# The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 8 November 2020

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



Awake, awake: fling off the night! For God has sent his glorious light; and we who live in Christ's new day must works of darkness put away.

- 2 Let in the light; all sin expose to Christ, whose life no darkness knows. Before his cross for guidance kneel; his light will judge and, judging, heal.
- 3 Awake, and rise up from the dead, and Christ his light on you will shed. Its power will wrong desires destroy, and your whole nature fill with joy.
- 4 Then sing for joy, and use each day; give thanks for everything alway.
  Lift up your hearts; with one accord praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J. R. Peacey 1896-1971

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

## **Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Psalm 88.3

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### Greeting

f M 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 Lo rd Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The priest may briefly introduce the Mass of the day.

#### **Penitential Act**

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate : Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom: 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.

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,

so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast

that you have prepared for all who truly love you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

First Reading Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors – Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor – lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Psalm 78.1-8



- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable, and declare the mysteries of past times. R.
- What we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children, but tell the generations to come: the glorious acts of the LORD, his mighty and wonderful works. R.

- 3 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which he commanded the parents to teach to their children. R.
- 4 That the generations to come might know, and tell it to their children: that they might put their trust in God, and not forget his deeds, but keep his commandments. R.

### **Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 24.42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,

because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25.1-13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

▼ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise

replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Homily** Fr Graeme Kaines

Silence may be kept.

### **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

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.



John Bell b. 1949

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

Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.** 

## The Eucharistic Prayer

Preface of the Kingdom Season

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.

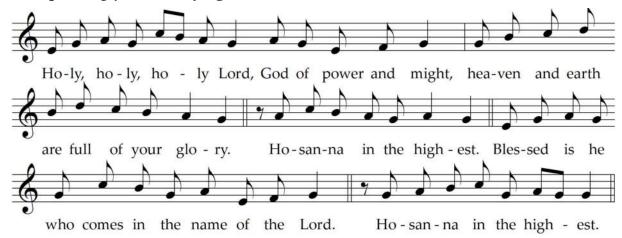
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name,

for ever praising you and saying:



We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Common Worship D

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Mary Magdalene and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

#### 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

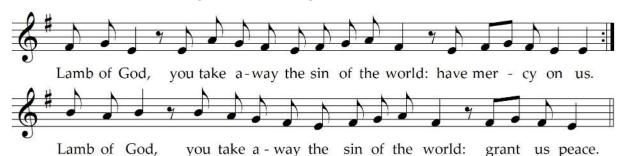
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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 sung.



### **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.

or

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 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**

Cf. Luke 24.35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Living God,

in the eucharist you fill us with new hope.

May the power of your love,

which we have known in word and sacrament,

continue your saving work among us,

and bring us to the joy you promise.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Postcommunion Hymn**



The Lord will come and not be slow, His footsteps cannot err; Before him righteousness shall go, His royal harbinger.

- 2 Mercy and truth, that long were missed,Now joyfully are met;Sweet peace and righteousness have kissed,And hand in hand are set.
- 3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, This wicked earth redress; For Thou art he who shalt by right The nations all possess.
- 4 The nations all whom thou hast made Shall come, and all shall frame To bow them low before thee, Lord, And glorify thy name.
- 5 For great thou art, and wonders great By thy strong hand are done: Thou in thy everlasting seat Remainest God alone.

John Milton 1608-74

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among 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**

#### **DROP IN CENTRE**

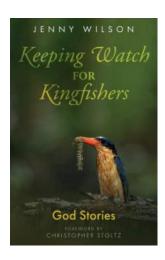
The Saturday Drop-In Centre resumed last night. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the evening whether by cooking meals in advance or on the day, or donating money to buy it.

### **FAREWELL TO BISHOP'S COURT**

It has been widely reported in the Press that Bishop's Court, the historic residence of the Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide, has been sold. Farewell garden parties are being held on Saturday at 2 pm and again at 4 pm. The 2 pm session is fully subscribed, but there are some spaces still available at the 4 pm session. Registration is on online at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bishops-court-final-diocesan-event-second-session-tickets-128080364819">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bishops-court-final-diocesan-event-second-session-tickets-128080364819</a>. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, spaces are limited so it is first-in, best-dressed!

#### **NEW BOOK BY CANON JENNY WILSON**

Keeping Watch for Kingfishers is a collection of sermons preached in St Peter's Cathedral in Adelaide, South Australia by the Revd Jenny Wilson, Canon Precentor at St Peters Cathedral. Canon Wilson places the stories of scripture alongside stories of some of the classic novels, poetry, stories found in the news and on social media, stories found in the visual arts such as photography, together with snippets of insight gleaned from contemporary theologians such as Rowan Williams and Walter Brueggemann. The sermons mine these stories for the voice of God and hope to find some expression for our voice, the human voice, the voice of prayer. In reading the sermons we are invited to know our own life stories and the stories of our time and place belonging in the story of God.



A reviewer in Church Times said,

THE photographer who captured the kingfisher on the cover of this volume of sermons ... hid for five days in pouring rain to get the shot as the bird darted to and fro in a determined display of love, hunting for prey to feed its young. This image not only inspires Wilson's sermon on prayer and the title of the book, Keeping Watch for Kingfishers, which echoes a quoted poem by Ann Lewin, but also illustrates the vigilance that adds colour and sensitivity to her preaching.

She weaves her sources together deftly, darting in and out of theology and literature, as she hunts for God in the biblical readings that lie behind each sermon. That those readings are referenced systematically only at the back of the book says something about the difference between the parochial and cathedral context. These are not locally rooted sermons, designed for a familiar audience and delivered week by week. They speak to a congregation whose stories and level of faith commitment cannot be reliably known; so, as in the two series of Lenten sermons on novels and the idea of homecoming, draw initially on broad common ground, before turning to the personal.

... it is ... like an anthology to dip into and relish in small bites [that] combines intelligence, warmth, and a love for God. She does so in an attractive way that belies the skill required to present complex thought simply and accessibly.

Copies of *Keeping Watch For Kingfishers* are available from the St Peter's Cathedral shop for \$20, or online via sources such as booktopia.com.au or amazon.com.au.

#### 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)

**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.

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to the Parish 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 owing to Covid-19 restrictions.

Donations of cash are welcome via <a href="https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/">https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/</a>.

### 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.

### **Directory**

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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, 15 November, at 10 am – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Judges 4.1-10 • 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 • Matthew 25.14-30

### **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 and Jasmin.

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.