

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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The shop is closed until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions.

SERVICE DETAILS

Services have been cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Sundays at 9.30am:

Eucharist – with hymns, a children's address and a homily. (Approx. 50 minutes)

Wednesdays at 10am:

Eucharist – without hymns, a very brief reflection on the Gospel. (Approx. 30 minutes)

Mondays-Thursdays at 9am:

Morning Prayer

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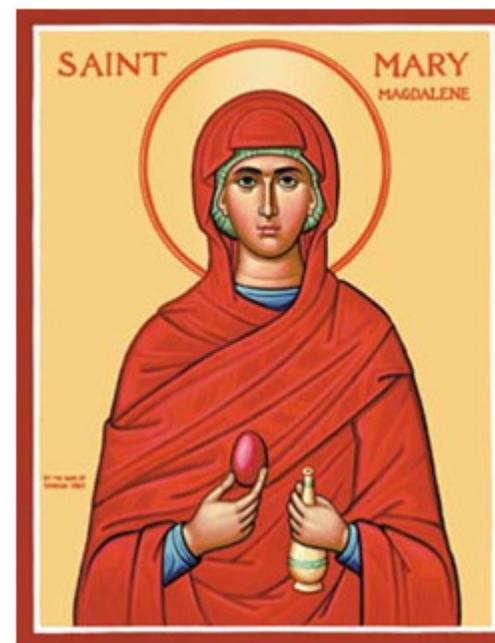
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MARY MAGDALENE



Sunday 26 July 2020

Priest in Charge: The Rev'd Colleen Clayton

153 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

As we gather to worship the God of peace and reconciliation, we respectfully acknowledge the Boon Wurrung people as the traditional owners of this land.

Introit Hymn: 520 AHB

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-79
The Australian Hymn Book

† In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all, so that those who live might live not for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

PENITENTIAL RITE

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

Silence is kept

**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.**

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

† The God of love forgive you
and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

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 OF THE DAY

Let us pray that our hearts may be open to the needs of all God's children.

Silence is kept

The Collect for Mary Magdalene

Christ our healer,
beloved and remembered by women,
speak to the grief that makes us forget,
and the terror that makes us cling,
and give us back our name,
so that we may greet you clearly,
and proclaim your risen life. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

O God, the fount of wisdom,
you have revealed to us in Christ
the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
that, in the midst of the things of this world,
we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom,
and be ready to renounce all else
for the sake of the precious gift you offer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Song of Songs

Upon my bed at night
I sought him whom my soul loves;
I sought him, but found him not;
I called him, but he gave no answer.
'I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.'
I sought him, but found him not.
The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.
'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go
until I brought him into my mother's house,
and into the chamber of her that conceived me..

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Song of Songs 3:1-4a

Psalm 63 (said antiphonally)

1. O God, you are my God:
eagerly will I seek you.
2. **My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.**
3. So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:
and saw your power and your glory.
4. **For your unchanging goodness is better than life:
therefore my lips shall praise you.**
5. And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.
6. **My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.**
7. When I remember you upon my bed:
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,
8. **How you have been my helper:
then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,**
9. Then my soul clings to you:
and your right hand upholds me.
10. **Those that seek my life are marked for destruction:
they shall go down to the deep places of the earth.**
11. They shall be delivered to the sword:
they shall be a portion for jackals.
12. **The king will rejoice in God, and all who take oaths
on his name shall glory: but the mouths of liars shall be stopped.**

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not

counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5.14-21

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!** Mary Magdalene announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord.' **Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

† Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you

looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'
Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

A time for silent reflection is observed after the Homily

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us stand and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,**

**the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
† and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Jesus, our teacher, healer and friend,
we pray for the peoples of the world:

for all in places of conflict, violence, famine and hardship;
for all who struggle to make just and peaceable societies.

When we fail to speak your good news of liberation,
when your people weep for lost loves and broken lives,
break open our lives with your risen power and create us anew.

Risen Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, our teacher, healer and friend,
we pray for your church:

for those who seek, but cannot find you;
for teachers and pastors and all your ministers.

When we fail to proclaim your risen love,
when we keep you bound in lifeless images and structures,
burst out of the tomb and come to us in new life.

Risen Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, our teacher, healer and friend,
we pray for our community:

for our families, our friends and all whom we love;
for all who live and work in Cheltenham.

When we do not recognise you in those around us,
when we under-value ourselves and others,
call us by our name and give us back a belief in our own worth.

Risen Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, our teacher, healer and friend, we pray for all in need:
for the grief-stricken and the desolate
for the sick, the dying and all who care for them.

When we are wounded in body or soul,
when we know the darkness of terror and despair,
cast out our demons and make us whole.

Risen Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, our teacher, healer and friend,
we remember all who have died in your love; remembering this week John
Fielder, Alyster Box, Pam McLean, Ken Cleghorn and Dorothy Lewis.

We give thanks for Mary Magdalene,
for all who have followed you with profligate love.
May we, following her example, find in you the one our soul loves, watch with
you in death, meet with you in risen life and share with you in life eternal.

Risen Jesus,
hear our prayer.

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THE PEACE

We are the Body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 660 TIS

1. Myrrh bearing Mary from Magdala came,
Seeking her Jesus, with spirit aflame;
He had commanded her sickness depart,
She now would thank him for newness of heart.
2. Myrrh bearing Mary to Bethany came,
Seeking her Jesus who called her by name;
There she anointed his feet and his head
With precious oils that were meant for the dead.
3. Myrrh bearing Mary to Calvary came,
Seeking her Jesus who hung there in shame;
And as the careless and heedless passed by,
Hopeless and helpless she watched her Lord die.

4. Myrrh bearing Mary to death's garden came,
Seeking her Jesus who'd borne the world's blame;
Heart sick, she stood, till she heard the Lord's voice:
'Mary!' he said, 'I am risen; rejoice!'

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Together In Song

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks because
you have called us into the fellowship of Mary of Magdala
and all your saints,
and set before us the example of their witness
and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

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.

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ 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.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body in Christ.
For we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

**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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed!**

All who are baptised, of any denomination, are welcome to receive Communion at Saint Matthew's, including children, who may receive at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not wish to take Communion may come forward for a blessing.

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth

be welcomed with Mary Magdalene and all your saints to the heavenly feast in your kingdom. **Amen.**

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

God give you grace to follow Mary Magdalene all the saints
in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Dismissal Hymn: 696 TIS

1. A prophet-woman broke a jar,
by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar,
the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
preparing Christ for dying.
2. A faithful woman left a tomb
by Love's divine commission.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,
arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb,
with resurrection gospel.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,
apostle to apostles.

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Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher
Canterbury Press, 2016

3. Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth,
for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten, and unheard,
derided and forbidden,
the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire,
on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls,
our shame and sadness mending.
4. The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead,
their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
from women, men, and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead.
Rejoice, and make them welcome!

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969
The Australian Hymn Book

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

+ Year's Mind



John Fielder – 27 July; Alyster Box – 27 July; Pam McLean – 28 July;
Ken Cleghorn – 31 July; Dorothy Lewis – 31 July;