

# ADVENT 4 22 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

9.30AM COMBINED EUCHARIST

CELEBRANT & PREACHER RECTOR
ORGANIST GLENN AMER
CANTOR GLENN AMER
SETTING NASHDOM ABBEY



#### **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

All stand

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN NEH 11 O come! O come, Emmanuel!

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

"The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel." The name Immanuel means "God with us."

Matthew 1:23

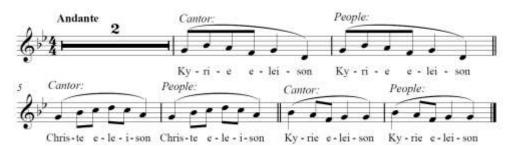
Let us pray.

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



#### 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." And four for all God's people in every age and day. We are watching for his coming. We believe and we 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

Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### MEMORY BIBLE VERSE

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

#### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 7:10-16

<sup>10</sup> Then the Lord spoke again to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup> "Ask for a sign from the Lord your God—it can be as deep as Sheol or as high as heaven." <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz replied, "I will not ask. I will not test the Lord." <sup>13</sup> Isaiah said, "Listen, house of David! Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men? Will you also try the patience of my God? <sup>14</sup> Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> By the time he learns to reject what is bad and choose what is good, he will be eating curds and honey. <sup>16</sup> For before the boy knows to reject what is bad and choose what is good, the land of the two kings you dread will be abandoned.

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

## **PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19**

- Shepherd of Israel, hear us.
   You lead the people of Joseph like a flock.
   You sit on your throne between the cherubim.
- Show your glory to the people of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
   Call your strength into action.
   Come and save us.
- God, make us new again.
   May you be pleased with us.
   Then we will be saved.
- 4 Lord God, you rule over all.How long will you be angry?Will you be angry with your people even when they pray to you?
- You have given us tears as our food. You have made us drink tears by the bowlful.
- You have let our neighbors mock us. Our enemies laugh at us.

- God who rules over all, make us new again.
   May you be pleased with us.
   Then we will be saved.
- May you honour the people at your right hand.May you honour the nation you have raised up for yourself.
- Then we won't turn away from you.
  Give us new life. We will worship you.
- Lord God who rules over all, make us new again.May you be pleased with us.Then we will be saved.

#### SECOND READING

A reading from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans 1:1-7

<sup>1</sup> I, Paul, am writing this letter. I serve Christ Jesus. I have been appointed to be an apostle. God set me apart to tell others his good news. <sup>2</sup> He promised the good news long ago. He announced it through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures. <sup>3</sup> The good news is about God's Son. He was born into the family line of King David. <sup>4</sup> By the Holy Spirit, he was appointed to be the mighty Son of God. God did this by raising him from the dead. He is Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>5</sup> We received grace because of what Jesus did. He made us apostles to the Gentiles. We must invite all of them to obey God by trusting in Jesus. We do this to bring glory to him. <sup>6</sup> You also are among those Gentiles who are appointed to belong to Jesus Christ.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

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

## **GRADUAL MUSIC**

Please stand

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>I am sending this letter to all of you in Rome. You are loved by God and appointed to be his holy people.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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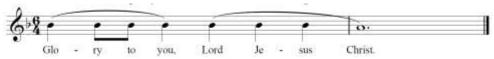
A virgin will give birth to a son; His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!** 

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 1:18-25 Sung ♥ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ



<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about. His mother Mary and Joseph had promised to get married. But before they started to live together, it became clear that she was going to have a baby. She became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph was faithful to the law. But he did not want to put her to shame in public. So he planned to divorce her quietly. 20 But as Joseph was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. The baby inside her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That's because he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to bring about what the Lord had said would happen. He had said through the prophet, <sup>23</sup> "The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14) The name Immanuel means "God with us." 24 Joseph woke up. He did what the angel of the Lord commanded him to do. He took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not sleep with her until she gave birth to a son. And Joseph gave him the name Jesus.

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



#### **SERMON**

Please sit

#### THE APOSTLES CREED

Senior Server Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge

the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

We received grace because of what Jesus did.

Romans 1:5

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 Immanuel

From the squalor of a borrowed stable
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Saviour of the human race
But the skies were filled
With the praise of heav'n
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel

King of heaven now the friend of sinners
Humble servant in the Father's hands
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit
Filled with mercy for the broken man
Yes He walked my road and He felt my pain
Joys and sorrows that I know so well
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again
I will follow my Immanuel

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal
He was lifted on a cruel cross
He was punished for a world's transgressions
He was suffering to save the lost
He fights for breath He fights for me
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell
And with a shout our souls are free
Death defeated by Immanuel

Now He's standing in the place of honour Crowned with glory on the highest throne Interceding for His own beloved 'Til His Father calls to bring them home Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds Hope of heaven or the fear of hell But the bride will run to her Lover's arms Giving glory to Immanuel

CCLI Song # 2733786 Stuart Townend

#### 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

A Child will come out and stand next to the celebrant and engage in the following dialogue explaining the Lord's Supper:

#### Child

Why is this meal different from other meals?

#### Celebrant

We were slaves to sin, but the Lord saved us by his mighty strength. He saved us just as he promised so that we might be blessed and live forever with him.

This is what God has promised to all who turn to Jesus as Lord and Saviour:

#### Jesus said:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

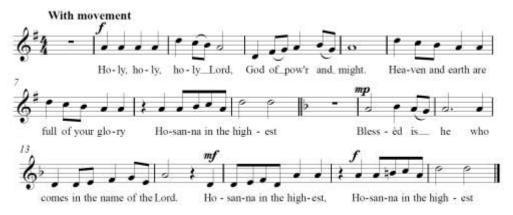
It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you, and singing:

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.



Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us.

He commanded us always to remember his precious death, until the day when he comes back.

Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we who receive these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, may share in our Saviour's body and blood. Amen

## Celebrant (Breaking the bread)

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread and he broke it and shared it with his friends.

#### Child

What is the meaning of this special bread?

## Celebrant

Jesus said, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me"

This bread reminds us of Jesus' body which was given on the cross for us. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Yes, we praise and thank you!

#### Celebrant

On the night before he died, Jesus took the cup of wine and shared it with his friends.

#### Child

What is the meaning of the special wine?

#### Celebrant

Jesus said, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

This wine reminds us of Jesus' blood which was shed on the cross for us. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Yes, we praise and thank you!

#### Celebrant

Therefore Father,

We thank you for these gifts of bread and wine.

We eat and drink trusting that Jesus died to forgive us for our sins.

We eat and drink trusting that Jesus rose again so that we, too, will live forever with him.

We will eat and drink this special meal until the great banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Come King Jesus, come.

#### 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,

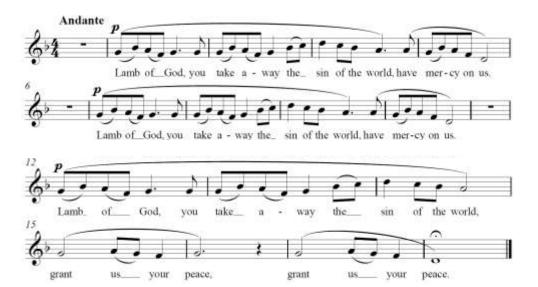
for we all share in the one bread.

#### **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.



#### 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 NEH 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Tune St Peter

#### SENTENCE

#### Celebrant

This child will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king like his father David of long ago. The Son of the Most High God will rule forever over his people. They are from the family line of Jacob. That kingdom will never end."

Luke 1:32-33

#### 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

NEH 9

Tune Hemsley

Lo! He comes with clouds descending

#### 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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

#### 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 three congregations, joining together today. For parishioners of Mosman 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 all patients in hospital over the Christmas period and for their families, and for the hospital staff who will care for them.

## **OUR PARISHIONERS**

#### THE SICK

#### **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.



## **DECEMBER 2019**

Tuesday 24	5.30pm	Family Christmas Eve service
	11.00pm	Solemn Eucharist
Wednesday 25	9.00am	Christmas Service
Thursday 26	Boxing Day public holiday	
Saturday 28	Rev'd Tim's day of rest.	

#### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB THANKS



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Holiday Club last week. This is an important outreach from St Peter's to the community.

#### ST PETER'S DISCUSSION GROUP IN RECESS



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 SERVICES AT ST PETER'S**



Christmas Eve 5.30pm Family Service 11pm Solemn Eucharist

## Christmas Day

9am Christmas Service with Holy Communion

## **SUNDAY ROSTERS**

	THIS WEEK 22 December	NEXT WEEK 29 December
	Advent 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas
Reading 1	Isaiah 7:10-16	Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Psalm 148
Reading 2	Romans 1:1-7	Hebrews 2:10-18
Gospel	Matthew 1:18-25	Matthew 2:13-23
		7.00am
Sidesperson		Shirley
Reader		John
Server		John
Chalice		John
	9.30am	9.00am
Welcomer	Cheryl	David
Sidesperson	Graham	Jane
	Lizzie	Kate
Readers	Gill	Makito
	Cheryl	Sarah
Intercessor	Makito	Caroline
Senior Server	Roy	Roy
Crucifer	Taylor	Jane
Acolytes	Laura	Taylor
	Tim	Laura
Chalice	Roy	Roy
	Stefan	Stefan
Thurifer	N/A	N/A
Cantor	Jenny	Glenn
Morning Tea	Lyn	lain
	Sarah	Margot
Counters	Mary	Ross
	Christine	David
Sacristy Linen	Jane	Helen
Sacristy Set Up	Caroline	Caroline
Flowers	No flowers in Advent	Edwina Waddy

NEXT SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER— FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
7.00AM— EUCHARIST 9.00AM— SUNG EUCHARIST
11AM— CHURCH AT 11
CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN

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