

PENTECOST 3 21 JUNE 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 <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1IijXcNGCFieJLoEBv5vPg</u>; 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

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

SENTENCE

Jesus said: Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. *Matthew 10:38-39*

HYMN

Tune Petra

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow, all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death, when I soar through tracts unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are no worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. ⁹But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, ¹⁰ and she said to Abraham, 'Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.' ¹¹ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. ¹² But God said to him, 'Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. ¹³ I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.' ¹⁴ Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba. ¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went off and sat down about a bow-shot away, for she thought, 'I cannot watch the boy die.' And as she sat there, she began to sob. ¹⁷ God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, 'What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. ¹⁸ Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.' ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.²⁰ God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer.²¹ While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

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

A prayer of David.

¹ Hear me, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long.
⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.

 ⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.
 ⁶ Hear my prayer, LORD; listen to my cry for mercy.
 ⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.
⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.
¹⁰ For you are great and do marvellous deeds; you alone are God.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength on behalf of your servant;
save me, because I serve you just as my mother did.
¹⁷ Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL READING

²⁴ 'The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! ²⁶ 'So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. ³² 'Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge

before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ 'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law –³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household." ³⁷ 'Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

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

SERMON Why Bother Being Good?

Romans 6:1-11

HYMN

Tune Auld Lang Syne

Should nothing of our efforts stand No legacy survive Unless the Lord does raise the house In vain its builders strive To you who boast tomorrow's gain Tell me what is your life A mist that vanishes at dawn All glory be to Christ

Chorus All glory be to Christ our king All glory be to Christ His rule and reign we'll ever sing All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come On earth as is above Who is Himself our daily bread Praise Him the Lord of love Let living water satisfy The thirsty without price We'll take a cup of kindness yet All glory be to Christ

Chorus

When on the day the great I Am The faithful and the true The Lamb who was for sinners slain Is making all things new Behold our God shall live with us And be our steadfast light And we shall e'er his people be All glory be to Christ

Chorus

CCLI Song # 7008232 Dustin Kensrue

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please use the prayers listed at the end of the service sheet, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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, 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

GOD'S BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with your 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

For the next few weeks, we are encouraging families to download and use the Kids Pray prayer cards, which can be found here: <u>https://youthworks.net/kidspray</u>

Makito introduces another theme of these prayers here: <u>https://youtu.be/V2IZMi35DAc</u>

OTHER INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

A prayer for all people

God of love, make your way known to the people of our world, your saving power among all nations.

Guide and govern your church by your Holy Spirit,

so that all who call themselves Christians may be led in the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace,

and in righteousness of life.

We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or circumstances (especially ...).

Relieve them according to their needs,

giving them patience in their sufferings, and deliverance from their afflictions. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

For good government

Gracious Lord,

grant to our governments and all who serve in public life

wisdom and skill, imagination and energy.

Protect them from corruption

and the temptation to serve themselves.

Help us all to commit ourselves to the common good,

that our land may be a secure home for all its peoples;

through Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace. Amen.

For workers

God of all creation, we pray for all who work in agriculture and farming, in mining, industry and commerce, in the media and education, in health and social services, sport and the arts, in emergency services and defence forces. Enable them to fulfil their responsibilities with integrity and in faithful service to others, living and working in harmony and safety, using the fruits of their toil for the good of all, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A prayer for clergy and people

Almighty and eternal God, you alone work great marvels.

Send down your gracious Spirit on all Christian people,

especially our bishops and other pastors and the congregations in their care.

Pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing that they may truly please you.

Grant this, for the honour of Jesus Christ,

our advocate and mediator. Amen.

For obedient lives

Great God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A concluding prayer of St John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **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 those who engage in the mystery of God's mission both here and overseas.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and Mak Miyashita Miyashita, our Ministry Assistant. For the members of the parish who provide specialist advice and expertise that contribute to grant applications and other special projects to maintain and improve our facilities at St Peter's. 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 individuals and business who have adapted their skills and expertise to respond to our changed environment, providing new products and services and maintaining employment for their staff.

OUR PARISHIONERS

John and Jane; Michael; Alan and Louisa; Roy; Scott and Rebecca; Stephanie; Michael; Sophie; Janelle; Ken and Noreen; Joy; Noel and Anne; Caroline; Audrey; Lorraine; Ronald; Barbara; Frelda and Pamela; Martyn and Judy; Michael and Chris; Jennifer; Virginia; Daphne.

THE SICK

The immediate sick

Ingrid, Rein, Malcolm, Peter, Mitsunobu, Jane, Janne, Moses, Pamela, 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 Spencer Simpson and Thea Barker.

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