

Christ Church  North Adelaide



Third Sunday after Easter

Sunday 3 May 2020

From the Locum-Tenens



Greetings from Christ Church on this Third Sunday after Easter.

Fr David and Jan Keay

Please keep Fr David and his family in your prayers as they grieve the death of Jan. Jan went to her rest on Wednesday morning. An extra difficulty for them are the restrictions in place for the number of people permitted to gather for the funeral. It is a very challenging time so please do continue to pray for them. And we pray that Jan's soul, as the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace.

The continuing saga of the scaffolding

Great news! Following a conversation with the company that owns the scaffolding we have some action. The scaffolding that stood between the hall and the church is now dismantled and a truck is loading as I type. Am I excited? You better believe it. Thank you to the team who worked in difficult weather conditions yesterday and today to clear the structure from our property. Hopefully the scaffolding that stands at the Eastern end of the church will also go today. I will keep you posted.

Annual Vestry Meeting

The Annual reports have been circulated to the Seat Holders. If you are not in that category and would like a copy of the report, please contact Diana in the office. She will happily produce a copy for you, and we will ensure that it arrives either in hard copy or electronically. If there are any questions in relation to the report, please contact one of the Wardens or the Chairman (me). It is a very peculiar process this year for we cannot gather to vote and speak and argue and whatever. We have therefore put in place a process that hopefully will satisfy the criteria as outlined in the Trust Deed.

Covid-19

We are still very restricted in what we can do in terms of worship. The physical distancing required means that we must remain vigilant in our activities. The latest news is that some of the restrictions will be eased. As yet, exactly which restrictions will meet the necessary criteria have not been identified. One thing is certain, as soon as we are able, we will reinstate all services in the church.

In South Australia some schools are open so it is important that we pray for the students returning to school, the staff who will be on site to teach and administer the school programme, and the extended families of all.

Please continue to pray for the many people suffering from this virus, and for the families and friends who are grieving the death of someone they have loved dearly.

Today's theme in scripture

The over riding theme in the gospel of John and the first letter of Peter is that of the character of the shepherd and the challenge for us to live up to the standards that we preach. We are to strive to be good shepherds, good leaders, who will gently lead the people around us rather than bully, demand and aggravate to get our own way. Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd and he offers the most profound example for us. He was prepared to lay down his life for our salvation. Are we prepared to place ourselves at a disadvantage so that other people may benefit? A striking example of this in our own community are the essential workers who are isolating themselves from family and friends to nurse those suffering from Covid-19. Daily they put their own lives at risk in order to help others in their suffering. Please pray for, and give thanks for, the many people who daily risk their own lives for the nursing and medical treatment of others.

God Bless all of you.

Fr Adrian

The Introit Sentence



BE joyful in God, all ye lands, alleluia: sing ye praises unto the honour of his name, alleluia: make his praise to be exceeding glorious, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 66:1-2*

The Collect for the Day

Let us pray



ALMIGHTY God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Epistle is written in the second chapter of the Apostle Peter's first Epistle beginning at the eleventh verse.



BELoved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹²having your conduct honourable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. ¹³Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— ¹⁶as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. ¹⁷Honour all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

The Holy Gospel is written in the tenth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John beginning at the first verse.



ESUS said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.³ To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.⁴ And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.⁸ All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

Hymn of the Day: 459 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want *Crimond*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Text: Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter 1650

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/eCoCR4bKOE0>
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PRAYER POINTS

Wider Church:

Nippon Sei Ko Kai *Primate* Abp Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu

National Church:

Bishop's Executive Chaplain: Stuart Langshaw

Adelaide:

Armidale: Rick Lewers

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

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

Recently Departed:

Jan Keay

Years' Mind:

Mabel Dorothy Bowering, Joan Mercy Wilson, Ron Wride, Mary Ella Crompton, Monica Merab Halliday, May Douglas, May Lorna Francis Zella Emmeline Craig, Fay Ellis Liddle, Noel Frederick Courtin,

THE PRAYERS

Father we thank you for sending your Blessed and Holy Son to live this earthly life. We thank you for the teaching of the shepherd of the sheep and we offer ourselves to you in prayer as we seek your presence in peace and trust. Help us to be shepherds in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ so that we may be prepared to suffer for the people we love. May we always be recognised for the good works that we do in your name.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Loving God your desire is for each one of us to reach out and call you Father. May we always seek to love you and our neighbour in the freedom of our faith and belief. We pray for the people of the many different religions around the world and acknowledge our identity as children. We pray for the people inflicted with the Corona Virus and we pray for their healing. We hold before you the many people who work in our hospitals and health departments who risk their lives to care for the sick and suffering. We pray also for our school communities; for the teachers and administration; for the students and their families. We pray Father for an end to Covid-19 and its inherent dangers. Bless and protect the scientists who are working to find a vaccine to offset this illness. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Generous God we thank you for your church established in the world and we pray for it. Bless the parish family in this church dedicated to your Blessed and Holy Son. Help us to live our faith in the circumstances which surround us. While we are in lockdown lead us to speak to the people who are alone. Encourage us in our prayers so that we may be inclined to pray for the parish family by name. Grant us the confidence and the gifts to be good Shepherds in our community.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Loving God we thank you for the healing that we see arising from medical knowledge and faith. We pray for all people who are sick and suffering at this time. We pray for Fr David Keay and his family as they grieve the death of Jan. We pray that you will bring them comfort in their grief, and that in their tears you may reveal the hope of eternal life.

We pray for those people who have asked us to join our prayers with theirs as they seek your divine healing... ..

Comfort and heal them Lord, each according to their need.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Father we pray for ourselves and for each other. We thank you for the many people who love us, and those whom we love. We ask you to bless our families and our friends as they go about their daily business. Father we look forward to the day when we can meet over the dining table and rejoice in each other's company.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Father we thank you for the lives of your saints throughout the ages. We thank you for the people we have loved and who have gone to their rest. We thank you that your promise of eternal life is being fulfilled in them. We pray today for those who have died recently, for Jan Keay. We pray for those who have died as a result of Covid-19. There is much grief in this world and we pray for your reassurance and peace.

We remember before you the people whose years mind occurs at this time... .. And for all 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.

PRAYER OF RECEPTION

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.

AN EXHORTATION FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we come to the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ, the current restrictions on gathering mean that we cannot do what we would normally do, and physically share in the bread and wine in remembrance of Christ's body broken and blood shed for us. But, nonetheless, we can and should still participate spiritually. As we join in the celebration of this sacrament, if we come with a penitent heart and lively faith, we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ and drink his blood; we dwell in Christ and he in us; we are one with Christ and Christ with us – even when, as now, we are not able to consume the bread and wine physically.

(Adapted from 'A Prayer Book for Australia' 1995)

Anthem for reflection: *Lauda Sion Salvatorem* Claudio Monteverdi

Lauda Sion Salvatorem,
Lauda ducem et pastorem
In hymnis et canticis.

Quantum potes, tantum aude,
Quia maior omni laude,
Nec laudare sufficis.

Bone pastor, panis vere,
Jesu, nostri miserere,
Tu nos pasce, nos tuere,
Tu nos bona fac videre
In terra viventium.

*Praise, O Sion, thy Saviour,
praise thy Leader and thy Shepherd
in hymns and canticles.*


*As much as thou canst, so much darest thou,
for He is above all praise,
nor art thou able to praise Him enough.*

*O Good Shepherd, True Bread,
O Jesus, have mercy on us:
feed us and protect us:
make us see good things
in the land of the living.*

(Text: St Thomas Aquinas)

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/kIglNaVJaUg>
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si=j0Hdf9UySA60pSCi04I3nA](https://open.spotify.com/track/2FuXsUEnmjhF7g3If3oCYE?si=j0Hdf9UySA60pSCi04I3nA)

The Blessing

 HE 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: 102 A brighter dawn is breaking

A brighter dawn is breaking,
And earth with praise is waking;
For thou, O King most highest,
The power of death defiest;

And thou hast come victorious,
With risen Body glorious,
Who now for ever livest,
And life abundant givest.

O free the world from blindness,
And fill the world with kindness,
Give sinners resurrection,
Bring striving to perfection;

In sickness give us healing,
In doubt thy clear revealing,
That praise to thee be given
In earth as in thy heaven.

Text: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Recordings: <https://youtu.be/97rR9VOW45Y>
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si=AH2pbI8sTGyPFULrfPUdbA](https://open.spotify.com/track/2cpqgLsHOaIDAqV4QWspC?si=AH2pbI8sTGyPFULrfPUdbA)

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ABM REFLECTIONS

- Pray that you will hear Christ's reassuring voice today.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of North India.

Today's Music

Familiar to non-churchgoers and the faithful alike due to its frequent use at both weddings and funerals, and paired with the evergreen tune *Crimond*, *The Lord's my Shepherd* must rank as one of the most well-known hymns in the canon. It first appeared in the 1650 Scottish Psalter, setting the 23rd Psalm. Francis Rous (1579-1659) is responsible for the text, which follows the structure of the original Psalm closely. Any 'metrical' (hymn-style) setting of the Psalm will naturally be regarded as a transliteration rather than translation of the text, and in some metrical versions these can vary quite wildly from the Psalm text. (Take Isaac Watt's settings for example, which frequently insert Christian references into the Jewish texts.)

The challenge of how to present the Old Testament Psalms (*Tehillim* in Hebrew) in Christian worship is an interesting one. Nobody really knows how they were originally 'performed', and the intricacies of the Hebrew poetry don't always transpose neatly into English. As much as we love the poetry of Myles Coverdale's translation in the Book of Common Prayer, one cannot claim it is 'true to the original'. (If you want to get as close as you can to the source, I recommend Robert Alter's translation.)

For centuries the Christian church has grappled with different methods of singing the Psalms. There are three main styles in frequent use: this Metrical system which utilises regular hymn tunes, the Anglican Chant style we sing at Christ Church, and the Responsorial Psalm style frequently used in Catholic churches (where the congregation sings a short Antiphon between the Verses which are chanted by a cantor). Separately, the Australian band Sons Of Korah successfully presents the Psalms in a "contemporary rock music" format.

Regardless of the method, to sing the Psalms is to connect with and continue several millennia of worship. *The Lord's my Shepherd* is a fine example of a metrical Psalm that has surpassed the boundaries of the church and is a part of our wider community's collective conscious.

The Anthem for Reflection, *Lauda Sion Salvatorem* by Monteverdi, sets a portion of the 12-verse sequence hymn by Saint Thomas Aquinas. A sequence hymn in the Catholic liturgy comes directly before the reading of the Gospel on special feast days. Around 1264 Aquinas wrote this hymn at the request of Pope Urban IV for the Feast of Corpus Christi. The hymn describes the institution of the Eucharist. The musical setting by Claudio Monteverdi comes from the first publication of Monteverdi's music, the 1582 *Sacræ cantiunculæ liber primus*. (We heard a piece from the same collection a few weeks ago.) It is scored for three voices, and the two verses from the poem are presented in contrasting styles and meters.

Andrew Georg

Daily Readings

May

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
4 Monday	Exod 32.1-14 Lk 2.21-32	Deut 9.1-12 2 Tim 4
5 Tuesday	Exod 32.15-35 Lk 2.33-40	Deut 10.12-end Titus 1
6 Wednesday	Exod 33 Lk 2.41-end	Deut 11.18-end Titus 2
7 Thursday	Exod 34.1-10, 27-end Lk 3.1-14	Deut 12.1-14 Titus 3
8 Friday	Exod 35.20-36.7 Lk 3.15-23	Deut 15.1-18 1 Pet 1.1-12
9 Saturday	Exod 40.17-end Lk 4.1-13	Deut 16.1-20 1 Pet 1.13-end

NOTICES

EASTER VESTRY MEETING

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) the annual Easter Vestry Meeting of Christ Church North Adelaide Inc will not be held on Sunday, 10th May 2020, rather the Easter Vestry Reports, Nominations for Peoples Warden and Select Vestry and Notices of Motion will be issued for acceptance. If no objection in writing is received then approval will be recorded.

Nominations for Peoples Warden and Select Vestry and Notices of Motion to be circulated and submitted to the Chairman by **today**, 3rd May and forms are available from the office.

Only a Seat Holder is entitled to vote at the Easter Vestry Meeting.

OFFERTORY

Parishioners who would like to continue their offertory giving to the Parish of Christ Church North Adelaide the options are:

Internet Banking / Electronic Fund Transfer

Account Name—Christ Church North Adelaide Inc

Bank—BANKSA

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