

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

13 September 2020

The Archbishop has 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.

Offering a Sunday Mass without congregational singing is new for us all: this is a work in progress, and we will be considering the options in the coming weeks: please let us have your suggestions.

Pray that the "hymns and psalms and spiritual songs" to which St Paul exhorts us in the Letter to the Ephesians may still be joyful, even as they are fewer in number, and more quiet.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Mass for Ordinary Time I

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

All the earth shall worship you: and sing to you, and sing praises to your name.

Psalms 66

- 1 O shout with joy to God, all the earth:
sing to the honour of his name, and give him glory as his praise.
- 7 O bless our God, you peoples:
and cause his praises to resound,
- 8 Who has held our souls in life:
who has not suffered our feet to slip.
- 9 For you have proved us, O God:
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 12 I will come into your house with burnt-offerings:
and I will pay you my vows, the vows that opened my lips:
- 15 Come then and hear, all you that fear God:
and I will tell what he has done for me.
- 16 I called to him with my mouth:
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 17 If I had cherished wickedness in my heart:
the Lord would not have heard me.
- 18 But God has heard me:
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
- 19 Praise be to God:
who has not turned back my prayer, or his steadfast love from me.

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

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,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
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

Exodus 14.19-31

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

Canticle

Exodus 15.1-13, 17-18

- 1 'I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.
- 2 The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
- 3 The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.
- 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;
his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

- 11 Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendour, doing wonders?
- 12 You stretched out your right hand,
the earth swallowed them.
- 13 In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed;
you guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- 17 You brought them in
and planted them on the mountain of your own possession,
the place, O LORD, that you made your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands have established.
- 18 The LORD will reign for ever and ever.'

Second Reading

Romans 14.1-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

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

Gospel Acclamation

1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
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.

Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Graeme Kaines

We have heard a lot about forgiveness of sins this year, especially when I have been preaching. But the Gospel readings for last Sunday and this Sunday call any blithe assumptions about God’s forgiveness into real question. As we have learnt, much will depend on our own choices - whether or not we accept all that God offers us.

In the case of forgiveness, it can be said that when we offer someone forgiveness ourselves, we are building a bridge between earth and heaven. Because each one of us is a sinner, the only way we can pass from earth to heaven is over the bridge of God’s forgiveness. Jesus said that if we forgive others our Father in heaven will forgive our trespasses. In other words, the surest way of ensuring our passage to heaven is to forgive others from our hearts.

If we cannot forgive someone on earth, we cannot expect or assume any forgiveness for ourselves from God. This is simple for us to contemplate, but far more difficult for us to implement. There are times when to offer forgiveness seems too difficult to imagine. It is then that we need to remember the teaching of today’s Gospel. Is it correct for us to harden our attitude towards another person? God calls us to be magnanimous and awake to our own shortcomings in our dealings with others. Eventually we need to leave the Garden of Eden so that our ability to live by Jesus’ teachings becomes a matter of choice.

In today's Gospel, we should study the detail offered. The first workers are forgiven a huge debt, while a second person who is owed relatively little is not prepared to forgive the debt, and is severely punished. The teaching from Jesus is plain: If we do not forgive one another a debt, neither will God forgive our many debts or trespasses. It is entirely up to us whether or not we decide to forgive another.

This teaching is restated in the Lord's Prayer when we pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." If we fail to offer forgiveness, we cannot expect forgiveness from God.

Jesus challenges us seriously in this Gospel. Given that our society is too often disinclined to forgive certain misdemeanours and sins, it makes our own decisions about forgiveness difficult ... but not impossible.

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 choir sings the chant. 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.

Theme I
1.  2. 

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

Theme II
1.  2. 

The themes may be sung separately or together, in unison or in canon.

Jacques Berthier 1923-1994

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

Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Prayer of Hippolytus

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.

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 against 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.**

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. Ps 36.7

How precious is your mercy, O God!
Your children seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
Father,
your word and sacrament give us food and life.
May we who have shared in holy things
bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday 12 noon Angelus; **12.10 pm Mass** *in the language of the BCP* (Church open 11.30 am – 1 pm)
Sunday 10 am Sung Mass with children's ministry and choir

The Tuesday Mass is in abeyance until 6 October.

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, Shop 8 Rundle Mall, Adelaide 5000
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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/>.

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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Locum Priest: Fr Graeme Kaines

Fr Graeme is on leave from 14 September to 5 October. Fr Bill Goodes will celebrate Sunday and Weekday Masses

In an emergency during Fr Graeme's leave, please contact Peter Burdon on 0414 471 894

Next Sunday, 20 September, at 10 am – The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 16.2-15 • Romans Philipians 1.21-30 • Matthew 20.1-16

PARISH PICNIC AT A DISTANCE

On **Sunday 27 September** here will be a Picnic in the Parklands from 11.30 am (after the 10 am Mass). Gourmet Sandwiches will be supplied, with everyone invited to bring their own drinks, chairs, rugs, and the like. There is a sheet to indicate your attendance, or email Heather Carter (hcarte58@gmail.com)

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 Caroline.
Pray for those who have died recently, especially Alan Brissenden, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.
Rest ✕ eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.