

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY 7am and 9am, 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.



## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Under NSW Health Orders and our COVIDSafe plan, singing is permitted provided all attendees older than 12 years wear a face mask, unless exempt.

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Tune St Bernard

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find, his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith, whate'er your race may be; who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ no meet both east and west, in him meet south and north, all Christlike souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

Whose mercy endures for ever.

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**

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:14-15

# 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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

#### Silence

Let us then ask for mercy, 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.

#### **COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# **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**.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST 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.

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

# **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.

## **SECOND 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.

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

Please stand

## **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.

Please sit

#### **SERMON**

## **HYMN**

Father, whose everlasting love your only Son for sinners gave, whose grace to all did freely move, and sent him down the world to save:

Help us your mercy to extol, immense. Unfathomed, unconfined; to praise the Lamb who for all, the Saviour of all humankind.

The world he suffered to redeem; for all he has the atonement made; for those who will not come to him the ransom of his life was paid.

Arise, O God, maintain your cause! the fullness of the nations call; life up the standard of your cross, and all shall own you died for all.

# THE NICENE CREED

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

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please sit or kneel

# 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.

Periods of silence may be briefly kept for personal prayer. Each petition ends with this response: Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**  As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures for ever.

Psalm 107:1

- 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

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. He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin.

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.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to walk in the way of his love.

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.

And now, gracious God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who receive them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, according to our Saviour's word, in remembrance of his suffering and death, may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, 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.

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

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 your 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.

All communicants of other churches are invited to join us in the sharing of Holy Communion. Please remain seated for the distribution of the Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant and would like to receive a blessing please indicate your desire to do so by folding your arms across your chest as the priest approaches.

As the sacrament is received the communicant responds: **Amen.**After taking communion the congregation sits or kneels.
Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

#### COMMUNION

#### **SENTENCE**

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. *Ephesians 2:10* 

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Let us pray.

God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth.

Keep us in this hope that we have grasped; so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen

#### **NOTICES**

#### 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**

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; 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 Heathlands

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face; shine upon us, Saviour, shine, fill your church with light divine; and your saving health extend to the earth's remotest end/

Let the people praise your, Lord! be by all that live adored; let the nations shout and sing glory to their Saviour king; at your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord! earth shall then its fruits afford; God to us his blessing give, we to God devoted live: all below, and all above, one in joy and light and love.

# **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

The sanctuary party leaves and the congregation sits.

At the conclusion of the Postlude, each person will be given a sterilised wipe and is requested to wipe the top of the pew in front of them and the seat and top of the pew in which they have been sitting. Dispose of the wipe in the waste baskets on your way out. Please observe social distancing and avoid mingling as you depart.

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**

#### 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 Deal, Inga, Joy, Elizabeth, Vatche, Gigi, Frank, Judith Scott, 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.



# **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 <u>one service only</u> 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.



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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