



**ANGLICAN PARISH  
ST PETER'S CREMORNE**



**HOLY EUCHARIST**

**THE FEAST OF  
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
25 December 2020  
9.00am**

*Celebrant and Preacher  
Organist*

Rev'd Tim St Quintin  
Glenn Amer



**WELCOME to St Peter's Anglican Church.** I am delighted that you can join us for our Christmas service today.

This is a joyous time of year when we as a church enjoy celebrating the birth of Christ with our wider community. If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome.

May I invite you to join us at one of our regular Sunday services during 2021. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

A Hearing Loop is available in the pews on the left hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and there is a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.

I wish you a merry and meaningful Christmas,

Tim St Quintin, **Rector**

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*All stand*

*Please note: under NSW Government regulations the congregation is not permitted to sing.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Tune Irby*

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, despised and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy .

And through all his wondrous childhood,  
day by day like us he grew;  
he was little, weak and helpless,  
tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feels for all our sadness,  
and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him  
through his own redeeming love,  
for that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him: but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high,  
when his children gather round  
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

✠ **Blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever**

The Lord be with you.

**and also with you**

## **SENTENCE**

*Celebrant*

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day  
in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2.10-11*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

Lord have mercy on us.	<b>Lord have mercy on us.</b>
Christ have mercy on us.	<b>Christ have mercy on us.</b>
Lord have mercy on us.	<b>Lord have mercy on us.</b>

## **THE CONFESSION**

*Senior Server*

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

*Silence may be kept*

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins  
in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,**

**our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:**

**we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

**Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness  
of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in  
faith: ✕ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in  
all goodness and keep you in eternal life, 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.**

## **CHRISTMAS COLLECT**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray,

Almighty God, who gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon  
him and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary: grant that we being  
born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be  
renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with your and the same Spirit, ever one God, now  
and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*Please sit*

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. <sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Hear the word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 96:1-3,11-13

1       Sing to the Lord a new song:  
          sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2       **Sing to the Lord and bless his name:  
          tell out his salvation from day to day.**

3       Declare his glory among the nations:  
          and his wonders among all peoples.

11      **Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:  
          let the sea thunder and all that is in it;**

12      Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them:  
          let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.

13      **For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:  
          with righteousness he will judge the world  
          and the peoples with his truth.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus 3:4-8

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Hear the word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:1-14  
    ✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. <sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

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

## SERMON

## HYMN

*Tune Antioch*

*Please note: under NSW Government regulations the congregation is not permitted to sing.*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive its king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;  
let us our songs employ;  
while field and streams, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Senior Server*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

*All stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father,  
the almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**



**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,**

**the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, ☩ and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All sit or kneel*

*Senior Server*

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness  
and into his own marvellous light.

*Periods of silence may be briefly kept for personal prayer.*

*Each petition ends with this response:*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**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**

## **PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

*Titus 2:11*

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under  
your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have  
mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Celebrant*

We are the Body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to greet those immediately around them with the words,  
'Peace be with you' 'And also with you'.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**✕ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying,

“Take eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples saying,

“Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**✠ Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,

**for we all share in the one bread.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## **INVITATION**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The celebrant and communicants receive the Holy Communion.*

*All communicants of other churches are invited to join us in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant we encourage you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back as you kneel or stand at the communion rail.*

*As the sacrament is received the communicant responds **Amen.***

## **COMMUNION**

*Cantor*

*The Star of Bethlehem by Stephen Adams (1841-1913)*

*The congregation sits or kneels.*

*Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.*

## **SENTENCE**

*Celebrant*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray,

God of heaven, dwelling among us, we thank you for feeding us with this holy food. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh that as his body in the world we may bring your presence to all people.

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR OFFERTORY**

We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, for your generosity: you were rich yet for our sake became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich. With our praise, accept our gifts, and use them for the enrichment of others and the glory of your name. **Amen.**

## **GOD'S BLESSING**

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God almighty, ✨ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Senior Server*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Tune Adeste Fideles*

*Please note: under NSW Government regulations the congregation is not permitted to sing.*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him born the king of angels:

*O come, let us adore him*

*O come, let us adore him,*

*O come, let us adore him*

*Christ the Lord.*

True God of true God, Light of Light eternal,  
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten not created:

*O come, let us adore him...*

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

*O come, let us adore him...*

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
fain we embrace thee with love and awe;  
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

*O come, let us adore him...*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above,  
'Glory to God glory in the highest':  
*O come, let us adore him...*

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*As a courtesy to those who remain in the church to listen to the organ voluntary in its entirety, you are encouraged to enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the building. The voluntary is a liturgical musical offering to God.*

*A voluntary retiring offertory will be collected for the ministry of St Peter's in Cremorne and beyond.*



## **CHRISTMAS GREETING**

May the timeless message of Christmas  
fill your hearts and homes with joy and peace  
today and throughout the coming year

### **Regular services**

*Sundays*

7am Eucharist

9am Sung Eucharist

10.30am Modern Liturgy with Children's Program

*Tuesdays*

10am Eucharist

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