6th Sunday of Easter

9 May 2021

A ministry of prayer for healing and wholeness will be offered in the Holy Innocents Chapel during the Communion of the People. If you would like to make a note of prayer points or special intentions for prayer, please use the card which is available at the rear of the church.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn.



Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.
- 3 In every insult, rift and war, where colour, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Brian Wren b.1936

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is. 48.20

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Greeting

 \maltese In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Penitential Act

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

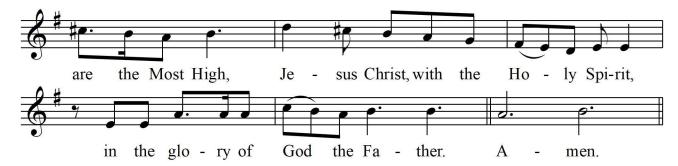
Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy.

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.

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 10.44–48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Psalm 98



Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things: with his own right hand and with his holy arm he has brought deliverance. R.

The Lord has made known his salvation and his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his mercy and truth

towards the house of Israel. \hat{R} .

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Let all the world be glad in him, sing, rejoice and give him thanks. R.

Shout the praise of God our King, for he comes to judge the earth. With justice shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity. \hat{R} .

Second Reading 1 John 5.1-6

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14.23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If any love me they will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel John 15.9-17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

▶ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HomilySilence may be kept.

Fr Gwilym Henry-Edwards

Let us together profess the faith of our baptism:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pray for the world and for the church. The prayers may conclude Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

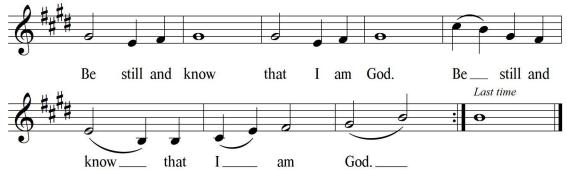
God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the preparation of the gifts, the chant is sung. 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.



When all is prepared, the priest says,

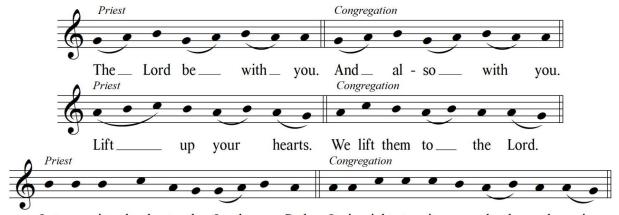
Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

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

The Eucharistic Prayer



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.

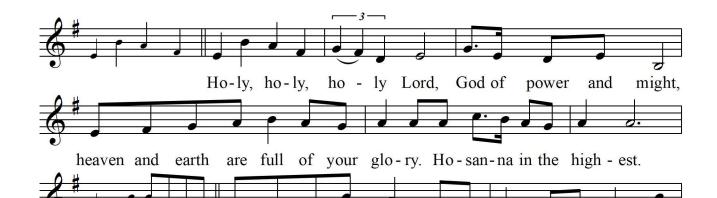
At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

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:



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



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.

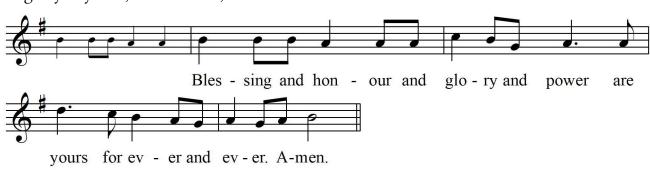
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died: Christ is ris - en: Christ will come a - gain.

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.

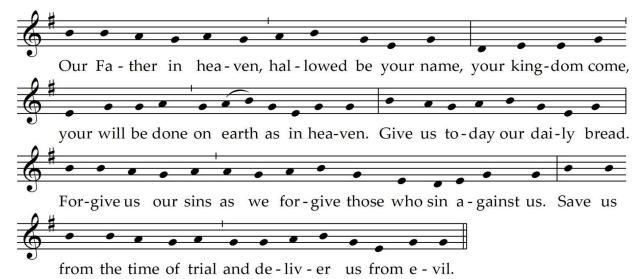
As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.



THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

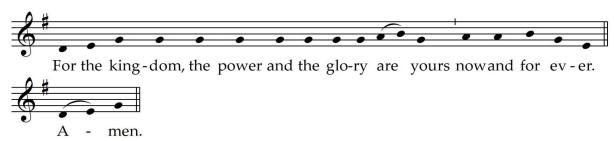
As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



The Priest 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



The Breaking of the Bread

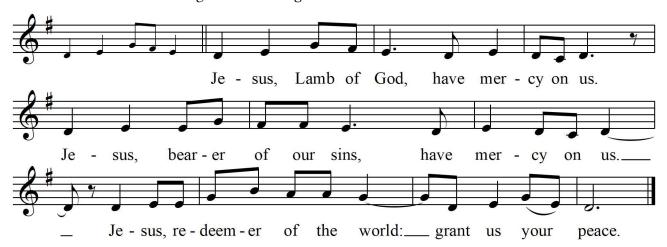
The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.



Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ, and Christ in us.

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.

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.

Healing ministry will be offered in the Holy Innocents chapel. Please enter the chapel one at a time. You may wish to record prayer points or remembrances on a piece of paper prior to Mass.

If you love me, keep my commandments says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Hymn



Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia! Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia! Deep and wide flows the tide severing us from bondage past, alleluia!

- 2 Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia! through the billows Israel led, alleluia! By his tomb Christ makes room, souls restoring from the dead, alleluia!
- 3 In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia! Buried and baptised were we, alleluia! Earthly night brought us light, which is ours eternally, alleluia!
- 4 Then, deceitful world, adieu, alleluia! Egypt's land in distant view, alleluia! Christ our love draws above, Dead with him, and risen anew, alleluia!

Ronald Knox 1888-1957

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, \maltese and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The Priest, deacon or another minister sings



All respond



While Regina coeli is sung, the Priest and ministers move to the Shrine of Our Lady.

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia! He whom thou was meet to bear, alleluia! As he promised hath arisen, alleluia! Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

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

NOTICES

Celebrating the Ascension of the Lord – Thursday 13 May

Forty days after Easter, the church celebrates the Ascension of our Lord. Of this Festival, Bishop Rowan Williams has said, "The ascension of Jesus [is] a celebration of the extraordinary fact that our humanity in all its variety, in all its vulnerability, has been taken by Jesus into the heart of the divine life. Mass for the Feast will be said at 12.10 pm, after Regina Coeli at 12 noon.

Celebrating Pentecost - Sunday 23 May

The Feast of Pentecost falls this year on Sunday 23 May. The main sign of Pentecost in the Western Church is the colour red, symbolising joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. We are all encouraged to get out our best red clothes to celebrate the feast! Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." We are planning a special morning tea – with cake! – on this day. Spread the word and bring your friends!

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)

(The Ascension of the Lord) Fr Gwilym is available for appointments on-site on Thursdays.

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

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

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to the Locum Priest. 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.

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 at other times during the week.

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Next Sunday, 16 May, at 10 am – The 7th Sunday of Easter (The Sunday after Ascension)

Readings: Acts 1.15–17, 21–26 • 1 John 5.9-13 • John 17.6-19

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, Sim, Clarice, Dulcie, Jasmin, Henry, Fr Gary Priest, Fr Bart O'Donovan, Beth, Chris and Linda Braby. Among those who mourn, pray especially for Marion McCall and the extended McCall family.

Pray for those who have died recently, especially Bishop David McCall, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Rest ** eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.