

St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church
Moore Street, Adelaide

Tuesday 22 September 2020

Tuesday in the 25th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II

AT 12 NOON, ANGELUS

℣. 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.**

AT 12.10, 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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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.

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
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

Proverbs 21.1-6, 10-13

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord;
he turns it wherever he will.

All deeds are right in the sight of the doer,
but the Lord weighs the heart.

To do righteousness and justice
is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

Haughty eyes and a proud heart—
the lamp of the wicked—are sin.

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance,
but everyone who is hasty comes only to want.

The getting of treasures by a lying tongue
is a fleeting vapour and a snare of death.

The souls of the wicked desire evil;
their neighbours find no mercy in their eyes.

When a scoffer is punished, the simple become wiser;
when the wise are instructed, they increase in knowledge.
The Righteous One observes the house of the wicked;
he casts the wicked down to ruin.
If you close your ear to the cry of the poor,
you will cry out and not be heard.
For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119.1+27, 30+34, 35+44 (R.35a)

R. Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.

- 1 Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
27 Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works. **R.**
30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your ordinances before me.
34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart. **R.**
35 Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
44 I will keep your law continually,
forever and ever. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 11.28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are those who hear the word of God
and keep it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 8.19-21

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' mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." But Jesus said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pause to reflect on the Word.

Reflection

The Word of God is not "a comic strip" to be read, but a lesson to be listened to with the heart and to be practised every day. A commitment accessible to all, because although

“we have made it a bit difficult”, Christian life is “simple, simple”. In fact, “to listen to the Word of God and practise it” are the only two “conditions” established by Jesus for those who want to follow him.

For Pope Francis, this sums up the meaning of the Readings from Mass [today]. During the Mass at Santa Marta, he paused on the passage from the Gospel according to Luke (8:19-21) which speaks of Jesus’ mother and brethren who “could not reach him for the crowd”. Beginning with the observation that Jesus spent most of his time “on the street, with the people”, the Pope pointed out that among the many who followed him there were people who heard “in him a new authority, a new way of speaking”, they heard “the power of salvation” that he offered. In this regard, the Pope indicated that “it was the Holy Spirit who touched their heart”.

However, the Pope noted that there were also people mixed among the crowd who followed Jesus with ulterior motives. Some “out of convenience”, others perhaps out of a “desire to be better”. A bit like us today, he said, in that “so often we go to Jesus because we need something and then we forget him there, alone”. The story repeats itself, seeing that even then Jesus sometimes admonished those who followed him. That is what happens, for example, when Jesus says to the people: “You come to me not to hear the Word of God but because I fed you the other day”; or with the ten lepers, of whom only one came back to thank him, while “the other nine were happy with their health and forgot about Jesus”.

Despite all this, the Pope affirmed, “Jesus continued to speak to the people” and to love them to the point of defining “that immense crowd as ‘my mother and my brothers’”. Thus, the family of Jesus are “those who listen to the Word of God” and “put it into practise”. This, Pope Francis stated, “is the Christian life: nothing more. Simple, simple. Perhaps we have made it a bit difficult, with so many explanations that no one understands, but Christian life is like this: listening to the Word of God and practising it. This is what we prayed for in the Psalm: ‘Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands’, of your Word, of your Commandments, in order to practise” them.

He then invited that one should “truly listen to the word, in the Bible, in the Gospel”, meditating on the Scriptures to put their content into practise every day. But, the Pope clarified, should we scan the Gospel superficially, “this is not listening to the Word of God: this is reading the Word of God, as if one would read a comic strip”. While to listen to God’s Word is “to read it” and ask oneself: “What does this say to my heart?”. Only in this way, in fact, “does our life change”. This happens “every time we open the Gospel and read a passage and ask ourselves: ‘Is God speaking to me with this, is he saying something to me?’”.

This means “to listen to the Word of God, to listen with the ears and listen with the heart, to open the heart to God’s Word”. On the other hand, “Jesus’ enemies listened to Jesus’ words but they were close by in order to try and find a mistake, to make him slip up” and make him lose “authority. But they never asked themselves: ‘What is God telling me with these words?’”.

Moreover, he added, “God does not speak only to all but he speaks to each one of us. The Gospel was written for each one of us. And when I pick up the Bible, when I pick up the Gospel and read it, I must ask myself what the Lord is saying to me”. This, then, “is what Jesus says that true relatives do, his true brothers and sisters: they ‘listen to the Word of God with the heart’. And then, he says ‘they put it into practise’”.

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

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.

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

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
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.

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 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.**

Those who are not able 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 119.4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
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.