



ANGLICAN PARISH ST PETER'S CREMORNE

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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 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

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. *Romans 8:1-2*

HYMN

Tune Gerontius

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God,
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love, the flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love, that he who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his friends, and thus inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹ This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. ²² The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, 'Why is this happening to me?' So she went to enquire of the LORD. ²³ The LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the elder will serve the younger.' ²⁴ When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. ²⁵ The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. ²⁶ After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. ²⁷ The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while

Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. ²⁸ Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. ³⁰ He said to Jacob, 'Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!' (That is why he was also called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob replied, 'First sell me your birthright.' ³² 'Look, I am about to die,' Esau said. 'What good is the birthright to me?' ³³ But Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

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

PSALM 119:105-112

- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.
- ¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.
- ¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much;
preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.
- ¹⁰⁸ Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth,
and teach me your laws.
- ¹⁰⁹ Though I constantly take my life in my hands,
I will not forget your law.
- ¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a snare for me,
but I have not strayed from your precepts.
- ¹¹¹ Your statutes are my heritage for ever;
they are the joy of my heart.
- ¹¹² My heart is set on keeping your decrees
to the very end.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Romans 8:1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹And 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

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 13:1-23

✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

¹⁰ The disciples came to him and asked, 'Why do you speak to the people in parables?'

¹¹ He replied, 'Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹² Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables:

'Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

¹⁴ In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

¹⁵ For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,

understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.”

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. ¹⁷ For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

¹⁸ ‘Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.’

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

SERMON

HYMN

Tune Ville du Havre

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:

that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

*Author: Horatio Gates Spafford (1873)
Tune: Ville du Havre by Philip Bliss*

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 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

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

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 Iglesia Filipina Independiente, the Philippine Independent Church.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and Mak Miyashita Miyashita, our Ministry Assistant. For the service providers who work for St Peter's to maintain our building and our grounds. For Rev'd 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 the unemployed and underemployed as well as business owners and managers trying to keep businesses afloat in a difficult economic environment.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Geoffrey; Margaret; Iain and Margot; Margaret; Jim and Marty; Ross and Yoshiko; Shirley; Bruce and Marion; Jane; Makito; Laura and Taylor; Tim; Peter and Christine; Kathy; Naveen, Suma, Nikita and Nia.

THE SICK

The immediate sick

Rein, Margie, Malcolm, Peter, Mitsunobu, 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 Louise Montz, Louise Alexander, Doris Lambkin, Jennifer Smith and Robert Parker.

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