



Anglican Diocese  
of Adelaide

# **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women as Priests in the Anglican Church of Australia**

## **A Celebration Eucharist**

23 March 2022

St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide



*Acknowledgement:*

*We give thanks for all who have contributed to this service. In particular we give thanks for those early pioneers, women and men, who had a vision of a church where all served equally before God.*

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*Cover image: A mosaic near the apse of the Church of San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy, depicts Theodora, consort of the emperor Justinian, holding a golden chalice, another woman holding a eucharistic cloth or maniple, and two other women with fringed cloths tucked into their belts, circa 550 AD.*

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*Prior to the service, St Peter's Girls' Emily Strings will play. The group is named after the founder of "The Community of the Sisters of Church", Mother Emily Ayckbowm.*

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*A Message from the Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith  
Archbishop of Adelaide*

*Today is a very significant celebration-the thirtieth anniversary of the ordination of women as priests in Australia. We give thanks for the ministry of ordained women through those thirty years and remember the determination of those women and men who campaigned so hard to allow women to be ordained to the priesthood. In some ways though it is a bit bizarre that the ordination of women is such a big deal. Clearly in the early church women and men held positions of responsibility in ministry and we know of at least one woman counted among the apostles. The ordination of women to the priesthood thirty years ago was not actually a novelty but a recovery of ministerial responsibility.*

*Today's anniversary is also a call to prayer. Thirty years down the track ordained women are not represented as they should be in senior ordained leadership roles in the church. There is still much to be done to allow women to participate equally in the leadership life of the Anglican church of Australia. Please pray that God will both raise up women and men for ordination, and open the eyes of the church so that women and men are able equally to use the gifts God has given them.*

In the presence of  
Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson,  
Governor of South Australia  
and Mr Rod Buntten

The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith  
Archbishop of Adelaide  
Primate, The Anglican Church of Australia

Preacher  
The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO  
Archbishop of Perth

Celebrant  
The Right Reverend Denise Ferguson  
Assistant Bishop  
Diocese of Adelaide

Deacon  
The Reverend Susan Straub

Sub Deacon  
The Reverend Joan Claring-Bould

*Please stand when the handbell rings*

**Order of Procession**

Crucifer

Acolytes

Visiting Clergy

Visiting Bishops

Clergy of the Diocese of Adelaide

Bishops of the Province of South Australia

Cathedral Clergy

Registrar

Chapter Canons

Archdeacons

Assistant Bishops of the Diocese of Adelaide

Precentor

Preacher

Dean's Verger

The Dean

Sub Deacon

Deacon

Celebrant

Archbishop of Adelaide

Bishop's Chaplain

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" Is 6:8*

*Please stand for the arrival of Her Excellency and Mr Bunten, and remain standing for the playing of the Vice-Regal Salute.*

## **Processional Music**

### **Gathering In God's Name**

*The Bishop greets the people*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Acknowledgment of Country**

*The Right Reverend Chris McLeod  
Dean, St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide*

### **Welcome**

*The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith  
Archbishop of Adelaide  
Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia*

*The Deacon prays*

We come by the grace of the one God,  
creator of beauty, lover of justice.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
one with us in sorrow and in joy.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

We are one in the Spirit who fills the Church,  
breath of life, making all things new.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Come and worship the holy and glorious Trinity,  
as we pray together:

**God of the feast,  
your Wisdom calls us,  
your Word teaches us  
and you feed us with your life.  
Give us grace to welcome one another  
as you have welcomed us in Christ Jesus,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn: Come Celebrate the Women**

**Come, celebrate the women  
who brought the Church to birth!  
the gentle revolution  
that shall transform the earth:  
whose faith was salt and leaven,  
whose hearts and minds were free,  
and this was their direction --  
to peace and unity.**

**The teachers, saints and mothers  
who lived and died unsung  
kept safe the gospel story  
and taught it to the young;  
the Christ child Mary cradled,  
the living Word to be,  
was crucified for pleading  
this peace and unity.**

**Daughters of the disciples,  
you weave the story still,  
the fabric of the future  
with warmth and love and skill,  
you make the bread of wholeness,  
the wine of harmony --  
and all shall share your feasting  
in peace and unity!**

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Murray. Tune: Ellacombe*

## **A Collect**

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in your Church.

Bless all who have responded to that call.

So fill them with your truth, and clothe them with holiness, that they may faithfully serve to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church.

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.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Ministry Of The Word**

### **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 6:1-8**

*read by the Rev'd Dr Lesley McLean*

*Chair, Movement for the Ordination of Women, Australia*

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:*

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."*

*The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"*

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm 84: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place**

*We stand and sing*

**How lovely is your dwelling place  
O Lord of hosts to me  
My heart cries out and even faints  
The courts of God to see  
The sparrow finds a place to nest  
Beside your throne of grace  
Oh how I long to find my rest  
And dwell with you always**

**A pilgrim now for all my days  
My gaze is set above  
The desert blooms with autumn rains  
You bless the ones you love  
Your people go from strength to strength  
Until we see your face  
Your eyes are turned to us in love  
You hear us when we pray**

**I'd rather live for just one day  
And gaze upon my Lord  
Than spend a lifetime far away  
From where your praise is heard  
There's no good thing you will withhold  
For those who follow you  
O Lord my sun and mighty shield  
My soul will trust in you**

*Please be seated*

*from Watches of the Night,  
released October 16, 2018  
Lyrics: Matt Searles. Tune:  
KINGSFOLD (public domain) /  
Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say*

## **A Reading from Paul's first letter to Timothy 4:11-16**

*Read by The Venerable Dr Ruth Mathieson*

*Archdeacon of Sturt*

*These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gradual Hymn:** Praise God for Faithful Women

**Praise God for faithful women who, from the Gospel's birth,  
have lived their lives for Jesus in every land on earth  
by leadership and teaching, with work of loving care,  
as visionaries and mystics in solitude and prayer.  
They stand throughout our history as signs of hope and grace,  
revealing Jesus' presence within their time and place.**

**Give thanks for their persistence in claiming Jesus' call  
to be what he has made them, whose church includes us all:  
to serve as priests and leaders, stand at their brothers' side,  
enriching Jesus' people with gifts too long denied.  
Old barriers have fallen; the Gospel sets us free  
to follow where God leads us in true equality.**

**So we, who walk together into the coming day,  
give thanks for faithful women, who join us as we pray  
to share with those we care for, the truth we have believed,  
and bear into the future the light we have received.  
With called and chosen women who lead us in God's ways,  
we bring our dedication, our offering of praise.**

*Please remain standing*

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with permission. Tune: Thaxted  
(I vow to thee my country)*

## **The Gospel Reading**

*Read by The Rev'd Susan Straub*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:1-20

### **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 toward 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, <sup>and</sup> 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; <sup>for</sup> 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; <sup>and</sup> 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 around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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.*

*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**The Sermon:**

*The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO  
Archbishop of Perth*

*A time of silent reflection.*

### **The Prayers of The People**

Let us pray for the world and for the Church

*Praying for the World*

*The Rev'd Ali Wurm, Priest serving in the Diocese of Adelaide*

*God of Compassion, We pray for our weary world in the midst of the ongoing pandemic, strife, threats and fear. We pray for all who are suffering because of environmental disasters, political, religious, or social persecution. We pray in particular for the people of Ukraine, Russia and their surrounding neighbours across Europe. We give thanks for all working for peace and unity, and for world leaders seeking an end to the suffering caused by war and violence, injustice and inequality, disease, prejudice, poverty, and hopelessness and bringing healing to the world.*

God of Grace, **Hear our prayer**

## *Praying for The Church*

*The Rev'd Chris Smith, Diocese of Willochra*

*Almighty God, great Shepherd of your people, we praise you for the blessings brought to this land and to the world through your church. As we serve you, may your Holy Word guide us in Grace, Truth, Peace, and Love.*

*In this celebration we give thanks for the ordination of women to all Holy Orders in so many places of the Anglican Communion, and especially here in the Anglican Church of Australia. We give thanks for the example of those faithful pioneer women who have led the way. I give thanks for the life of Sal Tatchell of Willochra & her gentle, loving service.*

*We continue to pray for grace and wisdom for all who lead your diverse church. May we, your servants, lay and ordained, be loving pastors as we stand in solidarity with your people everywhere.*

God of Grace, **Hear our prayer**

## *Praying for the Pioneers of Women's Ordination*

*Sue Henry-Edwards, previous Convenor of MOWSA*

*God our strength, we thank you for the work and witness of the pioneers of the Movement for the Ordination of Women. We thank you for their courage and persistence in the face of hostility and ridicule; for their commitment to prayer and vigil; for their contribution to theology and liturgy, and for their wit and humour in challenging stereotypes. We thank you for their diverse gifts: for prophets and preachers; for writers of books, hymns and prayers; for public speakers and synod debaters; for organisers of petitions and conferences; for administrators; for public demonstrators and for those who worked patiently through church structures. We pray that you will raise up new generations to continue your work for justice and equality for all people throughout the church and the world.*

God of Grace, **Hear our prayer**

## *The Rev'd Margot Holt, Deacon, The Diocese of The Murray*

*Praying for our Communities*

*We give thanks for the vibrant communities around us in which we live and work, people of many different cultures, worldviews, and life experiences.*

*Loving God, we entrust these communities to which each of us belong to your love and care; we hold before you ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbours and our friends.*

*We ask for your blessing on the organisations, groups and individuals who are committed to helping and supporting those among us who are in need. Enable all of us by the Spirit to be kind to one another, caring for each other with respect and love.*

God of Grace, **Hear our prayer**

### *Praying for Those in Need*

*The Rev'd Dr Ghetzi Devasagayam, Hospital Chaplain, and Co-Leader of the Tamil Congregation*

*Ever loving and Eternal God, our Mother and Father, we pray for your people and your creation in need.*

*For those who are deprived of basic needs and economic resources.*

*For those who cry in silence because of loneliness, longing for love and company, especially the elderly.*

*For those who suffer pain and discomfort because of sickness and health issues, and fear facing end of life.*

*For those who are in shock and terror because of displacement and oppression, especially refugees, people in war zones and women and children.*

*For those who are shunned because of deliberate discrimination that ostracises and marginalises, especially based on gender.*

*For those who cannot even raise their voice, or simply give up because of violence and abuse especially substance abuse and domestic violence.*

*For the weak and the meek who struggle because of imposed beliefs that their condition is destined by God.*

*Comfort them like a mother, wiping their tears, and carry them like a father satisfying their needs so that all your creation will enjoy and celebrate the fulness of life offered by your son Jesus Christ our Lord, until He comes in glory.*

God of Grace, **Hear our prayer**

### *Praying for The Faithful Departed*

*Janet Scarfe, MOW National President 1989-1995*

*Ever-loving God, we thank you for the faithful departed who challenged tradition so that women would be recognised in full and equal roles in your church's life and leadership. We recall those who fought for your call to women to be deacons, priests and bishops. Among the ordained we remember Caroline Pearce, Sal Tatchell, Michelle Chambers, John Gaden, Ian George, bishop, Bruce Rosier bishop. And among lay people Alison Gent, Muriel Gorrie and Alder Hall. We thank you for their vision, courage and determination. We remember with*

*joy and gratitude the incalculable difference they made to individuals, the church and the community at large. We rejoice that they are among the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us and pray for grace to follow their example.*

God of Grace, **Hear our prayer**

*Praying for our Ministries*

*The Rev'd Sr Juliana SI, Pioneer Priest in the Diocese of Adelaide*

*God who calls us to follow, Inspired by those early pioneers, and in particular the first women ordained as priest in this Cathedral, the Reverends Joan Claring-Bould, Flo Monaghan (now Walters), Sr Juliana SI (The Sisters of the Incarnation), Susanna Pain and Susan Straub we pray for our ministries. We give thanks for the ministries in which we serve. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire and equip men and women, Lay, and ordained to serve the church and proclaim the Gospel.*

Lord, hear our prayers.

**Use us by your grace so that the world is changed for good and you are known and loved as Lord of all. Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

*The Deacon says*

We remember that the Lord Jesus died to take away our sins.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins to God, who knows us through and through.  
**Holy God, we have disobeyed your commandments, we have resisted your call, we have failed to live by your generous love. We are sorry for all our sins, and ask you to forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop says*

God who has called us is faithful, and will not remember our sins. Your sins are forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Live by the Spirit's transforming power, and forgive as you have been forgiven.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **The Greeting Of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

### **Hymn: Tell Out My Soul**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word –  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –  
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:  
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

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### **A Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**



## **The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

*The Bishop says*

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.**

With all our hearts we praise you, faithful God.

In the beginning, you called light to shine in darkness, you made living things to grow and flourish and you created human beings in your image.

You chose us in love, guided us by your presence and blessed us with your holy law. Yet we chose our own sinful ways. We broke your commandments, persecuted your prophets, forgot your wisdom and, time after time, refused to answer your call.

So you spoke an eternal word in a human voice in Jesus of Nazareth, Son of Mary, Son of God. He called and people followed, leaving every other loyalty. He set us free to praise your holy name.

But hatred and violence shouted Jesus down. Betrayed and abandoned and nailed to a cross, He laid down his life for the world He loved, and broke the chains of evil and death.

Then you turned our sorrow into joy. On the third day you raised Him up to lead your people into life.

So we praise you, holy God, with angels and archangels and all your faithful people:

**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.**

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his friends to share a meal and wash their feet, teaching one more lesson of love.

He took bread and blessed you and broke it. He gave it to them and said: "Take this and eat it. This is my body."

He took a cup of wine and blessed you and gave it to them. He said: "Take this and drink it. This is my blood, sealing God's promise to forgive your sins. Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

As we share these holy gifts, we remember the Lord Jesus. For the love you taught us, the sacrifice you made for us and the hope you give us, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

And now, faithful God, send us your Spirit to feed us with the body and the blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Make us one body in Christ. Send us as your messengers in the world and fill us with energy, courage and love.

Now to you, most holy God, through Christ your Son and in the Spirit's power, we bring our worship and our songs of praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours 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.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of Bread and the Communion**

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

*Please be seated.*

*During the distribution of Holy Communion, St Peter's Girls' Emily Strings will play.*

## **The Sending Out Of God's People**

*Let us pray.*

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this table: for the life-giving story, the living bread and the wine of new creation.

**Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal, to tell the Good News to neighbours and strangers with creative words and compassionate service, walking the way of Christ.**

**Hymn: We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection**  
*We stand and sing*

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
Well sing our songs of wrong that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life who sets us free.**

**We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story  
including all in circles of our love.**

<p><i>Tune: Londonderry Air. June Tilman Words © 1993 Hope Publishing Company</i></p>
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### **The Blessing**

*The Archbishop prays*

God who has called you is faithful.  
Go into the world with joy, forgive generously,  
love extravagantly, live abundantly.  
And the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Recessional Music**