

St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church
Moore Street, Adelaide

Thursday 24 December 2020 Christmas Eve

AT 12 NOON, ANGELUS

Leader: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

Response: **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessèd art thou among women,
and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.**

Leader: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Response: **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ... **Holy Mary ...**

Leader: And the Word was made Flesh.

Response: **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ... **Holy Mary ...**

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

Response: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts : that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel ; so by his Cross ✠ and Passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR MASS

The priest (and ministers) having entered, facing the altar and standing before the lowest altar step, and the faithful kneeling, make the Sign of the Cross.

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

Ministers: **Amen.**

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God.

Ministers: **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**

Psalm 43. Iudica me, Deus

Priest: Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people : O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

Ministers: **For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee : and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?**

Priest: O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me : and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Ministers: **And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness : and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.**

Priest: Why art thou so heavy, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Ministers: **O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, Which is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Ministers: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.**

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God.

Ministers: **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**

Priest: Our help is in the ✠ Name of the Lord.

Ministers: **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

With hands joined, bowing, the priest says:

Priest: I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary the Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have

sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, *(striking the breast three times, the priest continues:)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary the Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Ministers: **Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.**

Priest: Amen.

The priest the stands upright, and the Ministers repeat:

Ministers: **I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary the Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to thee, *Father*, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, *(all strike their breast three times, saying:)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary the Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and thee, *Father*, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life.

Ministers: **Amen.**

Priest: May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, ✠ absolution and remission of all our sins.

Ministers: **Amen.**

Priest: Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O Lord?

Ministers: **That thy people may rejoice in thee.**

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Ministers: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Ministers: **And let my cry come unto thee.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Ministers: **And with thy spirit.**

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Priest: Let us pray.

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTROIT

Is. 45, 8. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and bring forth the Saviour. *Ps. 19, 1.* The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handy-work. *∇.* Glory be. As it was. *Repeat* Drop down, ye heavens *as far as the Psalm.*

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison. Chrite eleison. Kyrie eleison.

COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all mankind, who didst will that thy Word should take flesh in a virgin womb: mercifully hear our prayers; that thine only-begotten Son, who hath taken unto himself our humanity, may graciously grant us a share in his divinity; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

EPISTLE

The Lesson from the book of Samuel.

II Sam. 7, 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16.

And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies; That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee. And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: And I was with thee whither-soever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual. Ps. 145, 18 and 21. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. *∇.* My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* O Virgin of virgins, how shall this be? For neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after. Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel at me? The thing which ye beheld is a divine mystery. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Response: ✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Luke 1, 67-79.

Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

A homily may be preached, or a pause for silent reflection observed.

THE INTERCESSION

Almighty and Everlasting God, we beseech thee that thou accept these our offering together with our prayers.

We beg thee that thou wouldest breathe upon thy Catholic Church the spirit of truth and concord. Guard our Queen Elizabeth, grant to us that we may be ruled under her as thou willest.

Heavenly Father, bless (NN.) our Primate and bishop Geoffrey, and all who shepherd the souls of your people, that they may preach thy word by their teaching and by their pure way of life.

Give grace to all thy people that they may serve thee truly all their days. Also, help those in trouble, sorrow, sickness or any other need (*especially ...*).

We beg thee also bless us who are here making remembrance of the glorious death of thy Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

And we give thee great thanks because thou hast shown us the power of thy grace in all thy Saints; especially in the glorious Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and our God; and in the Holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, Mary Magdalene our Patron, (*the saint of the day,*) and all thy holy people. We beg thee, Lord, that we may follow them, their faith and their obedience, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Again Lord, we desire mercy for all thy servants who have departed from the world in the faith, (*especially ...*). Do thou grant them, we beseech thee, of thy mercy and everlasting peace, and do thou bring them, together with us, at the day of resurrection to the glory of thy Son.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of him, Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Chant. Luke 1, 28. Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Taking the paten with the bread, the priest says:

BLESSED art thou, O Lord, God of all creation, for of thy bounty have we received this bread which we offer unto thee, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands: whence it shall become for us the bread of life.

Response: Blessed be God for ever.

Taking the chalice, the priest says:

BLESSED art thou, O Lord, God of all creation, for of thy bounty have we received this wine which we offer unto thee, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands: whence it shall become for us our spiritual drink.

Response: Blessed be God for ever.

After the Priest has prepared the bread and wine for the Communion, the people are invited to enter spiritually into the celebration,

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

*Response: The Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his name,
to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.*

The Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings,

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to have respect unto these our sacrifices: that they may increase our devotion and set forward our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Response: It is meet and right so to do.

COMMON PREFACE

It is very meet and right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee: O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God: Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death until his coming again;

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and with thy Holy and Life-giving Spirit vouchsafe to bless and sanctify both us and these thy gifts of Bread and Wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to the end that we, receiving the same, may be strengthened and refreshed both in body and soul;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this;
for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins;
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, according to his holy institution, do celebrate, and set forth before thy Divine Majesty with these thy holy gifts, the memorial which he hath willed us to make, rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits which he hath procured unto us.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favourably grant peace in our days: that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to her peace and unity according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

All may offer one another a sign of peace.

Taking the Host, the Priest says:

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Response: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

While the bread is broken, Agnus Dei is said.

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.**

Then the priest, bowing profoundly, says with all who shall receive Communion:

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Priest genuflects, takes the Host and, turning to the people, says:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Response: **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof:
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

The response is said three times, all striking their breast.

When the bell rings, all those who are to receive Holy Communion come forward.

Communion will be distributed in one kind only. Communicants should approach the celebrant in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning by the side aisles.

Those who are not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making the following 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.

If the Communion Antiphon has not been recited, it is said here. Silence may be kept.

Communion Ant. Is. 7, 14. Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a son: and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

Then the priest standing, and the people kneeling, the priest says:

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Then the priest says the Postcommunion Prayer:

Let us pray.

O Lord, who hast made us to be partakers of thy bounty: we beseech thee; that we, continually drawing near to this holy mystery, may thereby grow in grace to the attainment of everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Priest: Go forth in peace.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

LAST GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

Response: ✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not

any thing made that was made: in him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*genuflect*) And the Word was made flesh, (*rise*) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**