The 1st Sunday in Advent

28 November 2021

Acknowledgement of Country. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land; our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing; and our hope that we may walk together in harmony, in the spirit of Reconciliation.

COVID Safety and Face Masks. The Emergency Management (Activities—General No 3) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 and the Emergency Management (Activities—Associated Direction No 16) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 provide that face masks must be worn at all times other than when a person is reading or otherwise leading worship.

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. \bigcirc



O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Heavenly Father,
we look forward to the celebration of Christmas
and to the coming of the Lord in glory.
➡ Bless this Advent wreath, and bless us all.
As we pray, fill us with your love, and strengthen us for our work in the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The first candle, the Candle of Hope, is lit, and the Priest says:

Loving God, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. Let us pray for the hope that is in Christ to come into our lives in a new way. May we become hope that is alive in our world, and may the Lord who will come again find us watching and waiting in joy. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

> ³ O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

4 O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar! Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

T.A. Lacey, H. S. Coffin and others Psalm 25.1-3

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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.**

Penitential Act

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, 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 priest says:

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.**

And the Kyrie is sung.

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

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,

and make us strong in faith,

so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,

we may go out joyfully to greet him;

and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever;

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

Jeremiah 33.14-16

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm



O Lord, make me know your ways.

O Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. \mathbb{R}

The Lord is good and upright, and shows the path to those who stray. The Lord guides the humble in the right path, and teaches God's way to the poor. \mathbb{R}

The Lord's ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep God's will. The Lord's friendship is for those who are faithful, to them God's love has been revealed. \mathbb{R}

Music: Christopher Willcock SJ, b.1947

Second Reading

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

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and show us your saving help. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

★ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Psalm 84.8

Luke 21.25-38

1 Thessalonians 3.9–13

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr Gwilym Henry-Edwards

Profession of Faith

Homily

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

The priest may say

Let us pray for the world and 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.

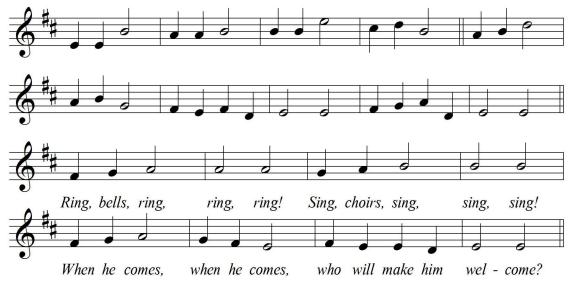
Greeting of Peace

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.



Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew, come to make all things new, bear his people's burden, freely love and pardon, *Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing! When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?*

- 2 God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan: he will come, as a man, born himself of woman, God divinely human.
- Mary, hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed.
 In her womb God is laid: till the time expected, nurtured and protected.
- 4 Journey ends: where afar Beth'lem shines, like a star, stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry. *Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing! Jesus comes, Jesus comes, we will make him welcome.*

Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000

When all is prepared, the priest says

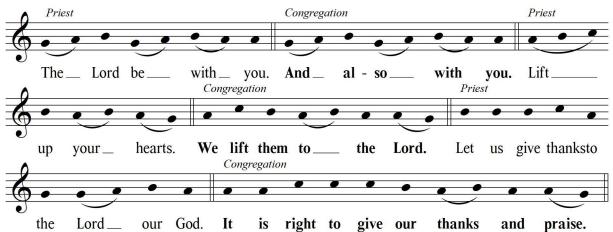
Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

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 love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer



All glory and honour, be yours now and always, mighty Creator, everliving God.

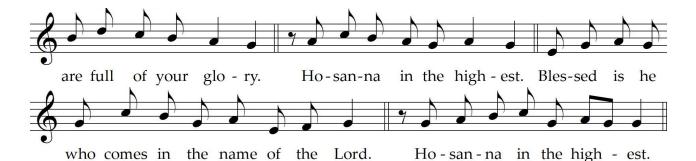
We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

We thank you that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence stand before him who redeems us from sin and death and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

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



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth



Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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 thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. 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.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



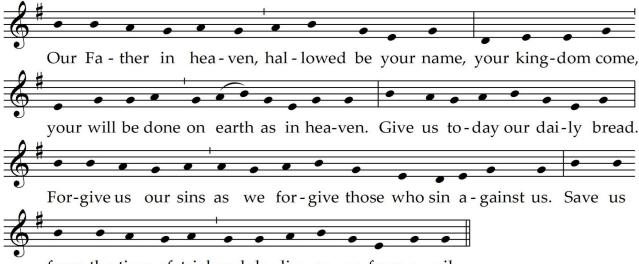
Let us proclaim the my-ste-ry of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come a-gain.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Bless-ing and hon-our and glo - ry and power are yours for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

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



from the time of trial and de-liv-er us from e - vil.

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 king-dom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.



The Breaking of the Bread

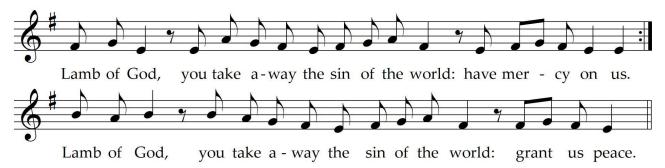
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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 priest says

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.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants should approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning via the side aisles. Communicants should remove their face masks immediately prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

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

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.

During Communion, the choir sings.

Communion Antiphon

The choir sings

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait you have fed us with the bread of eternal life Keep us ever watchful that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.** Psalm 85.13

St Alphonsus Liguori

All stand to sing the hymn.



Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: *Alleluya!* God appears, on earth to reign.

 2 Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty;
 those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree, *deeply wailing* shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears, cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers: with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own; O come quickly;
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley 1707-88

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, \blacksquare and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The assistant, or the priest or deacon, says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

NOTICES

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING RESUMES TODAY

While the current COVID-19 restrictions have remained in force, the Parish Council has determined that congregational singing should be paused. The re-opening of State borders on 23 November brings with it a renewed emphasis on COVID-safe practice in the community, and requirements such as the wearing of face masks in shared public places – including churches – is likely to be reinforced for the time being.

We have all missed the opportunity to lift up our voices in praise of God, and the Parish Council has therefore decided that from Advent Sunday, that is, next week, congregational singing will resume. **The wearing of face masks is obligatory throughout Mass other than at the time of receiving Communion**. The exceptions to this requirement will be for readers and those leading the prayers of the people, when they are actually reading or leading prayers, and the presiding clergy when they are reciting the priest's prayers.

So please remember, bring your face masks! Should you forget, don't worry: disposable masks will be available.

This move brings with it an opportunity to remind the community of the encouragement on the part of the Archbishop as well as the Parish Council to receive your COVID-19 vaccinations, if you have not already done so. We are fully committed to vaccination as a responsible act that is in the interest both of individuals and of the wider community.

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Each year the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia holds an Advent and Christmas Appeal. The Advent appeal this year will be in aid of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in North Queensland and Nungalinya College in Darwin. Wontulp-Bi-Buya College supports the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development. Nungalinya College serves over 300 remote Indigenous students, most of whom are both church leaders and Elders with responsibilities in their own cultures. Indigenous Elders continually comment that they go there to grow in their faith, to be refreshed and renewed to go back home and continue to serve their people.

ART EXHIBITION IN THE MISSION HALL – FR KIM EN JOONG OP – TODAY

Fr Kim En Joong OP is a Dominican friar, born in Korea in 1940. Fr Kim studied art in Korea and Europe before entering the Dominican order in 1970. He is an abstract artist who brings together the East and the West in his art. His art takes various forms, paintings, stained glass and ceramics. He has been referred to as the 'Artist of Light', a description also applied to a fellow Dominican artist, Fra Angelico, because both are renowned for their use of beautiful colour in their works.

The exhibition at St Mary Magdalene's will have paintings, as well as greeting cards and books for sale all being ideal Christmas gifts. **10 am to 4 pm – free admission.**

ADVENT PRAYER – BEGINNING WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER

Through Advent, beginning on Wednesday 1 December, Alison McAllister and Leonie Zadow will be in the church at 7.30 am each Wednesday for 30 minutes of silent prayer. You are welcome to join us.

Prayers will start at 7.30 am promptly and finish at about 8 am ... If you're late, just come in. You can also join us remotely - you can be at home, or even in the car on the way to work, increasing the saints in the room!

If you would like to invite a friend that would be great too.

There are no special requirements; a short reading, 20 minutes of silent prayer and a hymn to conclude.

The readings for the week and the song will be posted in the Tuesday email newsletter, so you can join in even if you are not in the church.

Any questions please talk to one of us at church or email <u>leonie@redirt.com.au</u>. If you do intend to join us remotely we'd love to know.

Alison and Leonie



BLUE CHRISTMAS, THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER

A church service to support people who have lost loved ones and are experiencing grief.

The worship recognizes that many experience loss and pain and provides the promise of hope.

Candles, arranged as an Advent wreath, are lit and empty chairs are reserved as a way of commemorating those who have been lost in previous years.

This time is for those who struggle to find joy and hope during festive seasons. The service is set to begin at 6:30pm on Thursday 9 December.

PASTORAL VISIT – BISHOP DENISE FERGUSON – SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER

Each year the Archbishop and Bishop Denise Ferguson take responsibility for around half the parishes in the Diocese, and Bishop Denise will be our area bishop for the coming year, beginning on Advent Sunday. Among her first visits this year will be St Mary Magdalene's, when she will be the principal concelebrant and preacher on **Sunday 12 December**. Please mark the date in your diaries. Bishop Denise has a great affection to our community, as St Mary Magdalene's was the first church in which she officiated as a bishop following her episcopal ordination in July 2019.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)

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.

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, 5 December, at 10 am – The 2nd Sunday in Advent

Readings: Malachi 3.1–14 • (Canticle) Luke 1.68–79 • Philippians 1.1–11 • Luke 3.1–6

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 troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Valerie, Sim, Clarice, Dulcie, Jasmin, Henry, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Linda, Alex and Matt.

For those who have died. Those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and in other tragic circumstances; 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.