



ANGLICAN PARISH ST PETER'S CREMORNE

PENTECOST 17

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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.

This service sheet is to accompany the video to be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1lijXcNGCFieJLoEBv5vPg>; 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
Barbara and Lothar Bulla
by Ron Bulla

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

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him. *Hosea 6:1a,2b*

HYMN

Tune Nettleton

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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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 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.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarrelled with Moses and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses replied, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?' ³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?' ⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.'

The LORD answered Moses, 'Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.' So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the LORD saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

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

PSALM 78:1-4,11-16

A *maskil* of Asaph.

¹ My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.

² **I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old –**

3 things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.

4 **We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.**

11 They forgot what he had done,
the wonders he had shown them.

12 **He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors
in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.**

13 He divided the sea and led them through;
he made the water stand up like a wall.

14 **He guided them with the cloud by day
and with light from the fire all night.**

15 He split the rocks in the wilderness
and gave them water as abundant as the seas;

16 **he brought streams out of a rocky crag
and made water flow down like rivers.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Romans 15:14-33

¹⁴ I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another. ¹⁵ Yet I have written to you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. ¹⁸ I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done – ¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way round to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. ²⁰ It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel

where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. ²¹ Rather, as it is written: 'Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.

²² This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you. ²³ But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to visit you, ²⁴ I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to see you while passing through and that you will assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while.

²⁵ Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the Lord's people there. ²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the Lord's people in Jerusalem. ²⁷ They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. ²⁸ So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this contribution, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. ²⁹ I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ. ³⁰ I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. ³¹ Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favourably received by the Lord's people there, ³² so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed. ³³ The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

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

GOSPEL READING

Please stand

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 21:23-32

✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. 'By what authority are you doing these things?' they asked. 'And who gave you this authority?'

²⁴ Jesus replied, 'I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John's baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?' They discussed it among themselves and said, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will ask, "Then why didn't you believe him?"' ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin" – we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a

prophet.’²⁷ So they answered Jesus, ‘We don’t know.’ Then he said, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ ‘What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, “Son, go and work today in the vineyard.”²⁹ “I will not,” he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.³⁰ Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, “I will, sir,” but he did not go.³¹ ‘Which of the two did what his father wanted?’ ‘The first,’ they answered. Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

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

SERMON

HYMN

Tune Fulda

We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for all throughout the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour’s name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross,
For all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn;
\empty the tomb, for he was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God’s right hand,
By all creation glorified.
He send his Spirit on his church
To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

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

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 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.**

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.**

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 work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin. For our sanctuary team. For the ministry team and the congregation of Neutral Bay Uniting.

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 volunteers in our local community.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS PREPARING FOR FINAL EXAMS

Lucinda, Tommy, Elisabeth, Heather, Marcus, Harrison, Lachlan, Conrad, Frankie, David Peter, Jacqueline, Sam, Taylor, Anna, Sarah.

THE SICK

The immediate sick

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

Those requiring on-going prayer

Caroline, Cheryl, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, 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 Elizabeth Skinner, Barbara Bulla and Lothar Bulla.

ST PETER'S FAMILY NEWS

CONSIDER A DONATION TO THE RSPCA THIS WEEK

Due to COVID concerns and restrictions we have been unable to hold the Blessing of Pets service this year. We have celebrated the Feast of Saint Francis in this manner for many years in recognition of his love for animals and nature. Please consider making a donation to the RSPCA at this time via this link <https://www.rspcansw.org.au/donate> or via cheque to **RSPCA Australia** PO Box 265 Deakin West, ACT 2600.

A BIBLE STUDY ON ISAIAH

With the possible exception of the psalms, Isaiah is quoted or alluded to in the New Testament more than any other Old Testament book. It is full of essential and profound biblical ideas and is big on length, on thematic breadth and grandeur, on complexity, and on importance. Whether you are new to studying the Bible, or an old hand, these studies will be stimulating and rewarding as we consider the significance of Isaiah to our

understanding of God, our world and ourselves. Starting 22 October - Thursdays 2pm in person at the Rectory or Thursdays 7:30pm in person at the Rectory and online via Zoom. Email the rector for the Zoom link (rector@stpeterscremorne.org.au)

PRAYING FOR ST PETER'S

A monthly meeting will be held to pray regularly for the ministry of St Peter's. Next meeting will be held at the Rectory (29A Waters Rd) on Monday 12 October from 7:30-8:30pm. All welcome – there is no expectation for everyone to pray aloud. Just add your “Amen” to the prayers of others. For more information, contact the Rector.

REV'D TIM ON LEAVE

Rev'd Tim will be on leave this week. Bp Peter Watson will celebrate the Eucharist on Tuesday at 10.30am and Fr Antony Weiss will be in the parish next Sunday 4 October for all services. If you have any pastoral care needs please contact one of the wardens.

NEXT SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER – PENTECOST 18
7.00AM – EUCHARIST 9.00AM – EUCHARIST
10.30 AM – SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
CELEBRANT & PREACHER: FR ANTONY WEISS

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