

# PENTECOST 15 On line - 13 SEPTEMBER 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.

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

Flowers today are given in loving memory of George and Margaret Davey by Jenny Davey

#### **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**

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Psalm 130:3-4

#### **HYMN**

Tune Church Triumphant

I know that my Redeemer lives – what joy the blest assurance gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everlasting Head.

He lives, to bless me with his love: he lives, to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives, my mansion to prepare; he lives, to lead me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name; he lives, my Saviour, still the same; what joy the blest assurance gives, I know that my Redeemer lives!

## 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,

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, without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## FIRST READING FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 14:19-31

<sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God, who had been travelling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other; so neither went near the other all night long. <sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, <sup>22</sup> and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. <sup>24</sup> During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. <sup>25</sup> He jammed<sup>[a]</sup> the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, 'Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt. 26 Then the LORD said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.' <sup>27</sup> Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing towards it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. 28 The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen - the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. <sup>29</sup> But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. 30 That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. 31 And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

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

#### **PSALM 114**

- When Israel came out of Egypt,
  Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,
- Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

- The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back:
- 4 the mountains leaped like rams, the hills like lambs.
- Why was it, sea, that you fled? Why, Jordan, did you turn back?
- Why, mountains, did you leap like rams, you hills, like lambs?
- Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- who turned the rock into a pool, the hard rock into springs of water.

#### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the book of Romans 14:1-14

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without guarrelling over disputable matters. <sup>2</sup> One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup> Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. 8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this very reason. Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God."12 So then, each of us will give an account of

ourselves to God. <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling-block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. <sup>14</sup> I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean.

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

#### **GOSPEL READING**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35 **▼ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ** 

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup> 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go. 28 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded. <sup>29</sup> 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back." 30 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. 32 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 35 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

#### SERMON

# Tune Cambridge

## **HYMN**

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, made fit for God on high:

to serve the present age, my calling to fulfil: O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

Arm me with zealous care, as in your sight to live; and O your servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give.

Help me to watch and pray, and on yourself rely, so shall I not my trust betray; nor shall I ever die.

## 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.

## THE PRAYERS

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens:

let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care:

and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth:

your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and truth:

# that we may tell of your saving works.

Hear our prayers, O Lord:

for we put our trust in you.

# A morning prayer

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for bringing us safely to this day. Keep us by your mighty power, and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but lead and govern us in all things, that we may always do what is righteous in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# An evening prayer

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

## A general thanksgiving

Almighty God and merciful Father, we give you humble and heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation and preservation, and all the blessings of this life: but above all, for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such a sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may praise you not only with our lips, but in our lives, serving you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. 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, Geoffrey our Primate, Glenn our Archbishop, Chris our Bishop and the Northern Region. Give thanks for the Anglican Communion Office and all the work they do on behalf of Anglicans worldwide.

## ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin. For our wardens and parish councillors. For Rev'd Dr Max Wood and the parishioners of St Luke'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 police, fire fighters and paramedics and their work in emergency situations.

# YEAR 12 STUDENTS PREPARING FOR FINAL EXAMS

Marcus Harrison, Lachlan, Conrad, Frankie, David Peter, Jacqueline, Sam, Taylor, Anna, Sarah.

#### **OUR PARISHIONERS**

Gretchen and James, Hannah and Noah, Graham and Lizzie, Sarah, Will, Callum and Kate, Nadine, Kate, Stan and Jan, Stefan and Kerry, Howard, Thi and David, Susan, Rex.

#### THE SICK

The immediate sick

Penelope, Rein, Margie, Malcolm, Peter, Janne, Moses, Pamela, Peter, Maryanne, Georgina.

Those requiring on-going prayer

Caroline, Cheryl, Rev'd Greg, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, Roger, Inga, Geoff, Joy, 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 George and Margaret Davey.

NEXT SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER – PENTECOST 16 7.00AM – EUCHARIST 9.00AM – EUCHARIST 10.30 AM – SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM CELEBRANT& PREACHER: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN

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