

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY 10.30am, 14 MARCH 2021

**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**

7.00AM EUCHARIST 9.00AM EUCHARIST

10.30AM SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

CELEBRANT RECTOR

PREACHER ROBERT MCLEAN, ABM

PARTNERSHIPS CO-ORDINATOR

**ORGANIST** 

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC GLENN AMER

Please join us for morning tea in the David Armstrong Room after the 9am service.





# We have a COVID-19 Safety Plan and are committed to keeping you safe.

Please do stay at home if you are at all unwell. Anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms, even if very mild, should get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. We are not able to admit people who are unwell to the service.

- If you have been in contact with someone who has or suspected of having COVID-19, or have been at a COVID19 hotspot, you must not attend church until you have been cleared of the virus.
- Hand sanitiser is available on entry to the church building and your
  attendance and contact details will be recorded for tracing purposes. If you
  have a smartphone, the NSW government also recommends the COVIDSafe
  app to support contact tracing if required.
- 1.5m physical distancing is required during the service. Please be aware of
  physical distancing before and after the service as well, and as you greet one
  another.



#### DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

#### **WELCOME**

#### **PSALM 107:1-3,17-22**

- Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures for ever.
- Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
- those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.
- Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.
- They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death.
- Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.
- He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.
- Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.
- Let them sacrifice thank-offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

## SONG Jesus strong and kind

Jesus said that if I thirst I should come to him No one else can satisfy I should come to him Jesus said if I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

#### Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful He will keep us day and night We can always run to Jesus Jesus strong and kind

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

Jesus said if I am lost He will come to me And he showed me on that cross He will come to me

#### Chorus

CCLI Song # 7139992 © 2019 CityAlight Music Colin Buchanan | Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

#### **CONFESSION – SAYING SORRY TO GOD**

We are the people of God, but the Bible reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through his infinite goodness and mercy.

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together:

# Our heavenly Father

thank you that you love us and care for us all the time. We know that this week we have not always lived the way you tell us.

We have done things that are wrong

and not done all the good things we should have done. Only you can save us, so please forgive us and help us to live as Jesus' followers and friends. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

God desires that no one 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.

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we live at peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us."

Romans 5:1

And so, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

#### 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

#### **THANKSGIVING**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good:

His steadfast love endures forever!

Celebration Box

#### 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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

# PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

Children and leaders move to lower hall for SPC JAM children's program

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

A reading from the book of Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>They travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go round Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup> they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!' <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, 'We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Moses, 'Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.' <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

This is the Word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

A reading from the book of Ephesians 2:1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly

realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

This is the Word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL READING**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 3:14-21 **▼ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ** 

<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.' <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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

#### **SERMON**

#### SONG

See Him in Jerusalem
Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father
See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross
Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds
Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today
Death could not contain Him
Once the Servant of the world
Now in vict'ry reigning
Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the New Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us

CCLI Song # 7003218 Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson | Tiarne Tranter

#### PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness prevent us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in in your service find perfect freedom through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### **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.

#### A PRAYER FOR ST PETER'S DURING THIS 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.

#### ST PETER'S FAMILY NEWS

#### 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.** 

#### **HYMN**

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life in atonement for sin and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory! great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God! and every offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon received.

Praise the Lord!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher and greater will be our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord!....

#### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

#### 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 week in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

#### THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

A basket for offertory contributions to the ongoing ministry of St Peter's is available at the entrance to the church building.

# **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. The Province de L'Eglise Anglicana de Chile.

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

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin. Pray for St Peter's during our Year of Discernment. For the clergy and parishioners at Neutral Bay 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 students commencing university studies and for those continuing existing studies in the face of changed circumstances due to COVID restrictions.

#### **OUR PARISHIONERS**

Julia and Geoffrey. Philip, Glenn, Chiaki, John and Jane, Anthony and Fran, Ben and William, Michael, Alan and Louisa, Roy, Stephanie.

#### THE SICK

The immediate sick

Belinda, Daphne, Anne, Noel, Judy, Peter, Janne, Pamela.

Those requiring on-going prayer

Peter, Max, Dan, Susan, Penelope, Margie and Rein, Caroline, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, Inga, Joy, Elizabeth, Vatche, Gigi, Frank, Judith, Jenny, Sally.

Those in residential care

Peter and Patricia; Glenyth; Ros.

#### **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, John Wilson, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Nicholas Robson.

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

## **MARCH 2021**

March 15	10.00am-11.30am	Discussion Group – DA Room	
Tuesday 16	10.00am	Eucharist followed by morning tea	
	10.30am-12.30pm	The Crafters – DA Room	
Thursday 18	2pm	Lent Study Group - Rectory	
	7.30pm	Lent Study Group - Rectory	
Friday 19	Rev'd Tim's day of rest		
Sunday 21	9.30am	Combined service followed by the Annual General Meeting	

#### MINI CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL RESULT

Our stall last Sunday raised \$173.85 for the Anglican Board of Mission. Lent Appeal. Thank you to everyone who brought goods to sell and to those who bought goods. The plants were a popular addition. *Mission is finding out what God is doing and joining in* - Rowan Williams

- Edwina Waddy

#### THE CRAFTERS RESUME MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The Crafters will resume meetings for 2021 next week on **Tuesday 16 March** in the David Armstrong Room from 10.30am-12.30pm. New members are always welcome.



#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish will take place on **Sunday 21 March at 11am** following a combined service at 9.30am. There will be one service only on this day. Nomination Forms are at the entrance to the church to record nominations for wardens, parish councillors, parish nominators. Please ask the person before entering his/her name. If you are a nominator, there is a requirement that you are present at the meeting.

#### **WORKING BEE ON HOLY SATURDAY**

A working bee will be held on **Saturday 3 April** from 8.30am to complete a general tidy up to prepare the church and the grounds for Easter Day. If you can spare an hour of your time to help it would be greatly appreciated. Morning tea will be served.





Thursday 1 April – Maundy Thursday 7pm Evening Eucharist

Friday 2 April – Good Friday 10:30am All Ages Service 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Sacred Music

Sunday 4 April – Easter Day
7am Service of Light and Eucharist
9am Sung Eucharist
10.30am Modern Service with Holy Communion
and Children's Program

NEXT SUNDAY 21 MARCH — FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 9.30AM COMBINED SERVICE FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CELEBRANT & PREACHER: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN

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