



ANGLICAN PARISH ST PETER'S CREMORNE

PENTECOST 7 **19 JULY 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 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

You, O lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalms 86:15*

HYMN

Tune Lloyd

O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free,
a heart that always feels your blood
so freely shed for me:

a heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne,
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone:

a humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from Christ who dwells within:

a heart in every thought renewed,
and full of love divine,
perfect, and right, and pure, and good –
your life revealed in mine.

Your nature, gracious Lord, impart:
come quickly from above;
write your new name upon my heart,
your new, best name of 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.**

**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 God, you alone can order our unruly wills and affectations: teach us to love what you command, and to desire what you promise, that, among the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are to found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 28:10-19

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: 'I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, 'Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.' ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.' ¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

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

PSALM 139:1-11,23-24

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

- ¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,'
- ²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Romans 8:12-25

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘*Abba*, Father.’ ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

✠ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ ‘The owner’s servants came to him and said, “Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?”

²⁸ ““An enemy did this,” he replied. ‘The servants asked him, “Do you want us to go and pull them up?” ²⁹ ““No,” he answered, “because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”’

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.’ ³⁷ He answered, ‘The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ ‘As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

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

SERMON

HYMN

Tune Monk's Gate

Who would true valour see,
let them come hither;
those here will constant be,
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make them once relent
each from a vowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Those who beset them round
with dismal stories
cannot the brave confound;
their strength the more is.
No lion can them fright,
they'll with a giant fight,
but each will have a right
to be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt the spirit;
they know they at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away;
they'll scorn what people say,
and work each night and day
to be a pilgrim.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

On Easter Sunday, 2020, Archbishop Davies said

I urge you to continue to pray. Our God is not socially distant. He longs to hear our prayers and answer them. We may not always understand the larger picture of how he works - but he will not abandon us. In my family, we have set aside for COVID-19 - 1900 hours; at -7pm - to remember to pray for our world, our nation, our leaders, our health care workers, our community and our families. Imagine if we had a great wave of prayer across this nation!

Remember we have the confidence to pray to our heavenly Father, because Christ has defeated death by his resurrection, and brought hope to the world. And we have hope - through the resurrection of Jesus.

FOR GOVERNING AUTHORITIES

Lord of heaven and earth. Give wisdom to all those in authority in every land. We pray especially for Queen Elizabeth and Our Prime Minister Scott Morrison. We pray for Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Premier Daniel Andrews in Victoria. Give them wisdom and wise counsel, that they may lead our communities to respond to this crisis with calm and generosity. Assist them to govern for the good of all. We also pray for our police force, our emergency services and defence force personnel as they seek to maintain order in our country. May all Australians respect their work, accept the limitations on our freedoms and seek the welfare of others, for the good of all.

FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Lord God, we give thanks that you are always attentive to the prayers of your people. We pray for your people throughout the world, and for those here in Sydney. Strengthen us for our witness and work in the world. Assist your people to boldly confess our trust in Jesus, and speak of your grace and glory to our anxious and fearful world.

FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Lord God, please prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus. Strengthen those who are treating the sick, and comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of disease. Protect health care workers from both infection, and the anxious frustrations of the patients they are treating.

FOR OUR CITY AND WIDER COMMUNITY

We commend to your keeping, Father, ourselves and each other; our families and our neighbours; our friends and all the people of this city. By your Spirit enable us to live in love for you and for one another.

Help us to lay aside our own concerns. Focus our attention and care upon all who are most vulnerable and isolated among us. May we first pursue the good of those who are most anxious, fearful, sick, and the lonely. May we mirror to others, the Fatherly attention and care you daily show us.

FOR FUTURE HOPE

Sovereign Lord, you alone are the hope and healer of your people. You have promised us the hope of a world where there will be no more sorrow, sickness, or dying. Comfort and heal, merciful Lord, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble.

By Jesus death and resurrection you have set your people free from both the penalty of sin and the fear of death. Give us a firm trust in your goodness, and bring us into the joy of the bodily resurrection, and the fulfilment of all your precious promises. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, our heavenly Father,
we humbly thank you
for all your gifts so freely given:
for life and health and safety,
for work and rest and friendship,
and for the wonder of creation.
We thank you for preserving throughout history
a people for yourself.
Above all, we praise you for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection,
for your life-giving Spirit,
and the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Daehan Seong Gong Hoe, the Anglican Church of Korea. We pray for the Very Rev'd Peter Grice, Dean of Holy Cross Cathedral in the Diocese of North West Australia, elected as the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Rockhampton.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and Mak Miyashita Miyashita, our Ministry Assistant. For our parish groups as they begin to meet again. 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 our local community to personify friendship, kindness and compassion, in thought and deed.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Esme; Annabel, Chris; Noah and Holly; Camilla and Amelia; Alison; Norman and June; Lisa; David; Anne; Judith; Lyn; Navindiee and Tharindu; Naomi and Philip; Peter; Gill; James, Gretchen, Noah and Hannah; Graham and Lizzie; Sarah, Will, Callum and Kate.

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, 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. We give particular thanks for the life and ministry of Rev. Dr J.I. Packer, author of *Knowing God*.

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