

# **EASTER 7 - 24 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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1lijXcNGCFieJLoEBv5vPg">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1lijXcNGCFieJLoEBv5vPg</a>; 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 me: 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**

This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17:3

#### **HYMN**

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad, his wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

Our God rules on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh, his presence we have; the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our king.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne! let all cry aloud, and honour the Son: the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honour and blessing, aith angels above, and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

#### 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.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we pray you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ has gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Acts 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and

Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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

## PSALM 68:1-10;32-35

# For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. A song.

- <sup>1</sup> May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.
- <sup>2</sup> May you blow them away like smoke as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.
- <sup>3</sup> But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.
- <sup>5</sup> A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.
- <sup>6</sup> God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.
- When you, God, went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.
- <sup>9</sup> You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.
- <sup>10</sup> Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.
- <sup>32</sup> Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,
- <sup>33</sup> to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup> Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens.

<sup>35</sup> You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of Peter 5

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. <sup>5</sup> In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble." <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. <sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>12</sup> With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. <sup>13</sup> She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. <sup>14</sup> Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

### **GOSPEL READING**

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. 6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

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

## **SERMON**

#### **HYMN**

All hail the power of Jesus' name; let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem to crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of our God, who from his altar call; praise him whose way of pain you trod, and crown him Lord of all.

As heirs of Israel's chosen race and ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love cannot forget the wormwood and the fall, go spread your treasures at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue responsive to his call now shout in universal son and crown him Lord of all.

## 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,

#### **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:

now and for ever. Amen

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)

## 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

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@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 Philippine Independent Church, the Iglesia Filipina Independiente.

#### ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and Mak Miyashita Miyashita, our Ministry Assistant. For our Pastoral Care team. For Rev'd Brett Graham and the parishioners of Scots Kirk, 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 people affected by the recent bushfires who continue to live in adversity and are struggling to rebuild their lives.

#### **OUR PARISHIONERS**

Kurt; Elizabeth; Gordon; Thomas, Alessandra, Sophia and Eva; Jenny; Frank and Sue; Max; Diane; Michael and Anne; Dirghayu; Suzanne; Marcy; Edwina, Geoff, Patrick and Hannah; Kimmy; Russell and Mary.

#### THE SICK

The immediate sick

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

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 William King, Spencer Simpson and Simon Holmes.