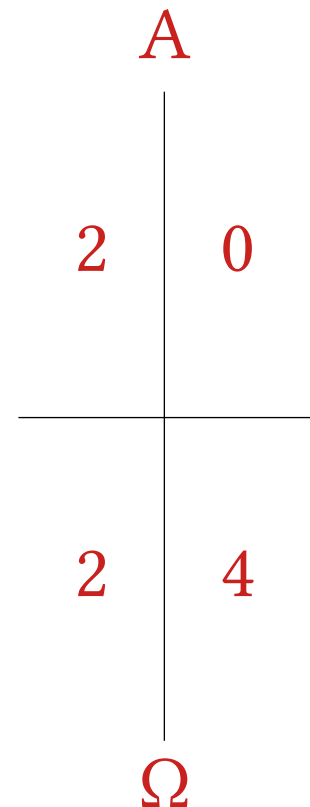
On this most sacred night in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church calls upon her sons and daughters scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray.

If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his words and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.

The celebrant cuts or traces a cross into the paschal candle with a stylus. The celebrant then makes the Greek letter Alpha above the cross, the letter Omega below, and the four numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross, saying meanwhile

(while tracing the vertical arm of the cross),

- 1 Christ yesterday and today
(the horizontal arm),
- 2 the beginning and the end
(alpha, above the cross),
- 3 Alpha
(omega, below the cross),
- 4 and Omega
(the first numeral, in the upper left corner of the cross),
- 5 all time belongs to Christ
(the second numeral in the upper right corner),
- 6 and all the ages
(the third numeral in the lower left corner),
- 7 to Christ be glory and power
(the last numeral in the lower right corner),
- 8 through every age and for ever. Amen.



When the cross and other marks have been made, the celebrant inserts five grains of incense in the candle in the form of a cross, saying

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| 1 | By his holy | 1 |
| 2 | and glorious wounds | |
| 3 | may Christ the Lord | 4 2 5 |
| 4 | guard us | |
| 5 | and protect us. Amen. | 3 |

The celebrant lights the paschal candle, saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Procession

When the candle has been lit, one of the ministers takes burning coals from the fire and places them in the thurible, and the celebrant puts incense into it in the usual way.

The deacon takes the paschal candle and a procession forms. The thurifer precedes the minister who carries the paschal candle. After them follows the celebrant with the ministers and the people, all holding in their hands unlighted candles.

During the procession, the deacon halts three times, and raising up the candle, sings

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

After each pause, the celebrant, ministers and people light their candles from the Easter candle and continue in the procession. The final acclamation is sung at the place where the Easter Proclamation is to be sung.

The lights may be put on, or the Vigil may continue in candle-light.

The Easter Proclamation

Exsultet jam angelica

The celebrant and ministers go to their places. The deacon places the paschal candle on a stand in the middle of the gathering or near the lectern. The book and candle may be incensed. Then the Easter Proclamation is sung, all standing and holding lighted candles.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

My dearest friends, standing with me in this holy light, join me in asking God for mercy, that he may give his unworthy minister grace to sing his Easter praises.

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.

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our ancestors: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our Redeemer?

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

O Happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!

Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead! Of this night

scripture says: "The night will be as clear as day: it will become my light, my joy."

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our Evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.

Accept this Easter candle, a flame divided but undimmed, a pillar of fire that glows to the honour of God.

Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

PART TWO : THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Then the celebrant says

Let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how God saved humanity throughout history and, in the fullness of time, sent Jesus Christ to be our redeemer.

First Reading

Exodus 14:15-15:1a

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers."

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the Lord cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the Lord was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the Lord told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the Lord hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the Lord had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the Lord and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

Canticle

Cf. Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18

1. Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets,
sing to the Lord a new song!
O victory, loud shouting army,
sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvellous things.
We, too, will praise him with a new song!
2. Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre, louder and louder,
sing to the Lord a new song!
3. Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughters and sons, loud praying members,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Herbert Frederick Brokering 1926-2009
Music: David N Johnson 1922-87

Prayer

Let us pray.

God of steadfast love,
your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day.
By the power of your mighty arm
you once delivered your chosen people
from slavery under Pharaoh,
to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations
by the water of baptism.

Grant that all the peoples of the earth
may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham,
and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Second Reading

Isaiah 55.1–11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this:

Everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Canticle

Cf. Isaiah 12.2-6

- 1 The springs of salvation from Christ, the Rock, bursting and flowing throughout all the world's wilderness bring life and salvation to those who are thirsting to drink from this spring of salvation by grace; as streams through the desert refresh the ground and make land once barren with green abound, the pow'r of his Spirit, our cold hearts o'erflowing, renews us for service with lives bright and glowing.
- 2 "I'll bless you, and you shall be set for a blessing!" Thus said God, the Lord, to his servant of old; O may we, in grace and in number increasing, through work show our faith and in service be bold; upon your truth founded, we shall not move, let us ever follow, and fearless prove; so shall we in doctrine, in word and behaviour, to ev'ryone witness that Christ is our Saviour.

Words: Frederick W. Foster 1760-1835

Music: Johann Eusebius Schmidt 1670-1745

Prayer

Let us pray.

O God,

by the power of your Word
you have created all things,

and by your Spirit you renew the earth.

Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you,
that they may bring forth abundant fruit
in your glorious kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Reading

Ezekiel 36:16-28

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus the word of the Lord came to me:

Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their land, they defiled it by their conduct and deeds. Therefore I poured out my fury upon them (because of the blood which they poured out on the ground, and because they defiled it with idols). I scattered them among the nations, dispersing them over foreign lands; according to their conduct and deeds I judged them. But when they came among the nations (wherever they came), they served to profane my holy name, because it was said of them: "These are the people of the Lord, yet they had to leave their land." So I have relented because of my holy name which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where they came.

Therefore say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord God: Not for your sakes do I act, house of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you profaned among the nations to which you came. I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it. Thus the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you.

For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Psalm

From Psalm 43

Thy praise, O God, shall wake my lyre,
thy love my grateful song in-spire.

Why then my soul with care oppress'd?
And whence these woes that fill my breast?

In all thy cares, in all thy woes,
in God thy steadfast hope repose.

James Merrick 1720-69
Music: James Nares 1715-83

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
in the paschal mystery you established
the new covenant of reconciliation.

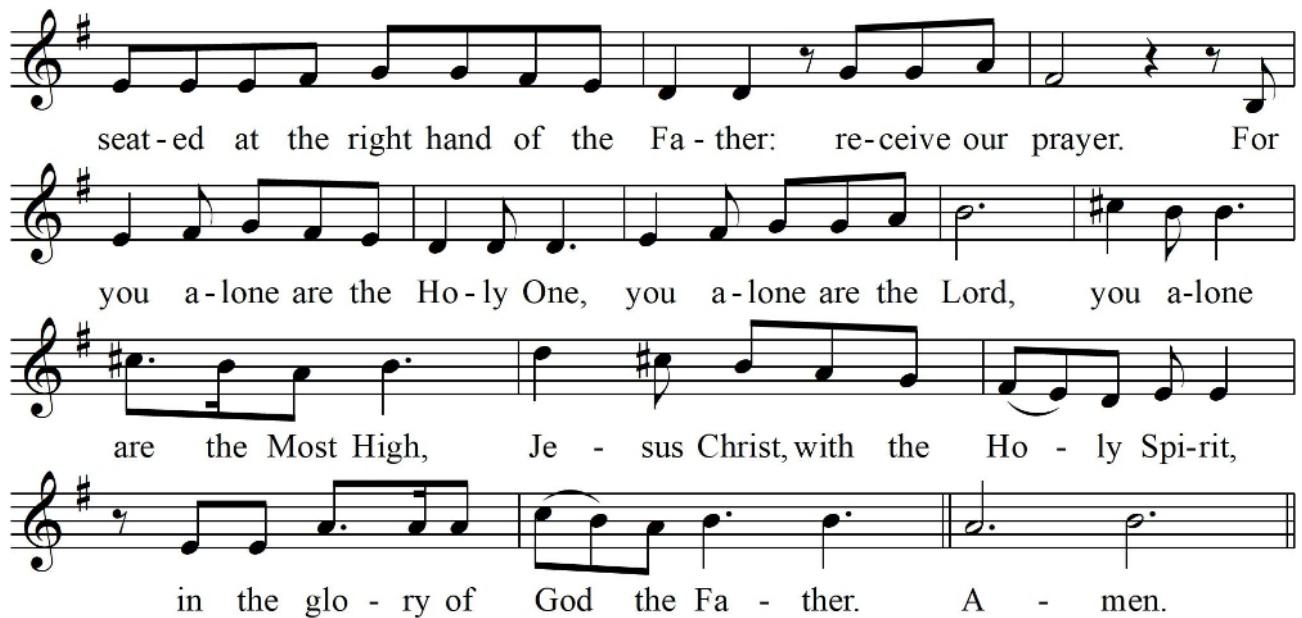
Grant that all who are born again in baptism
may show forth in their lives
what they profess by their faith.

Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then the hymn Gloria in excelsis is sung, while bells are rung.



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.

Eternal Giver of life and light,
 this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ:
 renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
 that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
 and shine as a light in the world;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of the apostle Paul to the Romans.

Are you not aware that we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

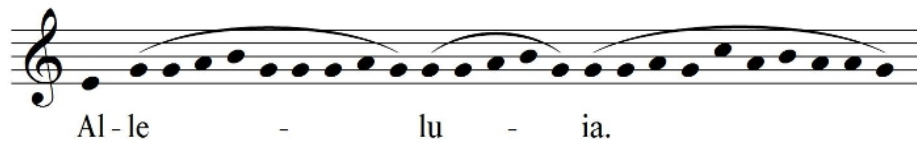
If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection. This we know: our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. A man who is dead has been freed from sin.

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him. His death was death to sin, once for all; his life is life for God. In the same way, you must consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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

The Great Alleluia

All rise, then the celebrant or a cantor solemnly intones the Alleluia three times, a little higher each time, with all repeating it.



Canticle

The Easter Anthems

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
Therefore we keep this Feast.
Christ being raised from the dead dies no more:
Death has no more dominion over him.
In his death on the Cross he died for our sins once:
But now he lives eternally in God.
Likewise we live in God, through Jesus Christ.
Christ is risen from the dead:
and become the first-fruits of those who slept.
For since by man came death:
By man came also the Resurrection from the dead.
For as in Adam all die:
Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
Death has no more dominion over us. Alleluia.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Words: James Merrick 1720-69
Music: Christopher Gent

Gospel Reading

Mark 16.1-8

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

For the gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Steven Ogden

After the homily, a pause for silent reflection may be observed.

PART THREE : BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

All gather at the font. Then the celebrant says,

Dear brothers and sisters,
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.

And after a brief pause in silence, the celebrant proclaims:

Lord our God,
in your mercy be present to your people
who keep vigil on this most sacred night,
and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation
and the still greater work of our redemption,
graciously ✠ bless this water.
For you created water to make the fields fruitful
and to refresh and cleanse our bodies.
You also made water the instrument of your mercy:
for through water you freed your people from slavery
and quenched their thirst in the desert;
through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant
you were to enter upon with the human race;
and last of all,
through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan,
you have renewed our corrupted nature
in the bath of regeneration.
Therefore, may this water be for us
a memorial of the Baptism we have received,
and grant that we may share
in the gladness of our brothers and sisters,
who at Easter have received their Baptism.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Through the Paschal Mystery
we have been buried with Christ in Baptism,
so that we may walk with him in newness of life.
And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded,
let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism,
by which we once renounced Satan and his works
and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

I do.

And all his works?

I do.

And all his empty show?

I do.

Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

I do.

The priest concludes:

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,
keep us by his grace,
in Christ Jesus our Lord,
for eternal life. **Amen.**

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

I saw wa-ter flow-ing from the Tem-ple, from its right-hand side, al - le-lu - ia; and all
to whom this wa-ter came were saved and shall say: al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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.

PART FOUR : THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Antiphon

Ps 118.16-17

The choir sings

The right hand of the Lord does mighty things: the right hand of the Lord raises up.
I shall not die, but live: and proclaim the works of the Lord.

The choir sings

VULPIUS (GELOBT SEI GOTT)



**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

- 2 **The Lord of life is risen today;
death's mighty stone is rolled away:
let every tongue rejoice and say:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**
- 3 **We praise in songs of victory
that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**
- 4 **Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

Cyril Argentine Alington 1872-1955

When all is ready, the celebrant says

Pray 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 life and health,
accept the offering of your holy people,
and grant that we who are baptised into Christ
may be perfected in your salvation,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image,
and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.

You called us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:

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.

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son, to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.
You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory,
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.
While at table he took bread,
blessed, and broke it,
and giving it to them, said:
'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
'This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

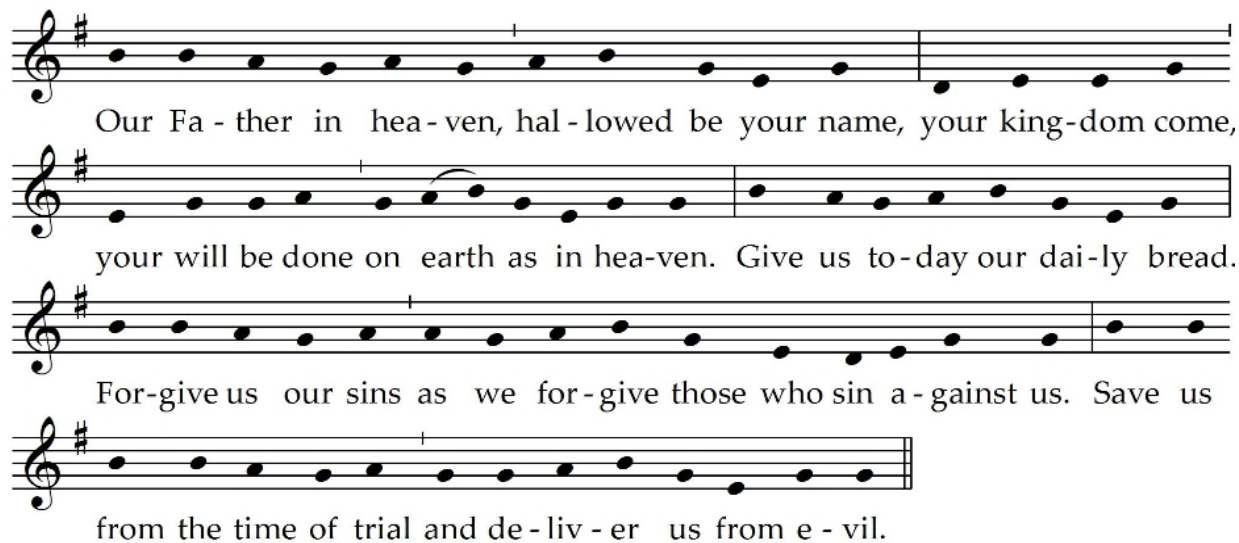


Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

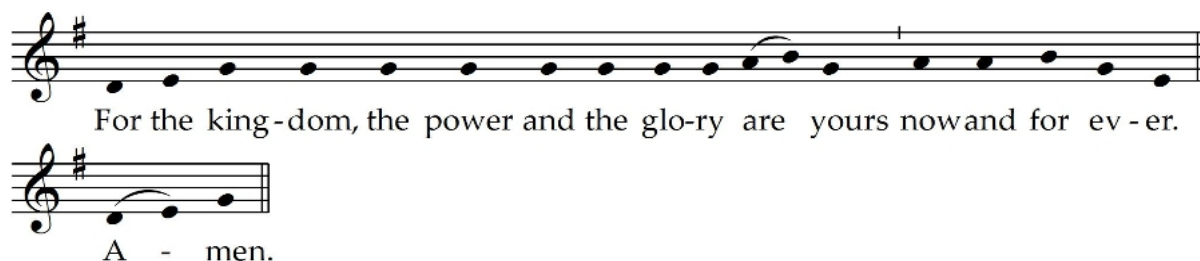


Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,
your will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The celebrant continues alone

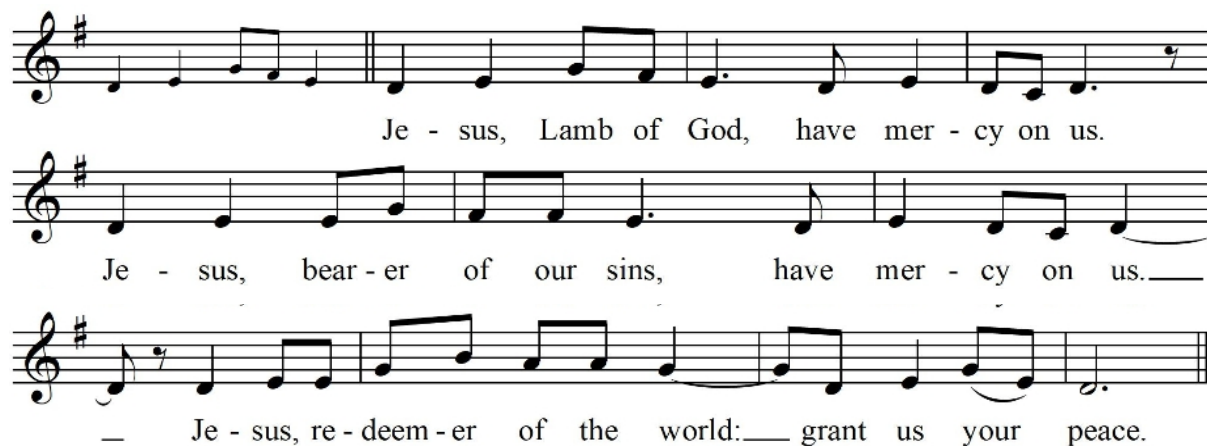
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And all make the prayer their own, singing



For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.
A - men.

The celebrant breaks the bread. Meanwhile the following 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

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

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

All receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be administered in one kind only.

Communicants are asked to approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning to their places via the side aisles.

During Communion, the choir will sing anthems.

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.

Communion Antiphon

1 Cor 5.7-8

The choir sings

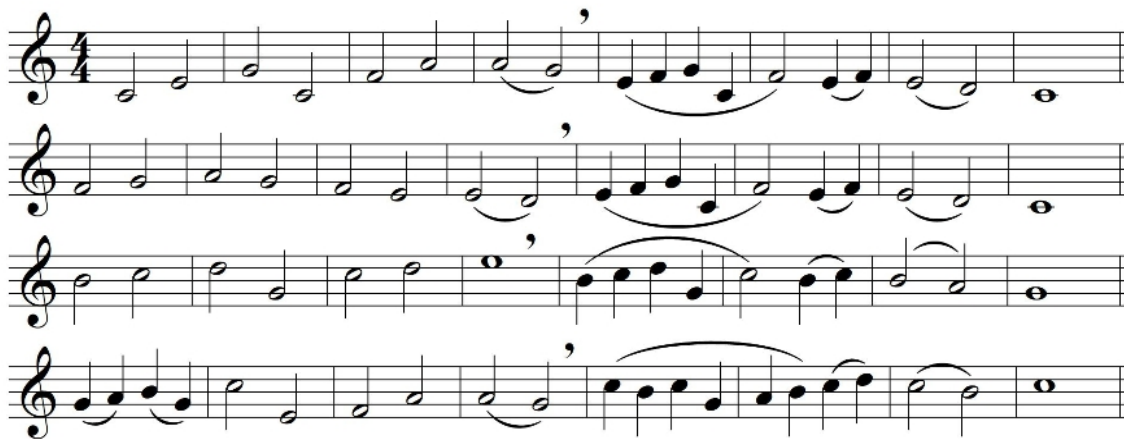
Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast by sharing the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Giver of all,
we are nourished with your Easter sacraments.
Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith,
that we may be witnesses to the resurrection
and show your glory to all the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Hymn



Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Surrexit Christus hodie
trans. Lyra Davidica 1708

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing

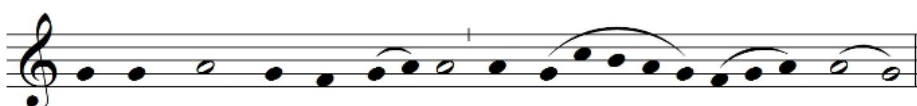
The Lord be with you.

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, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The celebrant, deacon or another minister sings



Go in peace, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All respond



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

While Regina cœli is sung, the celebrant and ministers move to the Shrine of Our Lady.

**Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast 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.

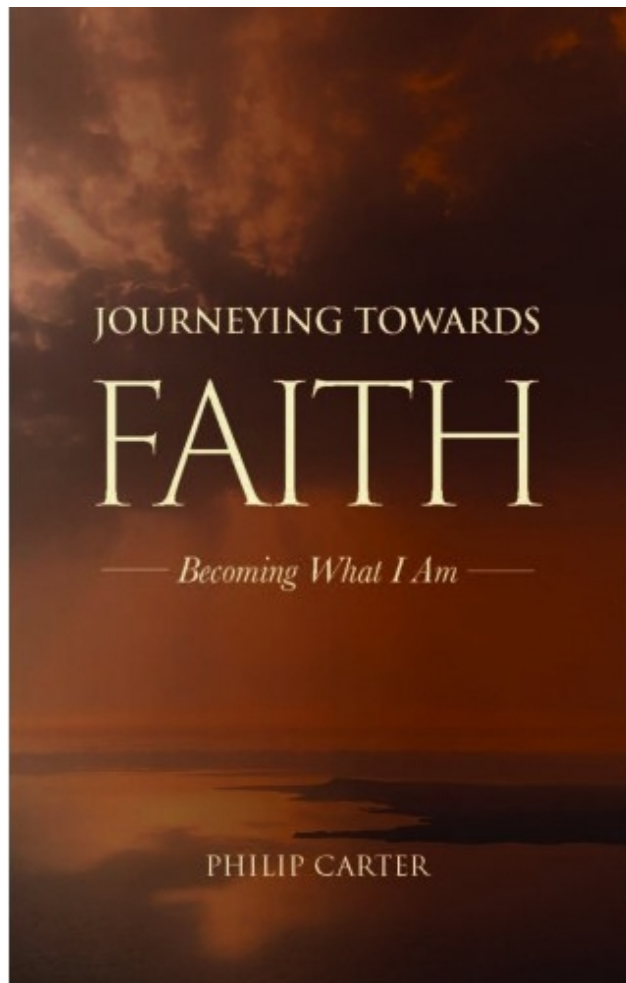
O God,
Who gave joy to the world
through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
grant we pray, that with his mother, the Virgin Mary,
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Please join us after Mass for refreshments. A former priest of the Parish was wont to remind us that Easter-tide is one uninterrupted celebration that is to be enjoyed with all possible vigour!

THANKS SO MUCH to all those who have contributed to the celebration of Holy Week this year. Thanks especially to all those who have assisted with the many liturgies of the week, especially our musicians, and all those who have contributed behind the scenes in many ways.



Congratulations to Fr Philip Carter whose book *Journeying Towards Faith: Become What I Am* has recently been published by Coventry Press. The seven chapters in this book take seriously these celebrated words of Irenaeus. Confessing the Incarnation of Jesus of Nazareth, their underlying assumption is that Jesus did not come to offer us a particular way of being religious, but a universal way of being human.

The book is an invitation to become more fully alive and more fully human. It is out of the reality of our everyday lives – and in the context of our wounded and wounding world – where we can hear, through the questions Jesus asks, the call and challenge to have our thinking about ourselves, prayer, and our relationship with God, utterly transformed.

The book is available from the St Peter's Cathedral shop (10.30 – 1 pm Monday, 10.30 – 3.30 pm Tuesday to Friday) for \$19.95. (Autographs are free!)

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday 12 noon Regina Coeli; 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 <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, 7 April, at 10 am – The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4.32-37 • Psalm 133 • 1 John 1.1 – 2.2 • John 20.19-31

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the COVID-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees, asylum seekers, and those seeking places of safety and security.

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Sim, Jasmin, Henry, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Robert Whalley (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Mark, Olivia, Nance, Neil, Elaine, Edward and Neil.

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and in other tragic circumstances; those who have died recently, especially John Jenner, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*