

PENTECOST 8 26 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 <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

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor ruler, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38-39*

HYMN To God be the glory! Great things He has done!

To God be the glory! Great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son; Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

> Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son: And give Him the glory! Great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To every believer the promise of God; And every offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! ...

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be; Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! ...

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, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 29:15-28

¹⁵Laban said to him, 'Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.' ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder one was Leah. and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, 'I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.' ¹⁹ Laban said, 'It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stav here with me.' ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. ²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her.' ²² So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. ²³ But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her.²⁴ And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.²⁵ When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?' ²⁶ Laban replied, 'It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the elder one. ²⁷ Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work,' ²⁸ And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

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

PSALM 105:1-11

¹Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ² Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ⁴Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. ⁵ Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, ⁶ vou his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob. ⁷He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. ⁸He remembers his covenant for ever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, ⁹ the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. ¹⁰ He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: ¹¹ 'To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit.'

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[a] have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be

against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

GOSPEL READING

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ 'Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ 'Have you understood all these things?' Jesus asked. 'Yes,' they replied. ⁵² He said to them. 'Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old. ⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. ⁵⁴ Coming to his home town, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?' they asked. ⁵⁵ 'Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ Aren't all his sisters

with us? Where then did this man get all these things?' ⁵⁷ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honour except in his own town and in his own home.' ⁵⁸ And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

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

SERMON

HYMN In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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.





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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

We continue to encourage families to download and use the Kids Pray prayer cards, which can be found here: <u>https://youthworks.net/kidspray</u>. You may also use the following prayer:

Jesus, you healed the man born blind, you made the lepers well again and you fed the hungry crowd.

You showed you cared for people, Jesus, through what you did for others.

Please be with all the people who care for those who are sick or without homes or who are hungry at this time.

Give them all courage and strength.

Help them to know and feel that they are not alone.

I pray especially that you will help all the doctors and nurses with strength, and scientists with inspiration and knowledge. I pray for all the people who are helping out in any way.

You know what it was like to do your best for others and to stand up and care for those who could not care for themselves. Be with us all.

Help me to see that the kindness I show in my home is a share in the kindness and love you have for each person.

I pray that all people will show love and kindness to others today and always. **Amen.**

OTHER INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Sovereign Lord, you are the hope and healer of your people and have promised a world where there is no more sickness or crying or death.

By your death and resurrection you have set your people free from the penalty of sin and death.

We pray your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Please prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus, please strengthen those who are treating the sick, please comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease.

Please give to governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and give to your people your peace beyond understanding, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory.

Turn the hearts of many now experiencing fear and anxiety that they they may find that peace which is the fruit of the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, Amen.

A Prayer for God's help to please him

Go before us Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour, and further us by your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for the aged

Lord God, look with mercy on all for whom increasing years bring isolation and distress. Give them understanding helpers and the willingness to receive what is offered. As their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. We pray in the name of 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 Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and Mak Miyashita, our Ministry Assistant. For our parish groups as they resume meeting. 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 the church to strongly speak out against the many injustices that blight our world.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Nadine; Kate; Dalvern; Stan and Jan; Stefan and Kerry; Howard, Thi and David Tweedie; Susan; Rex; Antonia; Jonathan, Phuong and Helena; John; Christine; Joy; Julia and Geoffrey; Vanessa; Philip.

THE SICK

The immediate sick

Libby de Bondt, 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, especially Hazel Hoss, Dorothy Jamieson, Daniel Husiaux, Mary Matthias, John Stevens, Barbara Wilson, Irene Hughes, Ruth Frappell and Sybil Baker.