

# PENTECOST 24 On-line, 15 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 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 Nils and Barbara Sylow by Bruce and Barbara Gordon

#### **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**

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:9.11

#### HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways! Re-clothe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard Beside the Syrian sea The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hill above, Where Jesus knelt to share with thee The silence of eternity, Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease: Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our ordered lives confess The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and thy balm; Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire O still small voice of calm!

#### 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.

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

#### Celebrant

Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void: give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Judges 4:1-10

Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, now that Ehud was dead. <sup>2</sup> So the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. <sup>3</sup> Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the LORD for help. <sup>4</sup> Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading<sup>[a]</sup> Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup> She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. <sup>6</sup> She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, 'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: "Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. <sup>7</sup> I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the River Kishon and give him into your hands."'

<sup>8</sup> Barak said to her, 'If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go.' <sup>9</sup> 'Certainly I will go with you,' said Deborah. 'But because of the course you are taking, the honour will not be yours, for the LORD will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.' So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. <sup>10</sup> There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him.

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

#### **PSALM 123**

- I lift up my eyes to you, to you who sit enthroned in heaven.
- As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he shows us his mercy.
- Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt.
- We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.

#### SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

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

#### **GOSPEL READING**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30 **★ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ** 

<sup>14</sup> 'Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more." <sup>21</sup> His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" <sup>22</sup> 'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more." <sup>23</sup> 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" <sup>24</sup> 'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you." <sup>26</sup> 'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. <sup>28</sup> "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. <sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

#### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN**

O Jesus I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel thee near me: The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear; My foes are ever near me, Around me and within; But, Jesus, draw thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, thou hast promised To all who follow thee, That where thou art in glory, There shall thy servant be; And, Jesus, I have promised To serve thee to the end! O give me grace to follow, My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks, And in them plant mine own: My hope to follow duly In in thy strength alone, O guide me, call me, draw me, Uphold me to the end; And then in heaven receive me, My Saviour and my Friend.

#### 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

# **Intercessory 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 your truth,

that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.

Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, for we put our trust in you.

# **Thanksgiving Prayer**

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.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ your Son 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, Geoffrey our Primate, Glenn our Archbishop, Chris our Bishop and the Northern Region. Pray for the Church of Ceylon.

#### ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin. For our Wardens and Treasurer. 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 families, marriages and the healing of relationships.

#### **OUR PARISHIONERS**

Howard, Thi and David Peter, Susan, Rex, Antonia, Jonathan, Phuong and Helena, Bp Peter and Margo, John, Christine, Joy, Julia and Geoff, Philip, Glenn, Chiaki, John and Jane.

#### THE SICK

The immediate sick

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

Those requiring on-going prayer

Margie and Rein, Liz, Caroline, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, Roger, Inga, Joy, Elizabeth, Vatche, Richard, Di, Noel, 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, Geoff Chittick, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Pam Bennett, David Coburn and Barbara Bardon.



David Coburn served as Organist and Director of Music at St Peter's from 2002 until his untimely death in November 2010. David studied Musicology and Organ Performance through the Australian Catholic University and Church Music and Choral Conducting through the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. He undertook further studies in liturgical music and theology through the Sydney College of Divinity and the Australian Catholic University. On this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

his death we acknowledge David's significant contribution to the musical discipline at St Peter's that we continue to enjoy to this day. The flowers in the church last Sunday were given by Jenny Davey in loving memory of David.



# **NOVEMBER 2020**

Tuesday 17	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 19	2.00pm	Study on Isaiah – Rectory
	7.30pm	Study on Isaiah – Rectory/Zoom
Friday 20	Rev'd Tim's day of rest	

#### **TOYS 'N' TUCKER**

St Peter's is 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.

NEXT SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING
7.00AM – EUCHARIST 9.00AM – SOLEMN EUCHARIST
10.30 AM – SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
CELEBRANT& PREACHER: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN

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