



ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
CREMORNE

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord
25 December 2023, 9am

Merry Christmas and welcome to St Peter's Church.

I am delighted that you can join us for our Christmas Day service.

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 in the coming year. 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.

I wish you a merry and meaningful Christmas,
Tim St Quintin, Rector

TODAY'S SERVICE

SUNG EUCHARIST
CELEBRANT & PREACHER

REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN

ORGANIST
CANTOR

GLENN AMER
ANTONIA BADGER

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



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand

Tune Antioch

- 1 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.

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

- 3 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.

Isaac Watts, 1674 - 1748

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



The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written on three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It features a tempo marking of 'mp' (mezzo-piano) and a first ending bracket labeled '2'. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the notes. The second staff starts with a measure rest labeled '7' and continues the melody with the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.' The third staff begins with a measure rest labeled '11' and concludes the piece with the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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

Joyfully *All:*



Glo - ry to_ God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Cantor: Lord God, heavn'ly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



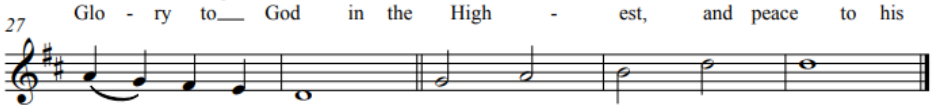
Glo - ry to_ God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.



Glo - ry to_ God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Cantor: 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.



peo - ple on earth. A_____ men.

CHRISTMAS COLLECT

Celebrant

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 you 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 52:7-10**

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”

⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.

When the LORD returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹ Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

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



- 1 O sing to the Lord a | new | song:
for he has | done | marvel • lous | things;
- 2 His right hand and his | holy | arm:
they have | got | him the | victory.
- 3 The Lord has made | known • his sal | vation:
he has revealed his just de | liverance • in the | sight of • the |
nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the | house
of | Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen the sal | vation | of our | God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord | all the | earth:
break into | singing • and | make | melody.
- 6 Make melody to the Lord up | on the | harp:
upon the harp and | with the | sounds of | praise.
- 7 With trumpets | and with | horns:
cry out in triumph be | fore the | Lord the | king.
- 8 Let the sea roar and | all that | fills it:
the good earth and | those who | live up | on it.
- 9 Let the rivers | clap their | hands:
and let the mountains ring out to | gether • be | fore the | Lord
- 10 For he comes to | judge the | earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness • and the | peoples |
with | equity.

SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews 1:1- 4

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to God in the highest; peace to his people on earth. Luke 2:8-20

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:1 - 20



In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ 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. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ 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.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Please sit

HYMN

All stand

Tune: Cradle Song

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
 the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
 but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
 I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from on high,
 and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
 close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
 and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Anon 1885

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Remain standing

Senior Server

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**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.

As he taught us we 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

We praise you, Merciful Father, because you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be born for us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he was conceived of the virgin Mary his mother, being himself without sin, to make us clean from all sin.

**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 musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you: And also with you. Lift up your hearts:'. The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: 'We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:'. The third staff is for the People, with lyrics: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

Priest The Lord be with you: And also with you. Lift up your hearts:

People We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

People 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 singing:

2 *f*
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

7
Hea - ven and earth are full of Your Glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

11 *mp*
Bless - ed is he who comes in the

15 *f*
name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Cantor

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

ff

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain!

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:

ff

Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are Yours for -
 7 ev - er and ev - er. A _____ men! _____

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

mp

Je - sus Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus bear - er of our
 6 sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus re - deem - er of the world, grant us your peace

p

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.

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

All baptised Christians who love and serve the Lord Jesus are welcome to join in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not yet ready to receive Communion, we encourage you to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back.

Alcoholic wine is available in the Common Cup, and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic wine is available in individual cups. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one on your way to the Communion Rail and wait until chalice bearer says the Words for the Giving of Communion before drinking.

As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. Amen.

After receiving communion, the congregation sits or kneels. Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

COMMUNION

Communion song from cantor

*The congregation sits or kneels.
Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.*

SENTENCE

Celebrant

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

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

Please stand

Tune: Adeste Fideles

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

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

- 2 True God of true God,
Light of Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten, not created: [Refrain]
- 3 See how the shepherds
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps: [Refrain]
- 4 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God,
glory in the highest': [Refrain]
- 5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father
now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]

John Francis Wade, 1711-1786

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Toccata: (from the 5th Organ Symphony)
(by Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1937)*

The sanctuary party leaves and the congregation sits. As a courtesy to those who remain in the church to listen to the organ postlude in its entirety, you are encouraged to enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the building.

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



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

9am Sung Eucharist

Tuesdays

10am Eucharist

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