

# ADVENT 1 On-line, 29 NOVEMBER 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 visit us in-person at one of our services.

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).

Our services have now resumed with COVID Safe practices in place. Our regular services are Sundays: 7am Eucharist; 9am Eucharist; and a 10:30am service with a children's program. We also have a Tuesday Eucharist service at 10am.

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.

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.

With every blessing in Christ,

Rev'd Tim St Quintin, Rector

## **GREETING IN GOD'S NAME**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

#### SENTENCE

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

Mark 13:31

#### **HYMN**

Tune Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear, Rejoice! rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might who to the tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! rejoice!...

O come, O key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! rejoice!...

O come, O branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save and give them victory o'er the grave.

\*Rejoice! rejoice!...

O come, O dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! rejoice!...

## THE CONFESSION

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

## **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.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and now put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! <sup>2</sup> As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! <sup>3</sup> For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before vou. <sup>4</sup> Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? <sup>6</sup> All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. <sup>7</sup> No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. 8 Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins for ever. Oh, look upon us we pray, for we are all your people.

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

## **PSALM 80: 1-7,17-19**

- Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
   you who lead Joseph like a flock.
   You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
   shine forth
- before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
   Awaken your might;
   come and save us.
- Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
- How long, LORD God Almighty, will your anger smoulder against the prayers of your people?

- You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
- You have made us an object of derision to our neighbours, and our enemies mock us.
- Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
- Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
- Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.
- Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

## SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

#### **GOSPEL READING**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark 13:24-37 **★ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ** 

<sup>24</sup> 'But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; <sup>25</sup> the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." <sup>26</sup> 'At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. <sup>28</sup> 'Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. 30 Truly I tell vou. this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 32 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert You do not know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away; he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. 35 'Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back - whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: "Watch!"

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

#### **SERMON**

HYMN

Tune Stuttgart

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free, From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the art thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king, Born to reign in us for ever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts along; By thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.

## 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**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you; and make you ready to meet him when comes in glory; 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

## **An Advent Prayer**

Faithful God,
Whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:
renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert –
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## **Thanksgiving Prayer**

Gracious and generous God, thank you for providing all our needs.

Make us truly grateful, Lord.
For families and friends,
we give you thanks.
For enjoyment of all that is good,
we give you thanks.
For the love of Jesus our Saviour,
we give you thanks.
For his life poured out in sacrifice for us,
we give you thanks.

Other thanksgivings may be added here.

Lord, keep us mindful of those in need, that as we pray for them, we may be generous to them, as you are to us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who alone gives us life eternal. 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.

# **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. Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury).

## ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin. For our Wardens and Treasurer. For the clergy and parishioners of Mosman Uniting Church.

## 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 justice system both here and throughout the world. Bring freedom to those who have been victims of injustice.

#### THE SICK

The immediate sick

Barbara, Peter, Max, Dan, Roger, Peter, Janne, Pamela, Peter, Maryanne.

Those requiring on-going prayer

Penelope, Margie and Rein, Liz, Caroline, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, Inga, Joy, Elizabeth, Vatche, Richard, Di, Noel, Tom, Gigi, Frank, Judith, Jenny, Sally.

#### **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 Jack Gornall.



## **DECEMBER 2020**

Tuesday 1	10.00am	Eucharist and morning tea
Thursday 3	11.00am-3.00pm	St Peter's Patchers
	2.00pm	Study on Isaiah – Rectory
	7.30pm	Study on Isaiah – Rectory/Zoom
Friday 4	Rev'd Tim's day of rest	
Saturday 5	2.00pm-4.00pm	Crafters' Christmas Fair – DA Room
Sunday 6	Between services	Crafters' Christmas Fair – DA Room

## **CRAFTERS' CHRISTMAS FAIR**

The Crafters Christmas Fair is on next Saturday 5 December between 2pm and 4pm and on Sunday 6 December between the services in the David Armstrong Room. This is an opportunity to buy beautiful Christmas gifts at reasonable prices. Please mention this fair to friends, family and neighbours who may like to attend. Additional flyers are available at the entrance to the church or from the David Armstrong room. Proceeds to mission.

## **TOYS 'N' TUCKER**

St Peter's are taking part in the annual Toys'n'Tucker appeal conducted by Anglicare. Donations may be in the form of food: Christmas cake or pudding, tinned ham, tinned salmon, tea, coffee, Milo, pasta, pasta



sauce, long-life milk, tinned vegetables and jam are ideal. Anything that is non-perishable; or toys: age appropriate books, toys, board games, outdoor games, sporting equipment and toiletries in new condition would be welcomed. Sadly no chocolate as it is likely to melt. The last day for drop-off is Sunday 13 December, as goods are being collected on Monday 14 December. Goods can be left in the David Armstrong room on Sundays, Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9am and midday when the parish office will be open.

## PRAYING FOR ST PETER'S

A monthly meeting is held to pray regularly for the ministry of St Peter's. The next meeting will be held in the **David Armstrong Room on Monday 7 December 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.

#### CHRISTMAS PRODUCE STALL

There will be a Christmas Produce Stall on Sunday 13th December in the David Armstrong Room between services. Proceeds to Missions. Mini cakes, biscuits and slices all for sale on the day. We are taking orders for Lemon Butter - if you want some for presents. no expectation for everyone to pray aloud. Just add your



"Amen" to the prayers of others. For more information, contact the Rector.

NEXT SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7.00AM – EUCHARIST 9.00AM – EUCHARIST
10.30 AM – SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN

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