

The 1st Sunday of Advent

29 November 2020

The Archbishop has again directed that in order to minimise the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19, there should be no congregational singing in Anglican churches in the Diocese of Adelaide until further notice.

The Archbishop has undertaken to maintain a watching brief on advice about singing by SA Health with a view to announcing when it is possible to resume congregational singing.

When familiar chants are used, the congregation may wish to make the offering their own by humming or vocalising quietly, as may be found helpful or devotional.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Mass for Advent I

Ant. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; come and rescue me. O Lord, I trust in you.

- 1 Do not let my enemies triumph over me;
let none who wait for you be put to shame.
- 2 Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.
- 3 Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I hoped all the day long.
- 4 According to your mercy think on me:
because of your goodness, O Lord.
- 5 Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he direct sinners in the way.
- 6 The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a traditional centrepiece of the Christmas season. A candle is lit on each of the four Sundays preceding Christmas. The first candle (violet) represents hope, the second (violet) peace, the third (rose) joy, and the fourth (violet) love. The central white candle, lit on Christmas Day, represents Christ.

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: Jesus is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, Jesus is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, Jesus is the Saviour of every nation.

The first candle is lit, and the Priest says:

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May this wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May the Lord come quickly and not delay. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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.

All say

**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.**

Collect

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

.THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 64.1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalm

Psalm 80.1–6, 16–18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead Joseph like a sheep:
shine out in glory, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your strength, and come and help us.
- 3 *Restore us again, O God of hosts:
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*
- 4 O Lord God of hosts:
how long will you be angry with your people's prayer?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears:
you have given them plentiful tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand:
the son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we not turn back from you:
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.
- 18 *Restore us again, O Lord God of hosts:
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.1–9

The beginning of the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has

been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84.4

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13.24–37

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

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 by the choir. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the bowls at the front and rear of the pews.

Wait for the Lord whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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

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.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Dawn and evening celebrate your glory
till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son
the life of heaven and earth were joined,
sealing the promise of a new creation,
given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit,
we who bear your threefold likeness
look for the City of Peace
in whose light we are transfigured
and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who await the coming of your Son,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father.
In Jesus you showed us yourself.
Our hope is built on him,
the first, the last, the living one.
Obedient, even to accepting death,
He opened the gate of glory
and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
alight with the vision of a feast
that heralded a kingdom yet to come,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end. 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 away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins 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 84.13

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.**

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, ✠ 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

REINTRODUCTION OF COVID-19 RULES

The state of alert about the Covid-19 pandemic remains high, with nearly 60 venues of concern in relation to the Parafield and Woodville Clusters, and some 6,000 people presently in a mandatory 14 day quarantine in relation to no fewer than 9 different venues in a wide geographical area.

With effect from 12.01 am on Sunday 22 November, the policy on physical distancing, includes the reintroduction of a 4 square metre per person 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. The capacity of the church has been reduced to 52 people. With that number, our regular congregation will be able to gather, but active steps must be taken to ensure everyone is well-spaced.

Activities in the Mission Hall are also affected. The capacity of the main hall is reduced to just 16 people, with a further 4 able to be accommodated in the kitchenette, and 6 in the front room of the Hall. and we will have to be attentive to these numbers over Morning Tea.

The reduction of capacity in the Hall will also affect our user groups, especially the AA groups and the Drop In Centre. Please keep everyone in your prayers.

CONTACT TRACING

With effect from 12.01 am on Tuesday 1 December, all places covered by a Covid-Safe Plan – including the Church and the Mission Hall – must keep contact tracing records of all users of both areas 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 will be 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 account and app on their mobile phone. Visitors will receive a text confirmation when they check in. Information from visitors will be collected and stored securely online for 28 days, only released to SA Health for official contact tracing purposes.
- A paper recording log template will be available to download as a back-up if visitors don't have a mobile phone.

This situation makes it convenient to remind the community about the need for Covid-safe behaviour at all times. We are becoming complacent, and risk slipping into bad habits. At morning team, for instance, we must not crowd the servery area. Hot water for tea, and milk for tea and coffee, must be dispensed at the servery, and the instant hot water service must not be used by multiple people. These small points are important, and safeguard against infection. **These requirements, and others outlined in our Covid-Safe Plans, are legal obligations under current Emergency Management directions. Non-compliance renders the Parish liable to a fine of \$5,060.**

Our Covid Marshals will be especially vigilant in the coming weeks. These are 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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The pressures of the Covid-19 pandemic means that Anglicare has taken the difficult decision not to proceed with Christmas Hampers this year. While there will be some services available over the holiday period, there are a number of people linked with our parish who have in previous years been reliant on hampers to tide them over the Christmas/New Year Period, some of whom will experience isolation and loneliness at a time when many community functions are in recess. We plan to make hampers of our own as a gesture of friendship and support. If you would like to contribute, please make a cash donation to Heather Carter today, or make a donation directly into the parish bank account, labelled Christmas Hampers. We hope to prepare and pack the hampers after Mass on Sunday 6 December.

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 (<i>traditional rite</i>) (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 <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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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, 6 December, at 10 am – The 2nd Sunday in Advent

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11 • 2 Peter 3.8-15a • Mark 1.1-8

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, especially Anne Eleanor Dow,
and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

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