



ANGLICAN PARISH ST PETER'S CREMORNE

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 27 DECEMBER 2020 9.30am

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that we can join together in worship again.

If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. 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 all of 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.

Due to the threat of the Coronavirus, there are necessary restrictions on how we conduct public services. This includes restrictions on congregational singing, and mingling before, during, and after services. These elements will be reintroduced when it is safe to do so.

**With every blessing in Christ,
Tim St Quintin, Rector**

SERVICES TODAY

9.30AM

COMBINED EUCHARIST

CELEBRANT

PREACHER

ORGANIST, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

RECTOR

BP PETER WATSON

GLENN AMER

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome.

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

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:30-32

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.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.

**Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.**

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

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.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the light of your incarnate Word: may
this light, kindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the soil makes the young plant come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. ² The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. ³ You will be a crown of splendour in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

PSALM 148

- ¹ Praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.
- ² **Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.**
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created,
- ⁶ **and he established them for ever and ever –
he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
- 8 **lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,**
- 9 you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
- 10 **wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,**
- 11 kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,
- 12 **young men and women,
old men and children.**
- 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendour is above the earth and the heavens.
- 14 **And he has raised up for his people a horn,
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.
Praise the LORD.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

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

GOSPEL READING

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:22-40

✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord') ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.' ³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Tune Bunessan

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

Child in the manger,
infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger,
Lord of all!
Child who inherits
all our transgressions,
all our demerits
on him fall.

Once the most holy
child of salvation
gentle and lowly
lived below;
now, as our glorious
mighty Redeemer.
see him victorious
over each foe.

Prophets foretold him,
infant of wonder;
angels behold him
on his throne;
worthy our Saviour
of all their praises;
happy for ever
are his own.

THE APOSTLES CREED

Senior Server

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Senior Server

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

All sit/kneel

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF DISCERNMENT

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this parish family of St Peter. We give thanks that you have called us to a ministry of servanthood to all people and especially to each other. Help us, we pray, to discern your vision for us; teach us to use the gifts you have given us to build your kingdom in this place and to reach out to all those in our communities. We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, *Isaiah 61:10*

**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

All stand

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 around them with the words, "Peace be with you" "And also with you".

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A Child will come out and stand next to the celebrant and engage in the following dialogue explaining the Lord's Supper:

Child

Why is this meal different from other meals?

Celebrant

We were slaves to sin, but the Lord saved us by his mighty strength. He saved us just as he promised so that we might be blessed and live forever with him.

This is what God has promised to all who turn to Jesus as Lord and Saviour:

Jesus said:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest.” *Matthew 11:28*

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." *John 3:16*

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God.

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

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. Hosanna in the highest.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us.

He commanded us always to remember his precious death, until the day when he comes back.

Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we who receive these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, may share in our Saviour's body and blood. Amen

Celebrant (Breaking the bread)

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread and he broke it and shared it with his friends.

Child

What is the meaning of this special bread?

Celebrant

Jesus said, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me"

This bread reminds us of Jesus' body which was given on the cross for us. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Yes, we praise and thank you!

Celebrant

On the night before he died, Jesus took the cup of wine and shared it with his friends.

Child

What is the meaning of the special wine?

Celebrant

Jesus said, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." This wine reminds us of Jesus' blood which was shed on the cross for us. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Yes, we praise and thank you!

Celebrant

Therefore Father,

We thank you for these gifts of bread and wine.

We eat and drink trusting that Jesus died to forgive us for our sins.

We eat and drink trusting that Jesus rose again so that we, too, will live forever with him.

We will eat and drink this special meal until the great banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Come King Jesus, come.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The celebrant breaks the bread.

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

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

INVITATION

Celebrant

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.

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.

*The celebrant and other communicants receive the Holy Communion. As the sacrament is received the communicant responds **Amen.***

The congregation sits or kneels.

Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

SENTENCE

Celebrant

For as the soil makes the young plant come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

Isaiah 61:11

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

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.

NOTICES

Please sit

PRAYER FOR OFFERTORY

Gracious God, all things come from you, and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GOD'S BLESSING

All stand

Celebrant

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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.

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.

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 Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin. For our Wardens and Treasurer. Pray for our Pastoral Care team. 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 lifesavers on our beaches over the summer.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Naomi and Philip, Peter, Gill, James, Gretchen, Noah and Hannah, Graham and Lizzie, Sarah, Will, Callum and Kate, Nadine, Kate.

THE SICK

The immediate sick

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

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, Peter Thompson, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Gil Webb.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

DECEMBER 2020/JANUARY 2021

Monday 28	Rev'd Tim on refreshment leave	
Tuesday 29	10.00am	Eucharist and morning tea
	Rev'd Tim on refreshment leave	

MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN 2021

A reminder that the new Memorial Flowers Calendar is now on the noticeboard in the David Armstrong Room ready for names to be added.



CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help prepare the grounds and church for Christmas. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated by the wardens.

NEXT SUNDAY 3 JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
7.00AM – EUCHARIST 9AM – SUNG EUCHARIST
10.30AM SERVICE WITH MODERN LITURGY (CHILDREN'S PROGRAM IN RECESS)
CELEBRANT & PREACHER: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN

