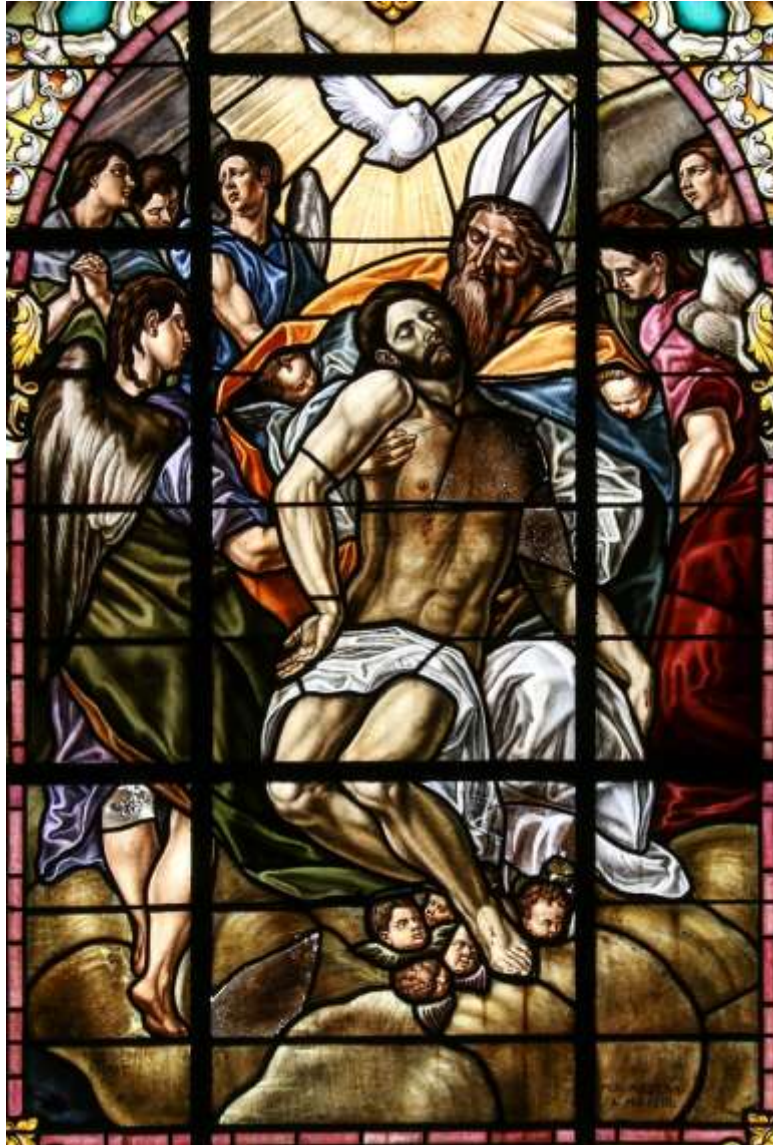


Christ Church  North Adelaide



Fifth Sunday after Easter

Sunday 17 May 2020

From the Locum-Tenens



Greetings from Christ Church on this Fifth Sunday after Easter.

The word of the moment, Covid-19

I am constantly perplexed by the implications of the instructions concerning this virus. There is no doubt that the decisions made so far have kept the majority of Australian residents safer than people in some other countries. The People of the USA appear to be subjected to a series of political decisions very different to those directing us. At last count there are in excess of 80,000 people who have died. The latest decision to open that country to save the economy is, well, perplexing. It appears to suggest that it is worth having the peasants die so that the rich can maintain their bank accounts. Maybe I am being a bit cynical.



The joy for us is that we have very few known infections and at this time less than 100 deaths. This in itself indicates that good political decisions have been made to keep the average Australian alive. Well done.

The ongoing implications for us are very clear. We will not be returning to public worship for some time. With the three stage process of opening the country for business there are still many unknown or potential consequences. There is a very real fear of a second round of infections.

At this stage 10 people can gather for worship and the church is to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected following the service. Communion is still not allowed. The need to clean the church after each event prohibits sequential services of 10 people per service.

Stage two will allow up to 20 people to gather, but once again the building will need to be cleaned and sterilised following the service. The names of the people attending are to be recorded.

Stage three will allow up to 100 people to gather for worship. The 4 square metres per person still applies and the church is to be cleaned and sterilised following the service. The names of all attending will need to be recorded.

It has been suggested that singing not be allowed for when one sings we tend to force large volumes of air from our lungs which can then, potentially, infect others. The future of communal and public worship, as we know it, is sorely challenged. When we do return to our beautiful church building there will be much that will be very different.

It is important that we keep in contact with each other and that we pray for each other. There are quite a few services streamed on air and subsequently available on Youtube. I continue to recommend the services streamed from Christ Church Saint Laurence in Sydney. They have had some issues with the audio, but that now appears to be rectified. If that is a bit too High Church for you there are other options online. Please continue to set time apart for worship. The easiest way to connect is to google Christ Church Saint Laurence, click on "Watch" and then click on the link for watching live stream services.

While watching these televised services it is very appropriate do use the prayer for spiritual communion.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

AT MY LOWEST: GOD
IS MY HOPE
AT MY DARKEST: GOD
IS MY LIGHT
AT MY WEAKEST: GOD
IS MY STRENGTH
AT MY SADDEST: GOD
IS MY COMFORTER

We also publish the bible readings for Morning and Evening prayer. Please do utilise these and incorporate them into your daily prayer time. It is very appropriate to grab our Prayer Book and to “say” the Morning or Evening prayer liturgy that is printed within. You do not need to locate the sometimes elusive Collect of the day, we print that for you in the Sunday readings. The collect is said daily.

Fr Frank and I ring parishioners at random, that is, not in any order. We do this to ensure that you are ok. Of course, there is no problem with you ringing us. We would truly love to hear from you. I am in the office Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Apart from that I am home. If you ring my mobile while I am in Kanmantoo do not be alarmed if I do not answer. If you leave a message, I will ring you back on my landline. The terms “Mobile Phone” and “Kanmantoo” are rarely used positively in the same sentence. Reception is not good. Fr Frank has more success in his suburb.

Please care for each other, pray for each other, and give thanks to our God for the promise that he will never leave us desolate or alone. God the Holy Spirit lives within and among us. Please continue to pray for us, as we continue to pray for you.

God Bless
Fr Adrian

Introit Sentence



BE joyful in God, all ye lands, sing praises unto the honour of his name: make his praise to be glorious. Ps. 66:1

Collect for the Day.

Let us pray.



LORD, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ **Amen.**

The Epistle is written in the first Chapter of the Epistle of St James, beginning at the twenty-second verse.



BE doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. ²⁶ If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. ²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

The Holy Gospel is written in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John beginning at the fifteenth verse.



JESUS said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Hymn of the Day: 431 O thou who camest from above *Hereford*

1 O thou who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

2 There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.

3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me.

4 Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/F1EBVrIeNHI>
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PRAYER POINTS

Wider Church:

Anglican Church of Korea *Primate* Abp Moses Nagjun Yoo

National Church:

North Queensland: Keith Joseph

Adelaide:

AnglicareSA Director of Mission and Anglican Community Engagement: Peter Burke

The Sick:

Penny Howell, John, Wayne Butler, Bishop David McCall, David Presgrave, Jean Yuen, John, Rosemary Bourne, Pamela Terry, Keith and Caroline Brice, Joseph Danes, Margaret Whittle, Petula Columbus, Christine, William "Bunny" Preston, Alan Foran, George Falvey

Continuing Prayers for:

Fr David Keay, Heather Denholm, Andrew Pavy, Thomas Ottway, Anthony Moester, Natasha Horn, John Pfitzner, Jill Turbott, Fr John Edwards, Ruth Gallasch, Michael & Emma Boundy, Geraldine, Ray, Barry, Patsy Sellars,

Beverley, Tara, Milo, Ralph Archbold, Juliana, Barbara Talbot

Years' Mind:

John Linn, Janet (Jan) Sergeant, Harold Reece Fennell, William Kenneth Craig, John Leslie Sampson, Gwenllian Myfanwy Nettle, Grace Priscilla Pearce, Vernon Peter Wycliffe Ager, Malcolm William Swan, Ian Henry Grenfell, Aileen Mary Hutton, Edward Lapere Wright

THE PRAYERS

Lord God, in this time of uncertainty and viral risk we thank you for the calling and commitment of the people working in our medical institutions. We pray for nurses, doctors, and administrative staff for their willingness to place their own lives at risk as they care of people infected with Covid-19. We pray also for people who are afraid and who react with anger towards our health professionals. May they be assured of your peace of heart and mind and carefully bridle their tongue in order that courtesy and thankfulness may be more evident.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord God there are many people around the world who are grieving for a friend or relative who have died because of illness associated with Covid-19. As we think of those who have died, so do we pray for their family, partners, and friends. We ask that your comfort and compassion may be evident in their grief, and that reassured by your love they may release the person they have loved into your care and eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Lord God we give thanks that the people of this country have been obedient to the recommendation that we self-isolate. We thank you for the very low number of viral cases in our families, and in our community. We pray that this virus may be overcome and that we may once again move freely within our neighbourhood. We pray for the day that we can once again hug our children and the people we love: When we can shake hands with neighbours and associates; when we can stand or sit closely without fear and trepidation. Father we pray for your healing to be evident in the world.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord God, we thank you for your church established in the world. We pray for the clergy who are overwhelmed by the new and different responsibility. We pray for the people who have had the joy of the sacrament and worship removed from their lives. We pray that we may be the church even without the opportunity to worship together. May we always be prepared to reach out to the under privileged and the disadvantaged. In faith and hope we reach out to the widows and orphans of this age, whoever and wherever they may be. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord God we thank you for reaching out to us in love and for your desire for our healing. We pray for the people who are known to us and who are in need at this time. As we name them in the silence of our hearts we hold them before your asking for their divine healing. We pray for the people whose names appear on our prayer lists and ask that in your compassion and mercy they will know your divine touch. We pray for Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord God we hold before you the many thousands of people around the world who have died as a result of Covid-19. We pray for those who are close to death and pray that their parting may be peaceful and Holy. We pray for all who have died recently. For all whose years mind occurs at this time... .. And we pray for those who have died alone and seemingly unloved. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

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.

Aria for reflection: Ich folge dir gleichfalls (from St John Passion, BWV 245) *Johann Sebastian Bach* - sung by Crystal Neoh

Recording: <https://youtu.be/qpkoSPLNpLA>

Ich folge dir gleichfalls
mit freudigen Schritten
Und lasse dich nicht,
Mein Leben, mein Licht.
Befördre den Lauf,
Und höre nicht auf,
Selbst an mir zu ziehen, zu schieben,
zu bitten.

*I follow You likewise
with joyful steps
and will not leave You,
my Life, my Light.
Bring me on my way,
and do not stop,
continue to draw me on, to push me, to
urge me.*

The Blessing

THE peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: 103 Alleluya! Alleluya! Hearts to heaven and voices raise *Lux Eoi*

LUX EOI

Arthur Sullivan



Alleluya! Alleluya!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.



2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
 Of the holy harvest field,
 Which will all its full abundance
 At his second coming yield;
 Then the golden ears of harvest
 Will their heads before him wave,
 Ripened by his glorious sunshine
 From the furrows of the grave.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen;
 Shed upon us heavenly grace,
 Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
 From the brightness of thy face;
 That we, Lord, with our hearts in heaven
 Here on earth may fruitful be,
 And by angel-hands be gathered,
 And be ever safe with thee.

4 Alleluya! Alleluya!
 Glory be to God on high;
 To the Father, and the Saviour,
 Who has gained the victory;
 Glory to the Holy Spirit,
 Fount of love and sanctity;
 Alleluya! Alleluya!
 To the Triune Majesty.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) *See overleaf for recording link*

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/qCcffMm8FK4>
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ABM REFLECTIONS

- Pray that you can change your neighbourhood this week by acts of love, sweet love.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Today's Music

Today we are treated to an Aria for Reflection sung by a member of our own church choir, Crystal Neoh. Crystal has been a member of the choir since August 2017, and last year completed her Bachelor of Music degree in Classical Voice. She is currently teaching singing and beginner piano and flute. Crystal says "It's a pleasure to worship God with the gifts He has given me", and we are blessed by Crystal's commitment to the choir and wider church community at Christ Church.

The aria *Ich folge dir gleichfalls* (I will follow You likewise) comes fairly early on in Bach's St John Passion. Bach's two famous Passions are structured in such a way that the action (with narrative text taken directly from the Bible) is broken up by arias and chorales which comment on the action or offer a moment of contemplation. The chorales (often to well-known Lutheran hymn tunes) usually offer a moral outlook, whilst the arias are more personal and reflective.

This aria occurs when Simon Peter and another disciple decide to follow Jesus into the high priest's palace for questioning. It speaks of their determination to follow Jesus and to stay by him whatever may befall. The music is optimistic and flowing, expressing the joy of the text. Of course, in a matter of moments Peter is to deny Jesus three times and undermine this commitment. Taken out of the context of the Passion, this aria stands up on its own as a song of commitment to Jesus.

This recording is "hot off the press": it was recorded on Wednesday night, and Logan Conway (Silk Productions) and Will Jarman quickly worked their magic to get it to you today. I am very thankful for their time and expertise in producing this recording, and I hope that the recordings are a useful aid to your personal worship.

Andrew Georg

Daily Readings

May

Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer

18 Monday

Joel 2.21-27
Acts 14.8-18

Deut 7.6-13
Mtt 6.19-end

19 Tuesday

Haggai 1.1-11
2 Cor 9

Deut 11.8-21
Ja 5.1-18

20 Wednesday

Jer 14.1-9
Jn 6.22-40

Isa 63.7-end
Col 2.20-3.4

21 Thursday

2 Sam 23.1-5
Heb 1

Issa 52.7-12
Heb 2.5-end

22 Friday

Num 14.1-25
Lk 6.12-26

Deut 28.58-end
2 Pet 1.1-15

23 Saturday

Num 20.1-13
Lk 6.27-38

Deut 29.10-end
2 Pet 1.16-2.3

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Internet Banking / Electronic Fund Transfer

Account Name—Christ Church North Adelaide Inc

Bank—BANKSA

Branch—North Adelaide

BSB—105-022

Account Number—058653140

Record as “Offertory”

Cheque

Payable to—Christ Church North Adelaide Inc

AustPost to—35 Palmer Place, North Adelaide SA 5006

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ANGLICARESA

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