

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

28 June 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzPjabmPxGc>

**God of freedom, God of justice,
you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison,
you who knew the price of faith –
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.**

**Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood –
move in us the power of pity
restless for the common good.**

**Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed –
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's needs.**

Shirley Erena Murray 1931-2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 47.2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy.

Greeting

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Penitential Act

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

Silence

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:
Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

The presider says:

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

All-powerful God,
in Jesus Christ you turned death into life,
and defeat into victory:
increase our faith and trust in him,
that we may triumph over evil,
in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 22.1-14

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am.' God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am, my son.' Isaac said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' The angel said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

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

Psalm

Psalm 13

- 1 How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I suffer anguish in my soul, *
and be so grieved in my heart day and night:
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':
lest my foes exult at my overthrow.
- 5 Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:
O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 And I will make my song to the Lord:
because he deals so bountifully with me.

Second Reading

Romans 6.12-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Cf Acts 16.14

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10.40-42

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve: ‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Graeme Kaines

A GOSPEL THEME – HOSPITALITY

One theme of today’s Gospel is hospitality, and it is difficult to know exactly what this means if it is not the obvious. This is very confronting to many of us, because we are good at showing hospitality to people we know or to loved ones – even next door neighbours – but we are not so good at hospitality when it comes to people we dislike or fear. It seems to me that Australia as a nation is inhospitable to asylum seekers who arrive in boats. This is where Jesus challenges us to think again about our attitude.

In our world we live at present with millions of people on the move. Some wish to find homes where opportunities for their families are better. We can relate to this desire easily as so many children or grandchildren have migrated overseas or interstate because work opportunities are better than here in Adelaide. Others who come to Australia find they cannot bear the constant danger and oppression of their homelands. They long for and need a more peaceful and just society. There are other serious and understandable reasons why people need to move.

The problem of settling asylum seekers and migrants in such huge numbers is gigantic. There are no easy solutions apart from prohibiting people from entering one’s nation. That solution is easier for us than for the victims prohibited.

One way of working out what can be done in the face of such huge demand for asylum and resettlement is for us to take a hard look at our core values and self-understanding. What are they, do you think? Does anyone really know? What is it to be “Australian”?

The Gospel reminds us that when we welcome strangers we become the people welcomed by God. Indeed, everything we set out to do for anyone else is as if we are doing it for Jesus.

The way we treat immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees tells us a lot about ourselves and each other. It confronts us with our prejudices and fears and enquires after the quality of our love and the foundations of our faith.

It is good to remember that in many and often small ways each day God calls upon our love. The way we answer helps us face up to the reality of what we are like.

Hospitality is a defying issue for humanity both in Australia and in many other nations.

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

So here we are meeting together again in our church after many weeks away, seeing familiar faces, nodding and smiling at each other, no hugs or handshakes and staying distanced from each other, but enjoying the sense of being together. As we take a moment to settle into our prayer, let's look around again and see the people who are not

here physically, who are worshipping at home and remember that, though we are two congregations, separated by space and time, we are connected and one in Christ.

Let's pray

God of hope and love,
you invite us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers
as dear to us as our own needs,
loving our neighbours as ourselves.

We pray for the people of the world
in this time of COVID uncertainty,
knowing that while it took three months to record the first million cases, it has only
taken nine days to record the second million,
knowing that while in our community we do not feel the shadow of disease as much as
many other communities do, there are many millions of people living in refugee camps,
in sprawling slums, in places where medical help is scarce, who are at the forefront of
suffering.

We pray for the leaders of all countries and communities
especially for those leaders who are making critical decisions about how to protect their
people
and we pray for people everywhere who are suffering from the disease, or living in
fearful and threatened circumstances.

In your mercy
Hear our prayer

God of strength and purpose,
you call us to loyalty and service beyond all earthly claim,
as people who have been raised from death to life.

We pray for the church
giving thanks for the dedication and creativity that has helped so many congregations
shine a light into the darkness.
We ask for your guidance as we learn a new way of living and being in a new world
ask for your continuing support, strength and shelter as we seek new ways to minister to
our own congregation and to those who turn to us.
We pray for the church throughout the world, that your people may find ways to
continue to share love and hope in your name.

In your mercy
Hear our prayer

God of mercy and healing, who hears the cries of those in need,
you call us to help all who are troubled, that they may know peace, comfort, and
courage.

We pray for those who are in need remembering that while the news of the world focuses on COVID, there are many who are suffering because of illness, sorrow, grief, lack of comfort, physical or spiritual because they live in war torn places, or have had to flee them because they suffer in famine, flood or other natural disasters. We bring those who suffer before you, offering our prayers for healing and asking for your guidance in ways we can offer practical help. And we take some moments to bring to you prayers for those people we hold in our own hearts.

In your mercy
Hear our prayer

God of dreams and visions, who has given us hope and broadened our horizons you call us to continue discovering the meaning of your covenant with us.

We are thankful for those who have gone before us, helping us to understand and seek your love, particularly this week, for the lives and witness of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. We pray for all those who have died especially thinking of our many friends and members of our families who have gone before us. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

In your mercy
Hear our prayer

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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

Living God,
receive all we offer you this day.
Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit,
we may share in your divine life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

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 celebrant 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 –

**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.

Music for Reflection

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-y36zbbuX7w>

Leonard Cohen – Story of Isaac

<p>The door it opened slowly, My father he came in, I was nine years old. And he stood so tall above me, His blue eyes they were shining And his voice was very cold. He said, "I've had a vision And you know I'm strong and holy, I must do what I've been told." So he started up the mountain, I was running, he was walking, And his axe was made of gold.</p>	<p>Well, the trees they got much smaller, The lake a lady's mirror, We stopped to drink some wine. Then he threw the bottle over. Broke a minute later And he put his hand on mine. Thought I saw an eagle But it might have been a vulture, I never could decide. Then my father built an altar, He looked once behind his shoulder, He knew I would not hide.</p>
<p>You who build these altars now To sacrifice these children, You must not do it anymore. A scheme is not a vision And you never have been tempted By a demon or a god. You who stand above them now, Your hatchets blunt and bloody, You were not there before, When I lay upon a mountain And my father's hand was trembling With the beauty of the word.</p>	<p>And if you call me brother now, Forgive me if I inquire, "just according to whose plan?" When it all comes down to dust I will kill you if I must, I will help you if I can. When it all comes down to dust I will help you if I must, I will kill you if I can. And mercy on our uniform, Man of peace or man of war, The peacock spreads his fan.</p>

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 103.1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God,
may we who have received this eucharist
worship you in all we do,
and proclaim the glory of your majesty.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDtGkcry3GQ>

**By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered
and confidently waiting, come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning,
and never fails to meet us each new day.**

**And when the cup you give is filled to brimming
with bitter suffering, hard to understand,
we take it gladly, trusting though with trembling,
out of so good and so beloved a hand.**

**If once again, in this mixed world, you give us
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
we shall recall what we have learned through sorrow,
and dedicate our lives to you alone.**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)
tr. Fred Pratt Green and Keith Clements

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.**

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERVICE TIMES IN JULY 2020

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

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral from Monday to Friday at 7.30 am.

Mass is offered on Principal Holy Days at 6.15 pm or such other time as is advertised.

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Graeme. 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.

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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

Food for those in need and goods for the Bargain Centre are not able to be accepted owing to Covid-19 restrictions, but donations of cash are welcome via <https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/>.

The Collective of St Magdalene (Drop-In Centre)

The Collective of St Mary Magdalene is not presently able to provide the Saturday night Drop-In meal owing to Covid-19 restrictions. Pray for all those who have received the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship elsewhere.

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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

Next Sunday – The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67 • Romans 7.14-25 • Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

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 Paul, Valerie, David, Sim and John. 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.