The Sunday after Christmas 27 December 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn



Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now give heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today, ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today; Christ is born today.

- 2 Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now you hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this. He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.
- 3 Good Christians, all rejoice
 with heart and soul and voice;
 now you need not fear the grave:
 Jesus Christ was born to save,
 calls you one and calls you all
 to gain the everlasting hall.
 Christ was born to save;
 Christ was born to save.

John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Luke 2.16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Invocation and Greeting

▶ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Litany of Praise

The priest, the deacon, or another minister, says

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Silence

As we celebrate the mystery of God with us, let us remember that our Saviour is rich in mercy and great in kindness.

The minister says, or the cantor may sing,

Eternal Word, you have scattered the darkness of sin and death: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Word made flesh, you have made us children of God most high: Christ, have mercy.

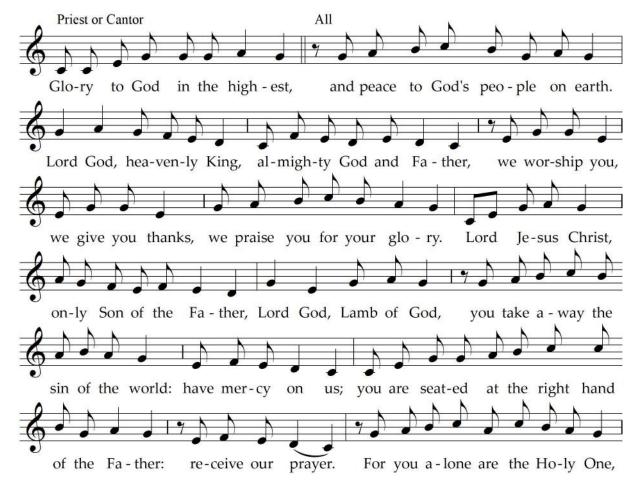
Christ, have mercy.

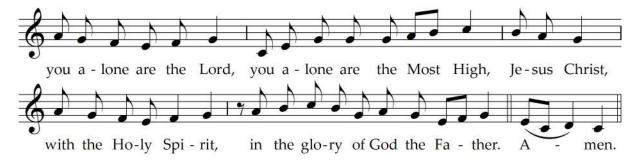
Incarnate One, you have united heaven and earth in God's peace: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise





Collect

Let us pray.

Saving God, whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

from Psalm 148



- 1 Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. \mathbb{R} .
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together. \mathbb{R} .

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia! \vec{R} .

New Testament Reading

Galatians 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 1.1, 2

Alleluia.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 2.22-40

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

¥ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a

widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life for the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pray for the world and for the church.

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

All stand to sing the chant. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the Collection plates at the front and rear of the pews.



Let God's name be exalted: let it be blessed now and evermore.

Jacques Berthier 1923-94

When all is prepared, the priest says,

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

May the Lord accept our sacrifice for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

God of light,

in the birth of your Son we see your glory.

May we who share in this mystery

grow daily in your love.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

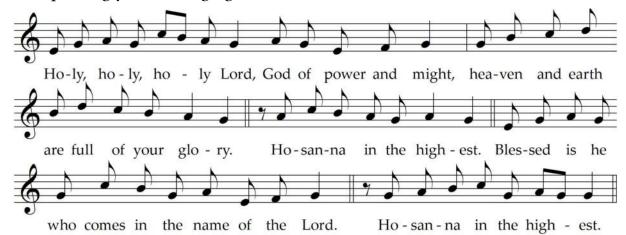
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God.

You created light out of darkness, and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away from you, and our love failed, your love remained ever steadfast.

You made a covenant to be our God, and spoke to us through your prophets. In the fullness of time you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour, and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth.

Therefore with the angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing



Merciful God, you are blessed indeed, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.

As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected.

As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so, by the baptism of suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

As your Word became flesh, born of woman on that night so long ago so, on the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'.

And so, in remembrance of Jesus' birth, his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and exaltation, and the promise of the life to come, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and our celebration: may these gifts of bread and wine be for us the body and blood of Christ.

Make us one with Christ and with each other, and one in service to all the world, until the day of final glory comes and we feast at his heavenly banquet with all your saints for ever.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

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 Breaking of the Bread

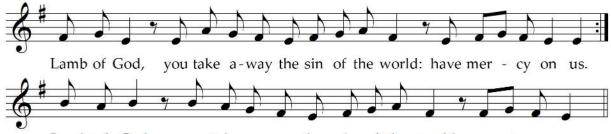
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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 said.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us 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 the priest 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

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

Psalm 98.4

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Source of truth and joy,

may we who have received the gift of divine life

always follow the way of your Son.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.



Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation.

- 2 Cradled in a stall was he With sleepy cows and asses; But the very beasts could see That he us all surpasses.
- 3 Now may Mary's Son, who came So long ago to love us, Lead us all with hearts aflame Unto the joys above us.
- 4 Omega and Alpha he!
 Let the organ thunder,
 While the choir with peals of glee
 Doth rend the air asunder.

Latin, 15th century Trans. Percy Dearmer 1867-1936 alt.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ♣ and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon or another minister says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR SERVICE TIMES

The schedule of worship will be as usual during the Christmas/New Year period, with the addition of a special service to celebrate the New Year on Friday at 10 am.

- Tuesday 29 December, 12.10 pm Mass
- Thursday 31 December, 12.10 pm Mass
- Friday 1 January (Naming & Circumcision of Jesus), 10 am Sung Mass

Thereafter the regular schedule of Sunday and weekday Mass resumes.

LATEST COVID RESTRICTIONS

The state of alert about the Covid-19 pandemic remains high, and the emergence of a cluster of infections in New South Wales is of great concern, but in South Australia the **policy on physical distancing has returned to the 1 person per 2 square metre rule**. This obviously does not apply to family units, but all others must take greater care to ensure that they are suitably distanced from other worshippers. This will result in the effective uncapping of the capacity of the church, subject to physical distancing, though active steps must be taken to ensure everyone is well-spaced.

The capacity of the main hall has returned to 30 people, with a further 8 able to be accommodated in the kitchenette, and 12 in the front room of the Hall.

This is still a significant reduction in the capacity of the Hall and affects all our user groups, especially the AA groups and the Drop In Centre. Please keep everyone in your prayers.

CONTACT TRACING

All places covered by a Covid-Safe Plan – including the Church and the Mission Hall – must keep contact tracing records of all users by using the mandatory COVID SAfe Check-In system.

- Both the church and the hall will be supplied with a QR code to print off and display.
- It is mandatory for all relevant activities with a COVID-Safe plan to display their QR code from Tuesday 1 December.
- On arrival, visitors must check in by scanning the QR code using the mySA GOV COVID SAfe Check-In tile (at the bottom of the screen) on their mobile phone. Data will be collected and stored securely online for 28 days, only released to SA Health for official contact tracing purposes.
- A paper recording log will be available as a back-up if visitors don't have a smartphone with internet connection.

Our worship will continue to be supported by Covid Marshals, including Jim Perriman, Peter Burdon, Peter Turner and Fr Graeme. If others would like to do the free training to share in this responsibility, please let it be known.

DROP IN CENTRE IN 2021

The Drop in Centre Meal is scheduled to recommence on Saturday 30 January 2021, and as is the long-standing custom of the Parish, we will provide the first meal. The format of the night is still being considered, but it is likely that meals will be served outside, or be takeaways.

Please let Catherine Freriks or Heather Carter know if you can assist with offers to prepare meals in advance, or with donations of money to assist in the purchase of food for others. Confirmation emails can be sent to Heather at hcarter58@gmail.com

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (Church open 11.30 am – 1 pm)

Thursday 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite) (Church open 11.30 am – 1 pm)

Friday 10 am Sung Mass for the Naming of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am.

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Graeme. 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.

Our Details: Bank: Bankwest, 8 Rundle Mall, Adelaide 5000 BSB 305 122, account no 0324654. Reference: Your name

The Magdalene Centre

A partnership in mission between St Mary Magdalene's, St John's Halifax Street, St Peter's Cathedral, and Anglicare SA

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.

Goods for the Bargain Centre are not able to be accepted at the present time owing to Covid-19 restrictions.

Donations of cash are welcome via https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/.

The Collective of St Magdalene (Drop-In Centre)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship throughout the week.

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Locum Priest: Fr Graeme Kaines

In addition to being present at times when the Church is open, Fr Graeme is also available to speak by phone on Tuesday & Thursday between 2 and 3 pm; and on Wednesday & Friday between 11 am and 3 pm. Phone 8357 6799.

In an emergency, please contact Fr Graeme on 0411 693 472

Next Sunday, 3 January, at 10 am - The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 • Ephesians 72.1-7, 10-14 • Matthew 2.1-12

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the Covid-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to racist violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees and asylum seekers.

Pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Valerie, David, Sim, Chris, Clarice, Philip, Phyllis, Dulice, Jasmin and Henry.

Pray for those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. Rest ** eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.