

The 135th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

3 October 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.

The reintroduction of restrictions to public activities to minimise the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19 mean that there will be no congregational or choral singing in churches while the directions remain in force. A single cantor will offer some music on behalf of the worshipping community, but in the main our worship today will be said.

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. A cantor sings the hymn, and the Entrance Antiphon.

Blessèd City, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who, of living stones upbuilt,
Art the joy of heaven above,
And, with angel cohorts circled,
As a bride to earth dost move!

2 From celestial realms descending,
Bridal glory round her shed,
To his presence, decked with jewels,
By her Lord shall she be led:
All her streets, and all her bulwarks,
Of pure gold are fashionèd.

3 Bright with pearls her portals glitter,
They are open evermore;
And, by virtue of his merits,
Thither faithful souls may soar,
Who for Christ's dear name in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.

4 Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polished well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly Architect,
Who therewith hath willed for ever
That his palace should be decked.

*Latin, 7th cent.,
trans. J. M. Neale 1818-66*

Entrance Antiphon

Genesis 28.17

O how wondrous is this place! this is the house of God, and gate of heaven:
and all shall call it the palace of God.

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 assistant, or the priest or deacon, says

If you truly amend your ways and your doings,
if you truly act justly one with another,
then I will dwell with you in this place, says the Lord.

Silence.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
confident in God's forgiveness.

**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.**

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 said.

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Let us pray.

Bountiful God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship here,
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and being filled with the Holy Spirit
may become a living temple acceptable to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 8.22–30

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, ‘O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, “There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.” Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, “My name shall be there,” that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.’

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

Psalm

Psalm 122

- I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.
2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.
4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
5 For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.
6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.
9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2.4-10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Come to the Lord, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,’ and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Ezekiel 37.27

A cantor sings:

Alleluia!
I shall make my home among them, says the Lord;
I will be their God, they shall be my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 7.24-29

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 said to the crowds: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Gwilym Henry-Edwards

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. 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 cantor sings the hymn. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the plates at the front and rear of the pews.

Only-begotten, Word of God eternal,
Lord of creation, merciful and mighty,
Hear thou thy servants, when their tuneful voices
Rise to thy presence.

2 Thus in our solemn feast of Dedication,
Graced with returning rites of due devotion,
Ever thy children, year by year rejoicing,
Chant in thy temple.

3 This is thy palace; here thy presence-chamber;
Here may thy servants, at the mystic banquet,
Daily adoring, take thy body broken,
Drink of thy chalice.

4 Hallowed this dwelling where the Lord abideth,
This is none other than the gate of heaven;
Strangers and pilgrims, seeking homes eternal,
Pass through its portals.

5 Lord, we beseech thee, as we throng thy temple,
By thy past blessings, by thy present bounty,
Smile on thy children, and with tender mercy
Hear our petitions.

Latin c.9th century, trans. M.J. Blacker 1822-88

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

Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people
Grant that all who celebrate this eucharist
may please you by the offering of themselves
and the fulfilling of your will.

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
enthroned upon the praises of your people.

We thank you for this house of prayer,
in which you bless your family
as we come to you in pilgrimage.

Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs
and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace.
Here you build your temple of living stones
and bring the Church to its full stature
as the body of Christ throughout the world,
to reach its perfection at last
in the heavenly city of Jerusalem,
which is the vision of your peace.

Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem,
with angels in joyful assembly,
with all whose names are written in heaven
and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
we lift up our voices to join in the triumphal song of praise:

**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.**

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:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

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:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

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.**

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.

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 cantor sings

Lo, God is here! Let us adore
And own how dreadful is this place!
Let all within us feel his power,
And silent bow before his face,
Who know his power, his grace who prove,
Serve him with awe, with reverence love.

2 Lo, God is here! Him day and night
The united choirs of angels sing;
To him, enthroned above all height,
Heaven's hosts their noblest praises bring;
To thee may all our thoughts arise,
Ceaseless, accepted Sacrifice.

German, G Tersteegen 1697-1769

trans. John Wesley 1703-91

Communion Antiphon

A cantor sings

You are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you.
The temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Cf. 1 Corinthians 3.16-17

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Father, you have given us this time of joy
and have nourished us in heavenly things.
Grant that we may show in our lives the love of Christ,
who is our God and Saviour. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May Christ, our sure foundation,
whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
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, with the ministers, goes to the Foundation Stone, and says

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Angelus

Let us invoke the intercession of the most holy Mary,
that she may help us to become, like her, the 'House of God',
the living temple of God's unending love.

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessèd art thou among women,
and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary ... **Holy Mary** ...

And the Word was made Flesh.

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ... **Holy Mary** ...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord,
pour thy grace into our hearts :
that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an Angel ;
so by his Cross ✠ and Passion
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The priest, deacon or another minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION CHURCH.—The foundation-stone of St. John's Mission Church in Moore-street was laid by the Anglican Bishop (Dr. Kennion) on Saturday afternoon. About 200 persons were present. After the usual service for the occasion had been rendered and the stone laid, the Bishop said it was of special interest to him to lay that stone, because it would be the first Church built by the Church of England in the city for twenty-five years. Another interesting feature in connection with the building was the fact that the material to be used was composed of the bricks and stones used in the old Church of St. John, in which for two or three generations the people of the parish had worshipped. The Church of which he was laying the stone was to be erected in the poorest part of the city, and was especially intended for the poor adherents of the Church. He did not for one moment say that there was not as much real religion among the poor as among the rich. In fact, he believed that there was more real

Christian sympathy amongst them than amongst their richer neighbours. They were anxious that the Church of England should be recognised as a Church for the poor, although they were quite willing to welcome to worship in that edifice their richer neighbours. At the same time, it was a fact, as a Bishop in England had recently remarked, that they were greater pleased to convert a rich man than a poor man, because it was so much harder to do it. He hoped that the Church would prove a great use to the neighbourhood, and that in it the worship of the Almighty would be carried on with sincerity and truth.

The Rev. F. S. Poole coincided with the remarks of the Bishop, and said that the step that had been taken had been deemed necessary because the parish Church was in one corner of the parish, and it was hardly fair to expect the other parishes to bear the burden of providing the means of worship for the adherents of the Church residing in the parish of St. John.

NOTICES

Parish Consultation, Next Sunday, 10 October

At the time of Fr Stephan Clark's retirement, the Wardens and Parish Council announced that the Parish would enter an extended period of part-time ministry during which rental revenue (including the Rectory) would be directed to the retirement of debt to the Synod Office, and steps were taken to ensure cash flow is sufficiently settled to enable a mature decision to be made on the options for ministry in the longer term.

We are pleased to announce that we have made excellent progress in addressing both issues, to the extent that the Diocese has advised that we may begin to look in earnest towards making an ongoing ministerial appointment in the first half of 2022.

The Parish Council is now working on a revised Parish Profile, and the wider congregation has its own part to play through participating in a Parish Consultation, to be led by our area Archdeacon, David Bassett. **The format of the day will be for morning tea/brunch to be served after Mass, with the Consultation to begin at around 11.30 am, ending at 1 pm.** A letter from the Archdeacon is available today, which invites us to prepare for the consultation by thinking about three questions:

- Who are we when we are at our best?
- What are our hopes as we go forward?
- What are we looking for in our Priest?

During the consultation, we will hear from each other, discuss with each other and seek the leading of the Holy Spirit as we look to the future.

PLEASE MARK THE DATE, NEXT SUNDAY, 10 OCTOBER, IN YOUR DIARIES!

If you are not able to be with us, we are still keen to have your views. Please speak to either of the Churchwardens, or email at StMMAdelaide.Parish@outlook.com

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday 12 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, 10 October, at 10 am – The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Job 23.1–9, 16–17 • Psalm 22.1–15 • Hebrews 4.12–16 • Mark 10.17–31

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, Gary Priest (priest), John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Linda and Alex.

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, especially Iris Craddock and Peter Clifford (priest), and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

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