



# St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church

*A Welcoming, Open and Inclusive Community  
in the Heart of the City of Adelaide*

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**Ash Wednesday  
The First Day of Lent**

**26 February 2020  
at 6.15 pm**

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## **Introductory Rites**

*When the people are gathered, the celebrant approaches the altar with the ministers while a hymn is sung, and the Entrance Antiphon.*

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*Wisdom 11:24-25. 27*

You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

*Then the celebrant, at the chair, begins Mass in the usual way.*

✠ 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.**

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

### **Penitential Act**

*The Kyrie (Lord, have mercy) follows, in the following or another form:*

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy

Kyrie, eleison.  
Christe, eleison.  
Kyrie, eleison.

*The celebrant, deacon or another minister invites the people to recall their sin, then all recite the confession.*

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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 celebrant says the absolution:*

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.**

## **Collect**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made,  
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins,  
and acknowledging our brokenness,  
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
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

Joel 2.1–2, 12–17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near – a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the LORD, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, ‘Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, “Where is their God?”’

### PSALM

Psalms 51.1–18

**Have mercy on me, O God, [and cleanse me from my sin].**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin. *R̄.*
- 3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight. *R̄.*
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me. *R̄.*
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. *R̄.*

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5.20b – 6.10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For the Lord says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

## Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 95.7-8

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!  
Harden not your hearts today,  
but listen to the voice of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

## Gospel

Matthew 6.1–6, 16–21

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, 'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

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

*After the Gospel, a homily or reflection may follow, then a pause for reflection.*

## **Blessing and Distribution of Ashes**

*The celebrant introduces the rite, and the ashes may be made.*

Dear friends, let us humbly ask God to bless with abundant grace these ashes, which we will put on our heads in penitence.

*After a brief prayer in silence, the celebrant continues,*

O God, you desire not the death of sinners,  
but their conversion,  
mercifully hear our prayers  
and in your kindness be pleased to ✠ bless these ashes,  
which we intend to receive upon our head,  
that we, who acknowledge we are but ashes  
and shall return to dust,  
may, through a steadfast observance of Lent,  
gain pardon for sins and newness of life  
after the likeness of Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The ashes are sprinkled with holy water. Then the celebrant places ashes on the head of all those present who come forward, saying to each one:*

Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

*or:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*Meanwhile, the following or other suitable antiphons may be said or sung:*

### **Antiphon 1**

cf. Joel 2:13

Let us change our raiment for sackcloth and ashes:  
let us fast and mourn before the Lord;  
for our God is merciful to forgive us our sins.

### **Antiphon 2**

cf. Joel 2:17, Esther 4:17

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord,  
weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say:  
Spare, O Lord, spare thy people, and shut not up, O Lord,  
the mouths of them that praise thee.

### **Responsory**

cf. Baruch 3:2, Ps 79:9

*℣.* Let us correct our faults which we have committed in ignorance, let us not be taken unawares by the day of our death, looking in vain for leisure to repent. *℞.* Hear us, O Lord, and show us your mercy, for we have sinned against you. *℣.* Help us, O God our Saviour; for the sake of your name, O Lord, set us free. *℞.* Hear us, O Lord, and show us your mercy, for we have sinned against you.

*After the distribution of ashes, the celebrant and any others who have participated wash their hands and proceed to the Prayers of the People.*

### **Prayers of the People**

*The celebrant introduces the prayers.*

The sign of blessed ashes  
invites us to respond to the God who calls us  
to come back to him with all our heart.

The penance of Lent has begun.

Our prayers enrich the charity and faith of that penance.

*The minister who leads the prayers says,*

For all members of holy Church, especially her leaders,  
as they repent and do penance in this chosen time,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the will to discipline ourselves by fasting and self-denial,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For generosity to the poor and the oppressed  
by practical almsgiving,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and the suffering,  
that with your kindness, mercy, and outpouring of love  
you may hold them and guide them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the those who have died,  
that they may find a place of refreshment, light and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our own special intentions  
as we begin this period of reflection, penance, and purification,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The celebrant concludes the prayers.*

God of mercy and compassion,  
look upon the petitions of your penitent people.

As we pray for grace at this time,  
let us not forget the needs of others.

We ask this, through 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

*The gifts of bread and wine for the communion are prepared. A hymn may be sung.*

### Invitation to Prayer

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 Gifts

Merciful God,  
turn us from sin to faithfulness.  
Accept our offering,  
and prepare us to celebrate  
the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

### 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 truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you will that our self-denial should give you thanks,  
humble our sinful pride,  
contribute to the feeding of the poor,  
and so help us to imitate you in your kindness.

And so we glorify you with countless Angels,  
as with one voice of praise we acclaim:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,  
so that they may become for us  
the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed  
and entered willingly into his Passion,  
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take this, all of you, and eat of it,  
for this is my body  
which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the cup  
and, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take this, all of you, and drink from it,  
for this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which will be poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate  
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,  
we offer you, Lord,  
the Bread of life and the Cup of salvation,  
giving thanks that you have held us worthy  
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,  
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with Geoffrey our Bishop  
and all those whose lives bring hope to this world.

Remember also our brothers and sisters  
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,  
and all who have died in your mercy:  
welcome them into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all, we pray,  
that with the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God,  
Mary Magdalene and all the Saints  
who have pleased you throughout the ages,  
we may be worthy to stand in your presence  
and may praise and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
O God, Father almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
is all honour and glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

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 ever. Amen.**

*The celebrant 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.**

*The anthem Agnus Dei is sung.*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

*The celebrant invites the people to communion –*

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

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

*During Communion, hymns and anthems may be sung.*

### **Communion Antiphon**

cf. Ps 1:2-3

They who ponder the law of the Lord day and night  
will yield fruit in due season.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Faithful God,  
in this holy bread  
you increase our faith and hope and love.  
Lead us in the path of Christ  
who is your Word of life.  
We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

## Prayer over the People and Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Grant, merciful Lord,  
to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May God,  
who does not despise the broken spirit,  
give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ,  
who died to sin,  
raise you to newness of life. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,  
who leads us into all truth,  
speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### Lent at St Mary Magdalene's

Sunday	9 am Sing Mass (with children's ministry) 10.30 am, Solemn Mass (with choir)
Tuesday	12 noon, Angelus; 12.10 pm, Mass for Healing
Wednesday	7 am, Morning Prayer and Meditation
Thursday	12 noon, Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (BCP/English Missal)
Friday	6.15 pm, Stations of the Cross