

## The 18th Sunday after Pentecost 26 September 2021

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**Acknowledgement of Country.** As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kurna 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.

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*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.*

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*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.*

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*When the bell rings, all stand. The cantor sings the hymn, and the Entrance Antiphon.*

We lay our broken world  
In sorrow at your feet,  
Haunted by hunger, war and fear,  
Oppressed by power and hate.

2 We bring our broken towns,  
Our neighbours hurt and bruised;  
You show us how old pain and wounds  
For new life can be used.

3 We bring our broken selves,  
Confused and closed and tired;  
Then through your gift of healing grace  
New purpose is inspired.

4 O Spirit, on us breathe,  
With life and strength anew;  
Find in us love, and hope and trust,  
And lift us up to you.

Anna Briggs b.1947

### Entrance Antiphon

Daniel 3.31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### 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 priest, deacon, or another minister says*

Brothers and sisters, 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.**

*The priest says*

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

## Collect

Let us pray.

O God,

your Son has taught us

that those who give a cup of water in his name

will not lose their reward:

open our eyes to see those who are in need,

and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards,

so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children,

we may labour for the treasure that endures;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Esther 7.1–6, 9–10; 9.20–22

A reading from the book of Esther.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me – that is my petition – and the lives of my people – that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by

year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

### Psalm 124

Ô qu'Israël peut bien dire en ce jour,  
Que si le ciel pour nous n'eût pas été;  
Si le Seigneur n'eût son peuple assisté;  
C'en était fait, sans espoir de retour,  
Quand l'ennemi sur nous se fût jeté.

Nous succombions sous un joug rigoureux,  
Près de nous voir en proie à ces pervers;  
Nous périssons par leurs complots divers;  
Des grosses eaux le cours impétueux  
Nous eût soudain entraînés et couverts.

Des conjurés les rapides torrents  
Eussent sur nous cent et cent fois passé;  
Mais gloire à Dieu, qui n'est plus courroucé,  
Et qui n'a point permis à ces tyrans  
D'engloutir tout comme ils l'avaient pensé.

Comme d'un lacs on voit rompre les nœuds,  
Par les oiseaux qu'il avait attrapés;  
De leurs filets nous sommes échappés.  
Celui qui fit et la terre et les cieux,  
Par son secours nous a développés.

*O now Israel can say in this day,  
that if the heavens were not for us;  
if the Lord had not helped his people;  
it was ended, with no hope of restoration,  
when the enemy threw themselves upon us.*

*We were failing under a harsh yoke,  
close to seeing ourselves prey to the wicked;  
We were perishing because of their many plots;  
of the great waters, the rushing course  
had suddenly dragged us down and covered us.*

*Of the conspirators, the swift tides would have  
passed over us a hundred and a hundred times;  
But glory to God, who is no longer wrathful,  
and who has not permitted these tyrants  
to engulf everything as they had thought to do.*

*As one sees the knots of the fowler broken,  
by the birds which he had trapped;  
we have escaped from their snares.  
He who made the earth and the heavens,  
by his help has strengthened us.*

Psautier de Genève (1539)

### Second Reading

James 5.12-20

A reading from the letter of James.

My beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "Yes" be yes and your "No" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

John 17.17

*The cantor sings:*

Alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 9.38-50

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, John said to him, ‘Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.’ But Jesus said, ‘Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.’

For the Gospel of the Lord,

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

## Homily

Fr Steven Ogden

## 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**

*The priest may say*

Let us pray for the world and 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. 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.*

Before I take the body of my Lord,  
before I share his life in bread and wine,  
I recognise the sorry things within:  
these I lay down.

2 The words of hope I often failed to give,  
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,  
The signs of care I argued out of sight:  
these I lay down.

3 The narrowness of vision and of mind,  
the need for other folk to serve my will,  
and every word and silence meant to hurt:  
these I lay down.

4 Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,  
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine  
that every contradiction of Christ's peace  
might be laid down.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,  
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands  
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine  
which you lay down.

John Bell b.1949  
Graham Maule 1958-2019

*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

Eternal God,  
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.  
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,  
and open our hearts and mouths  
to praise your great salvation,  
the same 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.**

O God, eternal Wisdom,  
all you have made is beautiful and good.  
We thank you for darkness and light,  
for this earth and for our bodies,  
for growth and change  
and all that lies beyond our knowledge and imagination.

In every generation you befriend your people.  
You gave us your holy Law, sent the prophets,  
and called us back to the truth whenever we turned away.

Wisdom in Creation

You were vindicated in your servant Jesus  
who came with forgiveness, feasting, and stories of your grace.  
Though we rejected him,  
death on a cross could not quench the fire of his love.  
You raised him up for us,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
to build a new community of hope  
where all are honoured as Christ's equal friends.

And so we praise you  
with Mary, mother of the living Word,  
and with all your faithful friends,  
as we join the angels' song:

**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.**

God of the feast, your household is hungry  
for the bread of heaven and the cup of life.  
Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration,  
so that we may eat at this table and be satisfied  
with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

On the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved.  
He took the bread, gave you thanks,  
broke it to share with them, and said:  
"Take and eat this: it is my body."

Then he took a cup of wine.  
Again he thanked you and told them:  
"Drink this, all of you: it is my blood,  
shed for you and for many  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

So we delight to remember Jesus:  
the faithfulness of his life,  
the victory of his cross,  
the glory of his resurrection,  
the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous,  
accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Make us good stewards of creation,  
with justice in our hearts,  
courage in our actions and power in our speech  
to bear witness to the truth.  
Protect us with your glory,  
unite your church in loyalty and love,  
and bring us home with Mary Magdalene and all your saints  
to feast with you for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
and in the Spirit's grace,  
with heart and soul and mind and strength  
we love and worship you alone, O God,  
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.*

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*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.

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*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.*

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*During Communion, the cantor sings*

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| Put peace into each other's hands<br>and like a treasure hold it;<br>protect it like a candle flame,<br>with tenderness enfold it.                 | 3 Put peace into each other's hands,<br>like bread we break for sharing;<br>look people warmly in the eye:<br>our life is meant for caring. |
| 2 Put peace into each other's hands<br>with loving expectation;<br>be gentle in your words and ways,<br>in touch with God's creation.              | 4 As at communion, shape your hands<br>into a waiting cradle;<br>the gift of Christ receive, revere,<br>united round the table.             |
| 5 Put Christ into each other's hands,<br>he is love's deepest measure;<br>in love make peace, give peace a chance<br>and share it like a treasure. |   |

Fred Kaan 1929-2009

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 119.49-50

*The cantor sings*

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Father in heaven,  
strengthen the unity of your Church,  
so that we who have been fed with holy things  
may fulfil your will in the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 assistant, or the priest or deacon, says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## NOTICES

### Parish Consultation, 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, SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER, IN YOUR DIARIES!**

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### New Parish Email

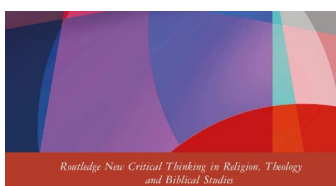
The Parish has a new email address. The email is:

**StMMAdelaide.Parish@outlook.com**

There will inevitably be some teething problems with the email being classified as "spam". If you are not receiving communications, please check your trash or spam folders, and mark parish emails as "trusted"!

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**Welcome today to Fr Steven Ogden** who is saying Masses this week while Fr Gwilym has been on leave.

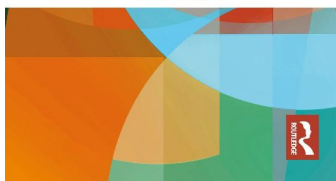


**VIOLENCE, ENTITLEMENT,  
AND POLITICS**  
A THEOLOGY ON TRANSFORMING THE SUBJECT

Steven G. Ogden

Congratulations to Fr Steven, whose book with the academic publisher Routledge, *Violence, Entitlement, and Politics: A Theology on Transforming the Subject* will be released this week.

This book is an exercise in political theology, exploring the problem of gender-based violence by focusing on violent male subjects and the issue of entitlement. It addresses gender-based violence in familial and military settings before engaging with a wider political context.



It is Fr Steven's second book for Routledge. His first, *The Church, Authority, and Foucault: Imagining the Church as an Open Space of Freedom* (2018) addressed the problem of the Church's enmeshment with sovereign power, which can lead to marginalization. He suggested that the Church needs to change in order to fulfil its vocation. Instead of a monarchy, what about Church as an open space of freedom?

## 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.

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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.

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 at other times during the week.

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### Next Sunday, 3 October, at 10 am – The 135th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

Readings: Kings 8.22–24, 27–30 • Psalm 122 • 1 Peter 2.4–10 • Matthew 7.24–29

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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 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, 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.*