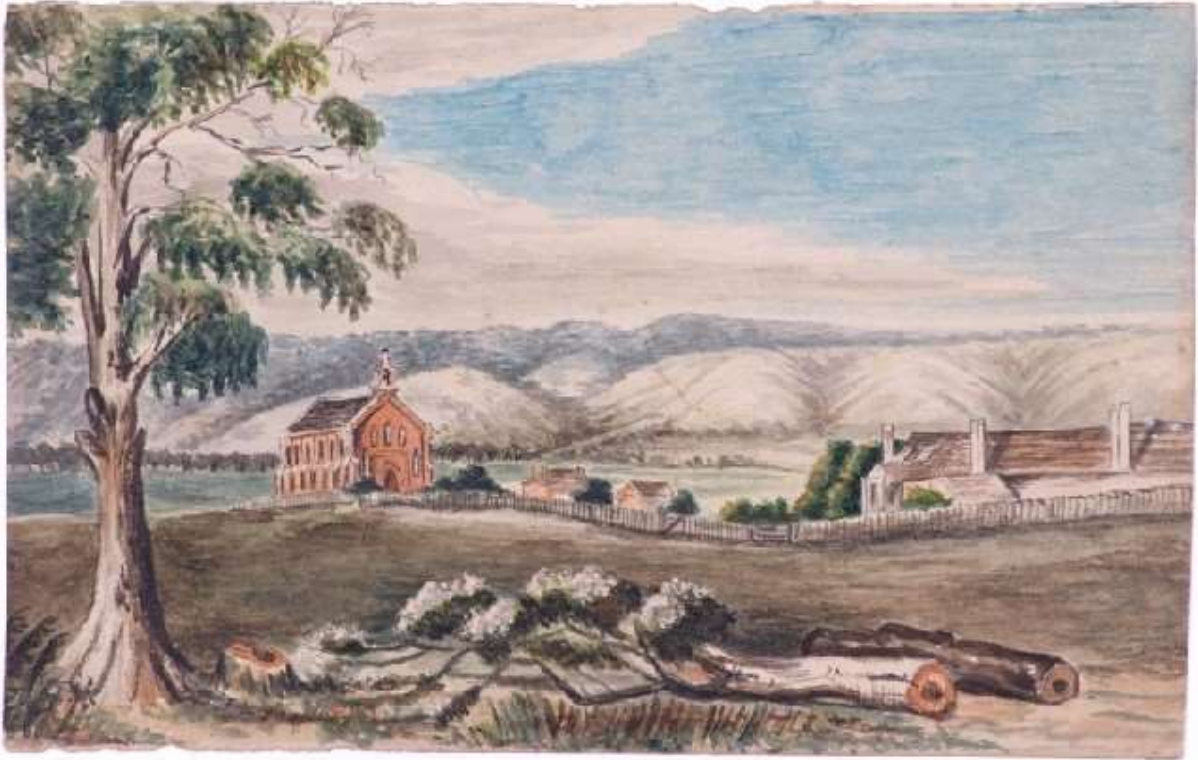


St John's Anglican Church Halifax Street, Adelaide

Founded 1839



DEDICATION FESTIVAL

**Church and Parsonage of St John's Adelaide
Attributed to Theodore Percival Wilson (1819-1881)**

This modest watercolour, measuring some 14 x 22 cm, is unsigned, and was previously attributed to the Reverend Alfred Sells, an Anglican priest from England who arrived in South Australia in May 1877. During eleven years in Australia, Sells created the original drawings for a series of watercolours which were ultimately completed in England in 1898.

Subsequent investigations have led to the suggestion that the work is in fact from the hand of the Reverend Theodore Percival Wilson. Wilson was the Incumbent of St John's from 1851–1852, having previously served as first headmaster of St Peter's College.

The few buildings depicted in the watercolour indicate it was painted at an early date, quite possibly from the early 1850s when he was in office.

The original watercolour, which was not previously known, was acquired for the Parish at auction in June 2009.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand to sing this Processional Hymn

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen by the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the Three in One adoring,
praising him eternally.**

**Here among us, where we call you
come, O Lord our God today,
with your gentle loving-kindness
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
pour upon us here today.**

**Here bestow on all your people
what we ask of you to gain,
what we gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
one in might and one in glory
while eternal ages run.**

The presider greets the congregation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The sub deacon introduces the Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We sing The Kyries (Lord, have mercy)

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

The sub deacon introduces the Confession.

If you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, then I will dwell with you in this place, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 7.5,7

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 of the Day

Let us pray.

Bountiful God,
to whose glory we celebrate
the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings you have given
to those who worship here,
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and being filled with the Holy Spirit
may become a living temple acceptable to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading – 1 Kings 8.22–30

A reading from the first book of Kings.

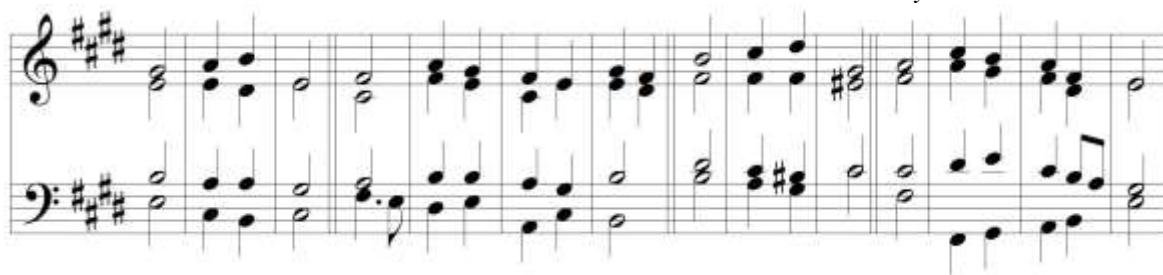
- ²² Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD
in the presence of all the assembly of Israel,
and spread out his hands to heaven.
- ²³ He said, ‘O LORD, God of Israel,
there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath,
keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants
who walk before you with all their heart,
²⁴ the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David
as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth
and have this day fulfilled with your hand.
- ²⁵ Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel,
keep for your servant my father David
that which you promised him,
saying, “There shall never fail you a successor before me
to sit on the throne of Israel,
if only your children look to their way,
to walk before me as you have walked before me.”
- ²⁶ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed,
which you promised to your servant my father David.
- ²⁷ But will God indeed dwell on the earth?
Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you,
much less this house that I have built!
- ²⁸ Have regard to your servant’s prayer and his plea,
O LORD my God,
heeding the cry and the prayer
that your servant prays to you today;
²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house,
the place of which you said, “My name shall be there,”
that you may heed the prayer
that your servant prays towards this place.
- ³⁰ Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel
when they pray towards this place;
O hear in heaven your dwelling-place;
heed and forgive.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

Chant: C.H.H. Parry



- 1 O how amiable | are thy | dwellings :
 thou | Lord | of— | hosts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the | courts of • the | Lord :
 my heart and my flesh re | joice in • the | living | God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, *
 and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her | young :
 even thy altars, O Lord of | hosts, my | King and • my | God.
- 4 Blessèd are they that | dwell in • thy | house :
 they will be | alway | praising | thee.
- 5 Blessèd are they whose | strength is • in | thee :
 in whose | heart are | thy— | ways.
- 6 Who going through the vale of misery use it | for a | well :
 and the | pools are | filled with | water.
- † 7 They will go from | strength to | strength :
 and unto the God of gods appeareth | every | one of them • in | Sion.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, | hear my | prayer :
 hearken, | O— | God of | Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God | our de | fender :
 and look upon the | face of | thine An | ointed.
- 10 For one day | in thy | courts :
 is | better | than a | thousand.
- 11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the | house of • my | God :
 than to | dwell in • the | tents of • un | godliness.
- 12 For the Lord God is a | light and • de | fence :
 the Lord will give grace and worship, * and no good thing
 shall he withhold from them that | live a | godly | life.
- 13 O Lord | God of | hosts :
 blessèd are they that | put their | trust in | thee.

Second Reading – 1 Peter 2.4–10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

⁴ Come to the Lord, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸ and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn – *Magnificat*

**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!**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

My dwelling place shall be with them, says the Lord,
and I will be their God and they will be my people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading – Matthew 7.24-29

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus taught his disciples, saying:

²⁴ 'Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them
will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been
founded on rock.

²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his
house on sand.

²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell – and great was its
fall!'

²⁸ Now when Jesus had finished saying these things,
the crowds were astounded at his teaching,

²⁹ for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A pause for reflection follows the sermon

Profession of Faith

The deacon or another minister may introduce the Creed.

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 of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The presider introduces the prayers

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers are offered according to custom.

The presider concludes the prayers

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.**

THE GREETING OF 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

**Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written
full clear on every page;
your people owned your goodness
and we their deeds record
and both to this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

THE OFFERTORY

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 forever.

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
heaven itself cannot contain you
and your glory fills all the world.

You accept our setting apart of places for your worship
and in them pour out your gifts of grace
upon your faithful people.
Here we recall the sacrifice of your Son;
here we are fed with the body and blood of Christ;
here our sins are forgiven;
here we taste the joys of your eternal kingdom.
Here we are united, one with another
and strengthened for service in your world.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and those who worship you in every age,
we raise our voices in joyful praise
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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying,
Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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, the following anthem is said or 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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood
of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him
in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

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.

Notices may be given at this point.

We sing the thanksgiving hymn

**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
Lord, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
who ever was, is now,
and shall be ever more.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Christ our sure foundation, chosen by God,
binding the Church together,
fill you with confidence and purpose
in the pursuit of justice and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Voluntary

RECTORS AND PRIESTS IN CHARGE
St. John's Adelaide

1839	C.B. Howard (<i>Colonial Chaplain</i>)
1841-43	James Farrell M.A.
1846	Wm. John Woodcock
1849	Mathew B. Hale M.A.
1851	Theodore P. Wilson M.A.
1852	John Chas Bagshaw M.A.
1855-59	Alex Russell Russell B.D.
1860	J. Stuart Jackson M.A.
1861	Denzil J. H. Ibbitson
1871	T. Jasper Smyth M.A.
1874	F. Slaney Poole M.A.
1895	Wm. Samuel Hopcraft
1908	Rupert P. A. Hewgill M.A.
1918	Horace P. Finnis M.A.
1928	Egerton A. North Ash Th.L.
1935	Eric T. Wylie Th.L.
1945	E. James Cooper Th.L.
1962	J. Anthony Dobbs Th.L.
1963	Donald Wallace B.A. Th.L.
1978	Douglas Brown S.S.M.
1982	Dunstan McKee S.S.M.
1990	Christopher Myers S.S.M.
2018	Peter Balabanski B.A. B.Theol. (<i>Parish Priest</i>)