

# The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

25 October 2020

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



For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for his gifts to every nation;  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour;  
God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

Frederick Pratt Green 1903-2000

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 104:3-4

*The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.*

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

### 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.**

*The priest may briefly introduce the Mass of the day.*

## Penitential Act

*The choir sings*

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

*The priest, deacon, or another minister says*

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

*Silence. Then 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.**

## Hymn of Praise

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect

Let us pray.

O God,  
whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law:  
stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit,  
and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love,  
so that we may love you with our whole being,  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
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

**Deuteronomy 34.1-12**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain – that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees – as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’

Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

### Psalm

**Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17**

**℟. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness:  
so shall we rejoice and be glad.**

- 1 LORD, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say,  
‘Go back, O child of earth.’ **℟.**

- 4 For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream;  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered. *℟.*
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?  
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days  
that you afflicted us  
and the years in which we suffered adversity. *℟.*
- 16 Show your servants your works  
and your splendour to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork. *℟.*

## Second Reading

## 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

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

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

## John 14.23

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’”? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

**Fr Graeme Kaines**

The Gospel for today has Jesus giving us the two Great Commandments. They are much more concise than the Ten Commandments yet they are more far-reaching and challenging.

Jesus gave these commandments in response to the question, “Which is the greatest commandment of the Law?” The question was posed by some Pharisees in order to trap Jesus. Without hesitation Jesus states that love of God and of neighbour form the core of the whole Law.

So what does love of God involve for us? The challenging aspect of it is that it requires of us completeness – an open-ended commitment which is vast in its scope and endless in its duration. To us this may seem huge until we remember and take to heart that this is exactly how God loves us, even in our darkest moments of wrongdoing.

Our love of God is to be expressed very often by the love we show our neighbours. Love of neighbour very often involves us ensuring that someone is treated with justice. In the Old Testament we are told, “Do not molest the stranger or be harsh with the widow and orphan, nor take advantage of the poor and the weak. It is significant that Jesus rewards people who feed the hungry, clothe the naked and care for the sick.

Whatever love means in human terms love must show itself in deeds and not just in words of justice and compassion.

The words of Christianity have always been lofty in meaning. The tragedy is that Christians have too often been somewhat attentive to the words but not often been heroic in their application in life. In our own time we pay far more attention to the words of our political heroes and spend more energy in supporting them practically than we do the words of Jesus.

We all wish fervently that our churches would grow again in Australia after years of decline. Our children and perhaps our grandchildren have accused us of hypocrisy because

we set about our churchgoing and other Christian observances but failed to live according to their requirements. Whether or not they were correct is for us to judge. Honesty will tell that in many cases their criticism was true.

One way of attracting people back to the Church will be the example we offer of really caring about our neighbour. This will require a way of life which is not strictly according to our political persuasions. But our way of life will be distinctive and in contrast to the accepted values of our society. Then we shall be trying to love in the way God needs us to love and we shall be making a difference to the lives of other people.

*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.*



In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-  
fraid. Lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near; lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near.

Jacques Berthier 1923-94

*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 constant love,  
you have guided your people  
in all times and ages.  
May we who offer you our praise today  
always be ready to follow where you lead;  
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.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

## The Prayer of Hippolytus

You sent him from heaven to take our flesh:  
born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
he was revealed as your Son.

He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might break the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name:

**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.**

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our sacrifice of praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying to his disciples, 'Take, and eat:  
this is my body which will be given for you.'

In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, 'This is my blood which will be shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.'

In remembrance of his death and resurrection,  
with this bread and this cup,  
we give you thanks that you have counted us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon the celebration of your Church:  
gather into one all who share in these holy mysteries,  
filling them with your Spirit  
and confirming them in the truth,  
that together we may praise you and give you glory  
through Jesus your servant.



All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church, now and for ever. **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.*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

### Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

*All receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants are asked to approach 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. Psalm 19:6

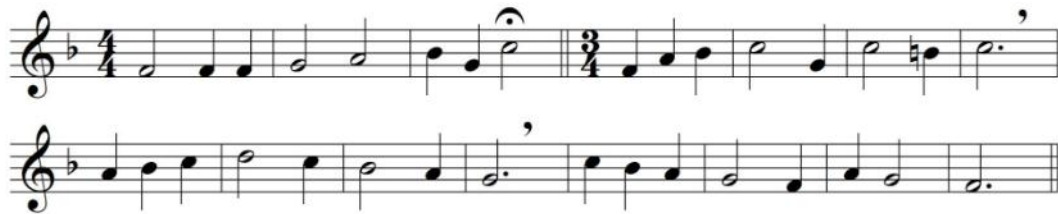
We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God our guide,  
you have fed us with bread from heaven  
as you fed the people of Israel.  
May we who have been inwardly nourished  
be ready to follow you all our days;  
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Postcommunion Hymn



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| 1 | Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,<br>My daily labour to pursue;<br>Thee, only thee, resolved to know<br>In all I think or speak or do.             | 4 | Thee may I set at my right hand,<br>Whose eyes my inmost substance see,<br>And labour on at thy command,<br>And offer all my works to thee.           |
| 2 | The task thy wisdom hath assigned,<br>O let me cheerfully fulfil;<br>In all my works thy presence find,<br>And prove thy good and perfect will.   | 5 | Give me to bear thy easy yoke,<br>And every moment watch and pray,<br>And still to things eternal look,<br>And hasten to thy glorious day;            |
| 3 | Preserve me from my calling's snare,<br>And hide my simple heart above,<br>Above the thorns of choking care,<br>The gilded baits of worldly love. | 6 | For thee delightfully employ<br>Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,<br>And run my course with even joy,<br>And closely walk with thee to heaven. |

Charles Wesley 1707-88

## 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 resumes on Saturday 7 November, and the Parish is rostered on to cook the meal. Heather Carter is overseeing preparations: please speak to her if you would like to contribute with gifts of food or money to buy it.

### ALL SOULS DAY – Monday 2 November

All Souls Day falls this year on Monday 2 November. Solemn Requiem Mass in the traditional rite will be sung at 6.15 pm. It is our custom at this Mass to remember by name all those who have died for whom we are bidden to pray. A list is available on the back table at church, where you may include the names of deceased family and friends whom you would like to be remembered. This list is based on that prepared in previous years – so please also feel free to amend your list as you see fit.

### FROM FR GRAEME - RESPONSES TO PARISH SURVEY

I have mentioned previously the extremely helpful responses received to our recent Questionnaire in which we sought to gauge the mood of the community on a range of issues. Parish Council began the task of considering each one of the responses at its last meeting.

Our intention in beginning this process was not to press on with change to procedures or practices, at least not in the first instance. That is for the future, and as a part of future consultation, following further consideration by the Parish Council during future meetings, beginning with the next one.

However, I wish to indicate in broad terms the scope covered by most of the responses. It was very interesting and the highlighting of the following is my own.

First, there was **the strong sense of community felt at our church**. We could say that this is, for many of us, a critical aspect of coming to our church. This indicates to us that it will be very important to nourish our St Mary Magdalene's community as our future unfolds. It is significant that the recent Parish Picnic was thoroughly enjoyed by so many.

Second, it was striking to read how many of us believe that **our worship at the church is vitally important**. There is the act of worship itself, as well as its structure, and our musical tradition. The liturgical arrangements and times of our Masses attracted significant comment. There was likewise much comment about music and its role in worship. Parish Council will have a full agenda for some time to come. Each and every submission was appreciative, and there have been plenty of interesting and worthwhile suggestions.

Many people think that **the Tuesday and Thursday newsletters issued by email are good**. They have certainly helped to keep our people in touch with our church and have been helpful in other ways, too.

We are very grateful to **Fr Philip Carter** for the weekly contributions he makes – previously in the Thursday newsletter and now in our Blog. People have found Fr Philip and his reflections to be very helpful indeed. His work is highly valued.

Worship, Community, regular and frequent Newsletters and Fr Philip's input – all these aspects of St Mary Magdalene's Church require much effort from various people in our Parish and we are doubtless all grateful for their time and energy. I certainly am.

Fr Graeme Kaines  
Locum Priest

## SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass</b> (Church open 11.30 am – 1 pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass</b> <i>in the language of the BCP</i> (Church open 11.30 am – 1 pm)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> 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.

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## 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

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## 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/>.

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## 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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## 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*

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## Next Sunday, 1 November, at 10 am – All Saints Day

Readings: Revelation 7.9-17 • 1 John 3.1-3 • Matthew 5.1-12

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## 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 and Ossy.

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.*