

## LENT 5 - 29 MARCH 2020

**WELCOME to St Peter's Church** – whether you are a regular member of the church or if you have never been in person (although I pray you will when we can meet together again).

Due to the threat of the Coronavirus, we are unable to meet as the church in public services. This service sheet is to accompany the video to be found at <a href="https://youtu.be/25FriG188CM">https://youtu.be/25FriG188CM</a>; on our Facebook page (St Peter's Anglican Church, Cremorne); website (stpeterscremorne.org.au) or on DVD.

During this time we are seeking to provide Bible and prayer resources, and other ways to connect with one another, in order to continue to encourage each other in our faith – please contact the church office to be added to the distribution list.

Perhaps after this service, in lieu of our usual morning tea, why not consider telephoning someone else from St Peter's, or another friend, to share something you found encouraging?

If you have any needs from St Peter's you can contact the parish office on 9953 1050 or <u>info@stpeterscremorne.org.au</u> between 9am and midday on Tuesdays and Thursdays or contact the rector, Rev'd Tim St Quintin on 0401 289 919 or <u>rector@stpeterscremorne.org.au</u>.

Please continue to care for one another, telephone each other, and identify anyone with particular needs. Please let the rector, the pastoral care team, or the church office know if you yourself are sick or have particular needs.

## With every blessing in Christ,

**Tim St Quintin, Rector** 

## **GREETING IN GOD'S NAME**

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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

## THE CONFESSION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy, 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.

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has no pleasure in the death of sinners, but would rather they should turn from their wickedness and live. He has given authority to his ministers to declare to his people when they repent the forgiveness of their sins.

God pardons and absolves all who truly repent and believe his holy gospel. So we ask him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him and that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Hymn - Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea A great High Priest whose name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin Because the sinless Saviour died My sinful soul is counted free For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb My perfect spotless righteousness The great unchangeable I Am The King of glory and of grace One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased with His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Saviour and my God With Christ my Saviour and my God

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING - Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.<sup>3</sup> He asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'Sovereign LORD, you alone know.' <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones and say to them, "Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD." <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live."<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: 'Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off." <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.<sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.""

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

## PSALM 130:1-7

## A song of ascents.

- <sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
- <sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.
- <sup>3</sup> If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?
- <sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
- <sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.
- <sup>6</sup> I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
- <sup>7</sup> Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

## SECOND READING - Romans 8:6-11

<sup>6</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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

#### **GOSPEL READING - John 11:1-45**

#### The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 11:1-45 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.<sup>2</sup> (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup>When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.<sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup> and then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.' <sup>8</sup> 'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?' <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. <sup>10</sup> It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.' <sup>11</sup> After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.' <sup>12</sup> His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' <sup>13</sup> Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. <sup>14</sup> So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' <sup>16</sup> Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.<sup>7 17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.' <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup> 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.' <sup>28</sup> After she had

said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. 'The Teacher is here,' she said, 'and is asking for you.' <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied. <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' <sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> 'Take away the stone,' he said. 'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.' <sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.' <sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

**SERMON** Jesus: the resurrection and the life John 11:1-45

## THE NICENE 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

As a family at St Peter's let us pray to our Heavenly Father who delights in hearing our prayers – He is the mighty one who will save.

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness." Zephaniah 3:17

Let us give praise to the Lord

Psalm 95 O come, let us sing out to the Lord; Let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his face with thanksgiving: And cry out to him joyfully in psalms. For the Lord is a great God And a great king about all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; And the peaks of the mountains are his also. The sea is his and he made it: His hands moulded dry land. Come let us worship and bow down; And kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is the Lord our God; We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

#### Prayer for today

Eternal God, from whom all holy desires, all good purposes, and all just works proceed: give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that free from the fear of our enemies we may pass out time in trust and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Lighten our darkness Lord, we pray; and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

#### Prayer for the Prime Minister in this national crisis

Father in heaven, we come before you seeking your wisdom and guidance for our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, that he depends on you as he leads our nation. We pray for his leadership of the National Emergency Cabinet in its deliberations and decisions. We pray that you will protect him from illness, keep him refreshed and give him strength for the leadership role you have given him. May all that he does be for your glory. We ask this the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

#### Prayer for Tim our Rector

Lord please guide and protect Tim as he leads our parish in these challenging times. Amen

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

## **GOD'S BLESSING**

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty,  $\mathbf{X}$  the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

## DISMISSAL

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

#### HYMN - At the Name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of Glory now; this the Father's pleasure, that we call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came; faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him make new all that is not holy, all that is not true. He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

When this same Lord Jesus shall appear again in his Father's glory, there with him to reign. Then may we adore him, all before him bow, as our hearts confess him King of Glory now.

> Caroline M Noel (1817 - 1877) Tune: Camberwell

Please continue to generously support St Peter's, especially during this time, so that we might continue our ministry to Cremorne and beyond.

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# WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### To request public or private prayer, please email prayer@stpeterscremorne.org.au

### 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. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aeotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

## ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and Mak Miyashita as he looks for a ministry position. For our sanctuary servers; sanctuary set-up team, readers, intercessors, organists, cantors and sidespeople who all support the celebration of our services each week. For Fr Philip Linder and the parishioners of the Catholic Parish of Sydney Harbour North.

## THE WIDER WORLD AND LOCAL COMMUNITY

For world peace and for all world leaders in their responsibility to those under their care. For our Governor General, our State Governor, Prime Minister and Premier, and all who have responsibility for government administration. For the homeless in our community who have no shelter; no regular access to food or clean clothing; and live without the social networks and support that we take for granted.

#### **OUR PARISHIONERS**

Marcy; Edwina, Geoff, Patrick and Hannah; Kimmy; Russ and Mary; Michael and Ramsina; Geoffrey; Margaret; Iain and Margot; Margaret; Jim and Marty; Ross and Yoshiko.

## THE SICK

The immediate sick

Ingrid, Rein, Malcolm, Peter, Mitsunobu, Jane, Janne, Moses, Pamela, Helen, Peter, Tim, Maryanne

Those requiring on-going prayer

Rev'd Greg, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, Christine, Roger, Inga, Geoff, Joy, Penelope, Anne, Elizabeth, Vatche, Martha, Richard, 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 Hugh Lacey.