



ANGLICAN PARISH ST PETER'S CREMORNE

ADVENT 3 **15 DECEMBER 2019**

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that you can join us in worship.

If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. May I invite you to sign the visitors' book on the back table. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

A Hearing Loop is available in all of the pews on the left hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and there is a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.

I hope you are able to stay and enjoy morning tea after the service.
Tim St Quintin, **Rector**

SERVICES TODAY

7.00AM	EUCARIST	
	CELEBRANT	<i>RECTOR</i>
	PREACHER	<i>MAKITO MIYASHITA</i>
9.00AM	SUNG EUCARIST	
	CELEBRANT	<i>RECTOR</i>
	PREACHER	<i>MAKITO MIYASHITA</i>
	ORGANIST	<i>GLENN AMER</i>
	CANTOR	<i>GLENN AMER</i>
	SETTING	<i>NASHDOM ABBEY</i>
11.00	CHURCH@11	<i>RECTOR</i>



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN **TiS 207** **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**
Tune Warrington

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome.

✕ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
Whose mercy endures forever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

SENTENCE

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.'

Isaiah 35:3-4

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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Cantor

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison (*Lord have mercy*)
Christe eleison (*Christ have mercy*)
Kyrie eleison

The musical score is written on two staves in 4/4 time, marked 'Andante'. The first staff begins with a 2-measure rest, followed by a melodic line for the Cantor and a response for the People. The second staff continues the melody, alternating between Cantor and People parts. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Andante 2 *Cantor:* *People:*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son Ky - ri - e e - lei - son

5 *Cantor:* *People:* *Cantor:* *People:*

Chris - te e - le - i - son Chris - te e - le - i - son Ky - rie e - lei - son Ky - rie e - lei - son

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Celebrant

The Lord of the light comes to save us.

Let us live in his light.

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, John the Baptist told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now. **Amen.**

The Candle is lit

*Cantor We light this Advent candle
 We light it and we sing
 As we look for Jesus' coming
 As our Saviour and our King.
 All repeat*



*Cantor O one is for the Prophets,
 And for the light they bring.
 They are candles in the darkness,
 All alight for Christ the King.
 And two for John the Baptist;
 he calls on us to sing:
 "O prepare the way for Jesus Christ,
 He is coming, Christ the King".
 And three for Mother Mary,
 "I cannot see the way,
 But you promise me a baby.
 I believe you, I obey."*

All repeat refrain

THE CONFESSION

Senior Server

The Lord Comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence may be kept.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the
one who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble
knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our
hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this
through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and
blossom. Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and
shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendour of
Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendour of
our God. ³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;
⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, do not fear; your God will
come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to
save you.' ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the
deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue
shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the

desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. ⁸ And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹ No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰ and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Hear the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM - SONG OF MARY



My soul proclaims the | greatness • of the | Lord:
my spirit re | joices • in | God my | Saviour;

For he has looked with favour on his | lowly | servant:
from this day all generat | ions will | call me | blessed;

The Almighty has done | great things | for me:
and | holy | is his | name.

He has mercy on | those who | fear him:
in | every | gener | ation.

He has shown the | strength of his | arm:
he has scattered the | proud in | their con | ceit.

He has cast down the mighty | from their | thrones:
and has | lifted | up the | lowly.

He has filled the hungry with | good | things:
and the rich he has | sent a | way | empty.

He has come to the help of his | servant | Israel:
for he has re | membered • his | promise • of | mercy,

The promise he | made • to our | fathers:
to Abraham | and his | children • for | ever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of James 5:7-10

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hear the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

TiS 447

Lord, your almighty word

Please stand

Tune Moscow

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: He sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

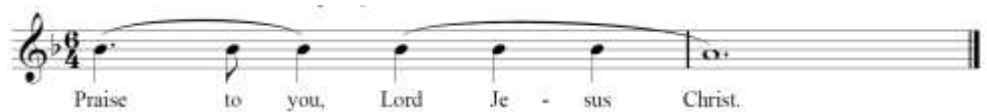
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 11:2-11

Sung ✕ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**



²When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?' ⁴Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.' ⁷As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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



SERMON

Please sit

THE NICENE CREED

Senior Server

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

**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

Senior Server

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

All sit/kneel

Periods of silence may be briefly kept for personal prayer.

*Each petition ends with this response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us, 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**

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All stand

Celebrant

The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name. He has mercy on those who fear him: in every generation. *Luke 1:49-50*

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under
your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have
mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand

Celebrant

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

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

All may exchange a sign of peace with a handshake and greeting, "Peace be with you".

OFFERTORY HYMN TiS 275 Hail to the Lord's anointed
Tune Crüger

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant

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

Celebrant

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.

The musical score consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is for the Priest, the second for the People, and the third for the Priest. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Priest The Lord be with you: *People* And al - so with you. *Priest* Lift up your hearts:

People We lift them to the Lord. *Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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.

We thank you that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence stand before him who redeems us from sin and death and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

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/singing:

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. Hosanna in the highest.

With movement

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo-ry Ho-san-na in the high - est Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high - est

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 when 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.

Cantor

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,

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

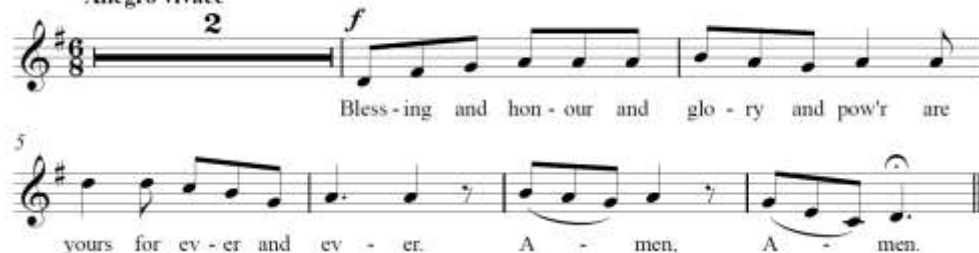
Brisk - Joyful!



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 the 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.

Allegro vivace



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The celebrant breaks the bread.

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.

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

Andante





INVITATION

Celebrant

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.

All communicants of other churches are invited to join us in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant we encourage you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back as you kneel or stand at the Communion Rail.

*The celebrant and other communicants receive the Holy Communion. As the sacrament is received the communicant responds **Amen**.*

The congregation sits or kneels.

Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

COMMUNION HYMN TiS 123 Be still my soul, the Lord is on your side
Tune Finlandia

SENTENCE

Celebrant

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

God for whom we wait, we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful that we may be ready to stand before him on the day of his coming.

Keep us in this hope that we have grasped; so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

NOTICES

Please sit

GOD'S BLESSING

All stand

Celebrant

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Senior Server

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

TiS 210

O for a thousand tongues to sing
Tune Lyngham

ORGAN POSTLUDE

As a courtesy to those who remain in the church to listen to the organ voluntary in its entirety, you are encouraged to enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the building. The voluntary is a liturgical musical offering to God.

PARISH BULLETIN

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin of Canterbury, Philip our Primate, Glenn our Archbishop, Chris our Bishop and the Northern Region. For the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and our student minister Mak Miyashita, as he completes his studies and looks for a ministry position. For our holiday club attendees and volunteers. For parishioners of Neutral Bay Uniting, particularly as they search for a new minister.

THE WIDER WORLD AND LOCAL COMMUNITY

For world peace and for all world leaders in their responsibility to those under their care. For our Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and all members of Federal Parliament. For volunteers in food aid organisations as they prepare for the distribution of Christmas hampers.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Dirghayu, Suzanne, Marcy, Edwina and Geoff, Patrick and Hannah, Kimmy, and Mary, Michael and Ramsina, Geoffrey, Margot and Iain, Margaret, Jim and Marty, Ross and Yoshiko, Shirley, Bruce and Marion.

THE SICK

The immediate sick

Laura, Tim, Gordon, Louise, Andy, Moses, Matthew, Jill, Rev'd Greg, Frank, Nora, Roger, Fred, Bishop Ivan, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, Christine.

Those requiring on-going prayer

Richard, Geoff, Joy, Penelope, Lucas, Anne, Elizabeth, Vatche, Martha, Richard, Susan, Di, Noel, Howard, Max, Tom, Claudia, Gigi, Frank, Judith, Jenny, Sally.

Those in residential care

Peter and Patricia, Glenyth, Ros, Jeremy.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We praise God for his faithful servants in every age. We pray that we, with all who have died in the faith of Christ, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of God's eternal kingdom. We remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Barbara Bardon, Beth Spence (Priest) and Roy Adam.

WHAT'S ON THIS
WEEK

DECEMBER 2019

Monday 16	10.00am-11.30am	Discussion Group – DA Room
	7.30pm	Parish Council – DA Room
Tuesday 17	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 19	9.00am-3.00pm	Holiday Club – DA Room
Friday 20	9.00am-3.00pm	Holiday Club – DA Room
Sunday 22	9.30am	Combined Advent 4 service

COMBINED SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY



Next Sunday there will be one service only for the 7am, 9am and 11am congregations for Advent 4 at 9.30am.

CHRISTMAS CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL TODAY

There is a Christmas Cake and Produce Stall **today** in the David Armstrong Room with goods for sale after each service. All proceeds to Mission Outreach.



CRAFTERS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – LAST CHANCE TODAY

Tickets are \$2 each or a book of 10 tickets for \$20.

1st prize: Christmas hamper

2nd prize: A homemade Christmas cake

3rd prize: a bottle of champagne

All proceeds will go to the Crafters nominated fundraising: for farmers near Armidale suffering in the drought, managed by local clergy. The raffle will be drawn **today** at morning tea.



ST PETER'S DISCUSSION GROUP

The discussion group will be in recess over the Christmas and New Year period but is set to resume in early 2020. Watch this space for details.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB



The holiday club for school age children (from kindergarten to Year 6) will take place from 9.00-3.00pm this week on **Thursday 19 December** and **Friday 20 December**, with a Christmas theme. Interested families can contact Rev'd Tim on 0401 289 919 or at rector@stpeterscremore.org.au

TOYS 'N' TUCKER

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and food to the Anglicare Toys'n'Tucker appeal. All the donations were collected Anglicare on Friday and will undoubtedly brighten Christmas for those who receive them.



CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE



Thank you to everyone who gave their time and effort yesterday at the working bee to prepare the grounds and the church for Christmas. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the wardens.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST PETER'S



Nine Lessons and Carols

7pm Friday 13 December

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Family Service

11pm Solemn Eucharist

Christmas Day

9am Christmas Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY ROSTERS

	THIS WEEK 15 December Advent 3	NEXT WEEK 22 December Advent 4
Reading 1	Isaiah 35:1-10	Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm	Song of Mary	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Reading 2	James 5:7-10	Romans 1:1-7
Gospel	Matthew 11:2-11	Matthew 1:18-25
	7.00am	
Sidesperson	Shirley	
Reader	John	
Server	John	
Chalice	John	
	9.00am	9.30am
Welcomer	Noreen	Cheryl
Sidesperson	Jane	Graham
	Kate	Lizzie
Readers	Esme	Gill
	Jane	Cheryl
Intercessor	Caroline	Makito
Senior Server	Laura	Roy
Crucifer	Roy	Taylor
Acolytes	Jane	Laura
	Taylor	Tim
Chalice	Laura	Roy
	Alison	Stefan
Thurifer	N/A	N/A
Cantor	Glenn	Jenny
Morning Tea	Barbara	Lyn
	Mary	Naomi
Counters	Laura	Mary
	David	Christine
Sacristy Linen	Kerry	Jane
Sacristy Set Up	John	Caroline
Flowers	No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent

NEXT SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER— ADVENT 4
9.30AM – COMBINED SERVICE FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS
ONE SERVICE ONLY TODAY
CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN

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