



ANGLICAN PARISH ST PETER'S CREMORNE

EASTER 5 - 10 MAY 2019

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

SENTENCE

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'

John 14:6

HYMN The Strife is O'er Tune Victory

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluya!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluya!

On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluya!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluya!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting they servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee.
Alleluya!

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.**

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Saving God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself; help up so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

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

PSALM 31:1-5, 17-18

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

¹ In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

² Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.

³ Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

⁴ Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

¹⁷ Let me not be put to shame, LORD,
for I have cried out to you;
but let the wicked be put to shame
and be silent in the realm of the dead.

¹⁸ Let their lying lips be silenced,
for with pride and contempt
they speak arrogantly against the righteous.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter 2:11-25

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.

¹⁸ Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 14:1-14

✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

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

SERMON

HYMN I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

"I am the way, the truth and the Life",
That's what Jesus said.
"I am the way, the truth and the Life",
That's what Jesus said.

Without the way there is no going,
Without the truth there is no knowing,
Without the life there is no growing.
"I am the way, the truth and the Life",
That's what Jesus said.

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.**

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**

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.

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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

Almighty God our heavenly Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home,
bless our homes we pray.
Help parents to impart the knowledge of you and your love,
and children to respond with love and obedience.
May our homes be blessed with peace and joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prince of Peace,
There are lots of places in this world where people do not feel safe.
Please help our leaders, and all of us to make the world peaceful,
and help everyone without a safe home to find a safe place to live.
Lord in your mercy (Hear our prayer)

Lord of Creation,
You have given us a beautiful place to live, and given us the job of looking
after all you have made. Please help us to care for this world, and do
more to protect it.
Lord in your mercy (Hear our prayer)

Loving God
Please care for our community and for this congregation, and for the
people who make every day special.
We especially ask you to look after the doctors, nurses, and healthcare
workers as they seek to keep us all well.
Lord in your mercy (Hear our prayer)

Father
There are lots of people in this world that need to be looked after,
please show them your love and help us to care for those who are in
need, sick or unhappy.
Lord in your mercy (Hear our prayer)

Dear Lord

Please look after all the people in your church throughout the world, especially those who live in areas where it is hard to be a Christian. We thank you for all those who spend their lives helping others to find you.

Lord in your mercy (Hear our prayer)

OTHER INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Almighty God, 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...

Christians in other countries, especially where there is suffering, danger and persecution; those sent out as missionaries (especially...); Christians in our country; the Anglican Church of Australia; this diocese; N our archbishop and N our regional bishop; this parish; N our minister(s)...

Strengthen your people for their witness and work in the world. Fill your ministers with your Spirit, that they may faithfully preach the gospel and administer your holy sacraments. Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love and proclaim your glory in all the world.

Father, hear our prayer,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We give thanks for... We pray for...

the peoples of the world and their leaders; countries in crisis; the Queen of Australia, leaders of Federal, State and local government; the police and those who administer our laws; all who have responsibility; all men and women in their daily work.

Give wisdom to those in authority in every land, and give to all peoples a desire for righteousness and peace, with the will to work together in trust, to seek the common good and to share with justice the resources of the earth.,
Father, hear our prayer,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We give thanks for... We pray for...our community:

one another; our local community; those caring for people in need; those who teach Scripture in our schools; people known to us (especially...)...

We commend to your keeping, Father, ourselves and each other, our families, our neighbours, and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

Father, hear our prayer,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We give thanks for... We pray for... those in need:
those who suffer; the sick; the poor; the distressed; the lonely; the unloved;
the persecuted; the unemployed; those who grieve; and those who care for them...

Comfort and heal, merciful Lord, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble. Give them a firm trust in your goodness; help those who minister to them; and bring us all into the joy of your salvation.

Father, hear our prayer,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We give thanks for the life and witness of...

We praise you, Lord God, for your faithful servants in every age, and ask that we may share with them Christ's resurrection glory, through his death and rising again for our salvation.

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@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 Church of Pakistan.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and Mak Miyashita Miyashita, our Ministry Assistant. For those who have taken on roles of maintaining contact with parishioners, developing prayer resources and providing

practical support for parishioners as part of our response to COVID. For Rev'd Stuart Smith and the parishioners of St Clement's, Mosman.

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 delivery drivers, staff in supermarkets, public transport employees, tradespeople and all others keeping our society functioning during the COVID situation. For all employers and employees dealing with the impact of the economic implications of COVID, and all those who have lost their employment at this time.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Roy, Scott and Rebecca, Stephanie, Michael, Sophie, Janelle, Noreen and Ken, Joy, Noel and Anne, Caroline, Audrey, Lorraine, Barbara, Ronald, Frela and Pamela, Nora, Martyn and Judy, Michael and Chris, Jennifer, Virginia, Peter and Annie, Daphne.

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, 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 Christine Deal, Faith Hollier, Venice Thom, Robin Turkington, Arthur Tyler and June McRae.