

St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church  
Moore Street, Adelaide

## Tuesday 15 September 2020

Tuesday in the 24th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II

### ANGELUS

**V.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

**R.** **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.**

**V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**R.** **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

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

**V.** And the Word was made Flesh.

**R.** **And dwelt among us.**

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

**V.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**R.** **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.**

### MASS

#### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### Entrance Antiphon

Cf Sir. 36.18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

## Penitential Act

Let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## Collect

Let us pray.

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*1 Corinthians 12.12-14, 27-31a*

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

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 100.1-2, 3, 4, 5 (R.3c)

**R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing. **R.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. **R.**

- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name. **R.**
- 5 For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7.16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Luke 7.11-17

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then Jesus came forward and touched the pallet, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favourably on his people!" This word about Jesus spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

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

## Reflection

William Barclay

In many ways this is the loveliest story in all the gospels.

(i) It tells of the pathos and the poignancy of human life. The funeral procession would be headed by the band of professional mourners with their flutes and their cymbals, uttering in a kind of frenzy their shrill cries of grief. There is all the ageless sorrow of the world in the austere and simple sentence, "He was his mother's only son and she was a widow."

*"Never morning wore to evening  
But some heart did break."*

In Shelley's *Adonais*, his lament for Keats, he writes,

*"As long as skies are blue, and fields are green,  
Evening must usher night, night urge the morrow,  
Month follow month with woe, and year wake year to sorrow."*

Virgil, the Roman poet, in an immortal phrase spoke about "The tears of things" - *sunt lacrimae rerum*. In the nature of things we live in a world of broken hearts.

(ii) To the pathos of human life, Luke adds the compassion of Christ. Jesus was moved to the depths of his heart. There is no stronger word in the Greek language for sympathy and again and again in the gospel story it is used of Jesus (Matthew 14:14; Matthew 15:32; Matthew 20:34; Mark 1:41; Mark 8:2).

To the ancient world this must have been a staggering thing. The noblest faith in antiquity was Stoicism. The Stoics believed that the primary characteristic of God was apathy, incapability of feeling. This was their argument. If someone can make another sad or sorry, glad or joyful, it means that, at least for the moment, he can influence that other person. If he can influence him that means that, at least for the moment, he is greater than he. Now, no one can be greater than God; therefore, no one can influence God; therefore, in the nature of things, God must be incapable of feeling.

Here men were presented with the amazing conception of one who was the Son of God being moved to the depths of his being.

*"In ev'ry pang that rends the heart.  
The Man of sorrows has a part."*

For many that is the most precious thing about the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(iii) To the compassion of Jesus, Luke adds the power of Jesus. He went up and touched the bier. It was not a coffin, for coffins were not used in the east. Very often long wicker-work baskets were used for carrying the body to the grave. It was a dramatic moment. As one great commentator says, "Jesus claimed as his own what death had seized as his prey."

It may well be that here we have a miracle of diagnosis; that Jesus with those keen eyes of his saw that the lad was in a cataleptic trance and saved him from being buried alive, as so many were in Palestine. It does not matter; the fact remains that Jesus claimed for life a lad who had been marked for death. Jesus is not only the Lord of life; he is the Lord of death who himself triumphed over the grave and who has promised that, because he lives, we shall live also (John 14:19).

**Pause to reflect on the Word.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **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

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**Taking the paten with the bread, the priest says**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Taking the chalice, the priest says**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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**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**

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,  
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,  
that what each has offered to the honour of your name  
may serve the salvation of all.

Through 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.

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.

### **The Prayer of Hippolytus**

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 Priest breaks the bread, saying –*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

*While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung –*

**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 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 36.8

The chalice of blessing that we bless  
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;  
and the bread that we break  
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,  
take possession of our minds and bodies,  
so that its effects, and not our own desires,  
may always prevail in us.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

## Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**Thanks be to God.**