

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Online 9am, 8 AUGUST 2021

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.

Due to COVID restrictions our services can only be conducted online at this time. This service sheet is to accompany the video to be found at <u>https://youtu.be/EGzusZKdpk4</u>; on our Facebook page (St Peter's Anglican Church, Cremorne); on our website (stpeterscremorne.org.au); or on YouTube.

Perhaps after this service, in lieu of our usual morning tea, why not join our morning tea on Zoom at 10.30am using the following link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85718593520?pwd=b2FxUHo1RnBZVWdaM</u> <u>2tveTJCU2F4UT09</u>.

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

SERVICES TODAY

9.00AM MORNING PRAYER OFFICIANT & PREACHER SERVICE LEADER ORGANIST & CANTOR

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *Colossians 3:16-17*

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon, our faithful helper in all need, no matter what may happen. The old evil foe now means deadly woe; deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight; on earth he has no equal.

With our own might is nothing done; we'd soon be lost, rejected. but for us fights the very one whom God himself elected. And who may this be? Tune Ein Feste Burg

Christ Jesus is he. He is our great Lord, there is no other God; and he has won the battle.

Though hordes of devils gather here, all eager to devour us, we tremble not, we do not fear, they cannot overpower us, This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will, he does us no harm, he's judged, he's overcome; one little word can fell him.

Despite all foes, the Word shall stand against all their endeavour; God's gifts and Spirit, close at hand, shall be with us for ever. Though they cause distress, take all we possess, though they hurt and kill. We are victorious still; the Kingdom's ours forever.

Since we believe that Jesus our Saviour has ascended into heaven, and opened the way into God's presence for us, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith; let us hold fast to the hope we profess; and let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and good deeds. Cf. Hebrews 10:19-25

THE CONFESSION

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. Psalm 130:3-4

Silence

Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

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: Φ 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.**

The death Christ died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. *Romans 6:10-11*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread that you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Lord, make your word our rule, your Spirit our teacher, and your glory our supreme concern, for the sake of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Samuel 18:5-14,31-33

⁵ The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake." And all the troops heard the king giving orders

concerning Absalom to each of the commanders.⁶ David's army marched out of the city to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim.⁷ There Israel's troops were routed by David's men, and the casualties that day were great-twenty thousand men. ⁸ The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest swallowed up more men that day than the sword. 9 Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom's hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going. ¹⁰ When one of the men saw what had happened, he told Joab, 'I have just seen Absalom hanging in an oak tree.' ¹¹ Joab said to the man who had told him this, 'What! You saw him? Why didn't you strike him to the ground right there? Then I would have had to give you ten shekels of silver and a warrior's belt.' ¹² But the man replied, 'Even if a thousand shekels were weighed out into my hands, I would not lay a hand on the king's son. In our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, "Protect the young man Absalom for my sake." ¹³ And if I had put my life in jeopardy – and nothing is hidden from the king - you would have kept your distance from me.' ¹⁴ Joab said, "I'm not going to wait like this for you." So he took three javelins in his hand and plunged them into Absalom's heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak tree.¹⁵ And ten of Joab's armor-bearers surrounded Absalom, struck him and killed him

³¹ Then the Cushite arrived and said, "My lord the king, hear the good news! The LORD has vindicated you today by delivering you from the hand of all who rose up against you." ³² The king asked the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" The Cushite replied, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man."³³ The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!"

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

PSALM 130

A song of ascents.

- ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;
- Lord, hear my voice.
 Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

- ³ If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?
- But with you there is forgiveness,
 so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
- ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.
- ⁶ I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
- ⁷ Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
 for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
- ⁸ He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians 4:17-5:2

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. ²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy

Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **5** ¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 6:35,41-51 **✤ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' ⁴² They said, 'Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I came down from heaven"?' ⁴³ 'Stop grumbling among yourselves,' Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ 'No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: "They will all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'

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

SERMON

HYMN

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure; that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away; as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders; ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished; his dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts no pow'r no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer; but this I know with all my heart his wounds have paid my ransom.

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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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

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.

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.

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

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

Tune Wareham

Jesus, where'er your people meet there they behold your mercy seat, where'er they seek you, you are found and every place is hallowed ground.

For you, within no walls confined, are present in the humble mind; such ever bring you where they come, and, going, take you to their home.

Dear Shepherd of your chosen few, your former mercies here renew; here to our waiting hearts proclaim the sweetness of your saving name. Here may we prove the power of prayer to strengthen faith and sweeten care, to teach our faint desires to rise, and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but you are near, your arm can save, your ear can hear; O rend the heaven, come quickly down, and make a thousand hearts your own.

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.**

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, \mathfrak{A} the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin of Canterbury, Geoffrey our Primate, Kanishka our Archbishop, Chris our Bishop and the Northern Region. For the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and our Student Minister James Boardman. Pray for St Peter's during our Year of Discernment. For the clergy and parishioners of Mosman 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. Pray for shelters providing assistance to those without homes or fleeing domestic violence.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Jack, Erin and Michelle, John, Neil and Pamela, Kurt, Elizabeth, Gordon, JD, Jenny, Susan and Frank, Katy, Suzanne, Edwina, Geoff, Patrick and Hannah, Russell and Mary, Bronwyn, Margot and Iain, Margaret.

ADD NAMES OF YEAR 12

Amaya, Callum, Patrick, Asha, Hadleigh, and Katherine.

THE SICK

The immediate sick Fr Robert, Christine, Daphne, Judy, Janne, Pamela.

Those requiring on-going prayer

Suzanne, June, Noel and Anne, Sharon, Penelope, Rein, 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 and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

AUGUST 2021

Thursday 12	7.30pm	Bible Study via Zoom
Friday 13	Rev'd Tim's day of rest	
Saturday 14	Rev'd Tim's day of rest	

ZOOM MORNING TEA – SUNDAY 10.30AM AFTER THE SERVICE

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, Act 2:46 Following the livestream, you can join others online for **Morning Tea at 10:30am**. You can join in with a computer or phone or tablet device. The zoom link for the Morning tea is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85638504460?pwd=TWIYeUxLZTZaV09ZOWY wOERIUIdLUT09 Meeting ID: 856 3850 4460 Passcode: 746542

NEW ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: THURSDAYS 7:30PM

Our new Bible Study series continues online this week, and all are welcome to join. The studies will explore the topic of "Holiness" – God's and our own. The term may be familiar, but it may be a struggle to define exactly what it means for God (or us) to be holy. The studies will explore what holiness is, how it is possible, and how God is going to bring it about in our lives, so that we will be challenged to persevere on the path to holiness, warned of the distractions that may be encountered, and encouraged by the grandeur of God's plan for each of us in his new creation. The meetings will take place each Thursday evening until 26 August. You can let Rev'd Tim know via email: rector@stpeterscremorne.org.au, if you would like to attend and he will send you the link to connect via Zoom.

PASTORAL CARE

WHAT'S ON THIS

WEEK

Do contact any of our Pastoral Care Contact team if you or someone you know needs some support:

John	7am congregation	9411 5971
Jane	9am congregation	9969 3775
Annabel	10:30am congregation	0418 672 261
Lisa	Tuesday 10am congregation	0458 350 880
David	9am congregation	0429 092 783

RECTOR'S WORKING WEEK

Please note that, in accordance with diocesan advice to all parishes, because of the additional strain on clergy of ministering during covid, the rector's working week has been reduced from 6 days to 5 days per week. Rev'd Tim will have two days of rest per week, Friday and Saturday, during the period of Covid lockdown. The Wardens

SOUTHERN CROSS – ANGLICAN NEWS

All God's people here send their greetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:13-14

The August edition of the Southern Cross Anglican News is available online with a number of encouraging articles as we all grapple with the latest lockdown. Rev'd Michael Crichton, who has just begun as the Rector of our neighbouring parish of St Clement's, Mosman, describes the unexpected path God has taken him to get to Mosman. You can read Southern Cross online using this link: <u>https://magazine.sydneyanglicans.net</u>

> NEXT SUNDAY 15 AUGUST – MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD 9AM SOLEMN EUCHARIST, ONLINE CELEBRANT: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN PREACHER: REV'D ANGELA COOK, VICAR OF ST AUGUSTINE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MORELAND, VICTORIA CANTOR: WARREN FISHER

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