



ANGLICAN PARISH ST PETER'S CREMORNE

EASTER 4 - 3 MAY 2020

WELCOME to St Peter's Church – whether you are a regular member of the church or if you have never been in person. If you are new to our church I pray you will join us when we are able to 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 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1IijXcNGCFieJLoEBv5vPg>; on our Facebook page (St Peter's Anglican Church, Cremorne); or on our website (stpeterscremorne.org.au).

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 info@stpeterscremorne.org.au between 9am and midday on Tuesdays and Thursdays or contact the rector, Rev'd Tim St Quintin on 0401 289 919 or rector@stpeterscremorne.org.au .

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

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia

WELCOME

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

John 10:11

HYMN To God be the glory! Great things He has done!

To God be the glory! Great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory! Great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
And every offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! ...

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be;
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! ...

THE CONFESSION

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have gone our own way,
not loving you as we should,
nor loving others as much as ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Only you can save us.
Father, forgive us.**

**Help us to love you and all people,
and to live for your honour and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep; send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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

PSALM 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter 2:1-10

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

⁸ and, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

“A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 10:1-10
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

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

SERMON

HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation

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 for ever,
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please use the prayers listed at the end of the service sheet.

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**

THE APOSTLES CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again 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.

GOD'S BLESSING

The God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ 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.

THE PRAYERS

Below are some set prayers to guide you, as well as our weekly prayer points that you may use to shape your own prayers. The Family Prayers are intended to be accessible for all ages, and other prayers are included.

FAMILY PRAYERS

Lord God, we want to respond to your voice.
You are the Good Shepherd, and we are your flock, your sheep.
Help us to always follow you.
Lord, we have heard your voice, AMEN

Lord God, we long for everyone in our world to know your Love.
We dream with you of a world where everyone knows a life of abundance!
Show us, Lord, where we might serve you!
Lord, we have heard your voice, AMEN

Lord God, we think of the leaders of our world,
Those who have the position and authority to implement real change.
We pray for your continued presence and power to inspire and lead them.
That they too would hear Your voice!
Lord, we have heard your voice, AMEN

Lord God, we know of those in our community who find it hard to hear you.
They are tired, or scared, or angry, or ill. Lonely, grieved and forgotten.
Speak to us Lord and call us once again to serve them because of Your love.

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your son,
our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

FOR OUR SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Heavenly Father,

You are worthy of all praise as the one who created all things, sustains all things and is moving all things towards the glorious conclusion you have planned for them. We thank you especially for sending your Son, that through him we have forgiveness and life and hope. Thank you for your wonderful plan of redemption and for fellowship we now have with you through your Son and in your Spirit.

Father, our world is broken and we are more aware of that than ever as a result of this COVID pandemic. We long for that day when every tear will be wiped away, when death will be no more, and there will be no more grief or pain. But we know we are not there yet and we pray that you might enable us to live as your light in the midst of this darkness, testifying to your continued goodness and the hope that has been secured for all your people through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We pray that you might sustain us in all that you have given us to do in this moment. Especially we pray for those involved in education and training. As our schools seek to continue their important work in stressful and difficult circumstances, would you please keep teachers and students safe, and help them to care for each other. We pray for those who are facing critical points in their education, particularly those preparing for their final exams and assessments towards the HSC, and ask for a diligence in study that is surrounded at every point by a calm confidence in you and your provision.

We pray for those training for Christian ministry in this context. Please enable them to grow in faith and love and in the knowledge of your word. May they be shaped by you in ways which will prepare them well for what lies ahead on the other side of this pandemic. Would you pour out your Spirit and enable a new season of evangelism, Christian growth and healthy church life to emerge in the months ahead.

Father, all our hope is in you. We trust your promises and look forward to the day to come when the Lord Jesus will return to bring all your purposes to their fulfilment.

It is in his name that we pray. Amen

OTHER INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Gracious Father,
your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in
faith:
receive the prayers we offer.

We give thanks for... We pray for... the nations:
Guide with your wisdom and power the leaders of the nations, so that
everyone may live in peace and mutual trust, sharing with justice the
resources of the earth. Give the people of this land a spirit of
unselfishness, compassion, and fairness in public and private life.
Lord in your mercy (Hear our prayer)

We give thanks for... We pray for...the Church:
Send out the light and truth of your gospel and bring people everywhere to
know and love you. Enable those who minister among us to commend
your truth by their example and teaching. May we gladly receive and obey
your word.
Lord in your mercy (Hear our prayer)

We give thanks for... We pray for...those in need:
We commend to your fatherly care, merciful God, all who are in sorrow,
sickness, discouragement or any other trouble. Give them patience and a
firm trust in your goodness. Help those who care for them, and bring us all
into the joy of your salvation.
Lord in your mercy (Hear our prayer)

We give thanks for the life and work of...
We praise you for all your servants whose lives have honoured Christ.
Encourage us by their example, so that we may run with perseverance the
race that lies before us, and share with them the fullness of joy in your
kingdom.

Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
**who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

To request public or private prayer, please email
prayer@stpeterscremore.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 Church of North India.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and Mak Miyashita Miyashita, our Ministry Assistant. For our organist Glenn Amer. 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 families and friends who have been unable to see each other due to COVID restrictions.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Stefan and Kerry; Howard, Thi and David; Susan; Rex; Antonia; Jonathan, Phuong and Helena; John; Christine; Joy; Geoff and Julia; Vanessa; Philip; Glenn; Chiaki; Janine; John and Jane; Michel; Alan and Louisa.

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, Richard, Di, Noel, Howard, Max, Tom, 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 Joyce Lloyd and Greig Brooks.

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