

# Fourth Sunday After Epiphany 28 January 2024, 9am

**WELCOME to St Peter's Church today**. I am delighted that you can join us in worship.

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.

I hope you can stay and enjoy morning tea after the service. Rev Mark Wormell.

#### TODAY'S SERVICE

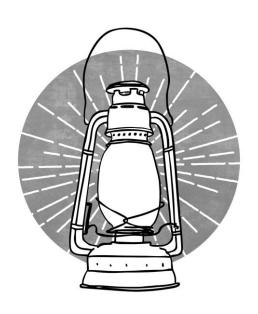
SUNG EUCHARIST

CELEBRANT REV. MARK WORMELL PREACHER REV. MARK WORMELL

ORGANIST GLENN AMER
CANTOR JENNY DAVEY
SETTING DUDMAN

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.

# Epiphany 2024 A Light to the Nations



'I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles...'

Isaiah 42:6

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

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

All Stand Tune: Was Lebet

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

- Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
   High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
   Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
   Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
  Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
  Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
  These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
  He will accept for the name that is dear;
  Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
  Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.
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  Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

J. S. B. Monsell, 1811 - 1875

The Celebrant welcomes the people with a greeting.

♣ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

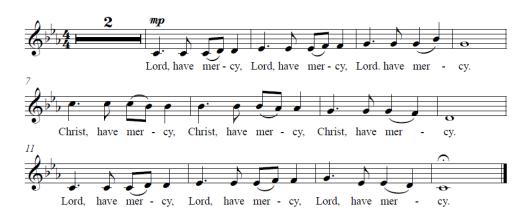
#### SENTENCE

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. Matthew 9.35

# 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 CONFESSION

Senior Server

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, 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

Please stand



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

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending: enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

#### CATECHISM

29. WHAT IS PROMISED TO YOU IN THE LORD'S SUPPER?

As we lift up our hearts to the Lord in the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving with all the company of heaven, God assures me that, in the sharing of the bread and wine and thus proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes, (1 Corinthians 11:26)

I feed on the body and blood of the Lord in my heart by faith and partake of the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and all other benefits of his death and resurrection. (Matthew 26:26)

For my part, I must repent of my sin, trust steadfastly in the promises of God, love my neighbour and serve Christ in the world. (1 Corinthians 11:28)

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

#### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, 'Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire any more, or we will die.' <sup>17</sup> The Lord said to me: 'What they say is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. <sup>20</sup> But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.'

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



- O praise the Lord I will praise the Lord with my | whole | heart: in the company of the upright and a|mong the | congre|gation,
- The works of the | Lord are | great: and studied by | all who | take de|light in them.
- 3 His deeds are maljestic and | glorious: and his | righteous•ness | stands for ever.
- 4 His marvellous acts have won him a name\_ to | be re|membered: the | Lord is | gracious and | merciful.
- 5 He gives food to | those that | fear him: he re|members • his | covenant • for|ever.
- 6 He showed his people the | power of his | acts: in giving them the | herit•age | of the | heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are | faithful and | just: And | all his com|mandments are | sure;
- 8 They stand firm for ever and ever: they are done in faithful ness and in truth.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people he ordained his | covenant for|ever: holy is his name and | worthy | to be | feared.
- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and of good understanding are those that | keep his\_com|mandments: his | praise shall en|dure for|ever.

#### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 8:1-13

Now about food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'We all possess knowledge.' But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. 2 Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. 3 But whoever loves God is known by God. 4 So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'An idol is nothing at all in the world' and that 'There is no God but one.' <sup>5</sup> For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many 'gods' and many 'lords'), 6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. <sup>7</sup> But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. 8 But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. 9 Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling-block to the weak. 10 For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? 11 So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. 12 When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

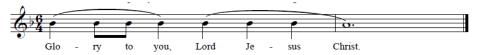
They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as having authority.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1: 21-28



They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!' <sup>25</sup> 'Be quiet!' said Jesus sternly. 'Come out of him!' <sup>26</sup> The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. <sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, 'What is this? A new teaching – and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.' <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Tune: Maria jung und zart

# **SERMON**

Please sit

#### **HYMN**

Please stand

- My spirit longs for thee
   Within my troubled breast,
   Though I unworthy be
   Of so divine a guest.
- Of so divine a guest Unworthy though I be, Yet has my heart no rest Unless it come from thee.

- 3 Unless it come from thee. In vain I look around: In all that I can see No rest is to be found.
- 4 No rest is to be found But in thy blessèd love: O, let my wish be crowned, And send it from above!

John Byrom, 1692 - 1763

#### THE NICENE CREED

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

Senior Server Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

All sit/kneel

# Prayer during the search for a new Rector:

Lord God, you are our eternal shepherd and guide. In your mercy grant your Church in this parish a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways and with loving care watch over your people, that your name may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amem** 

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

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10

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

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

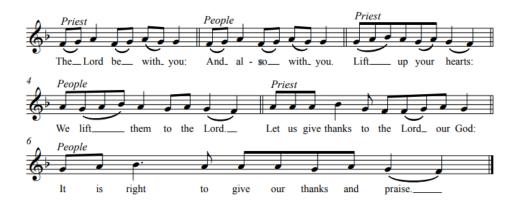
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

#### Celebrant



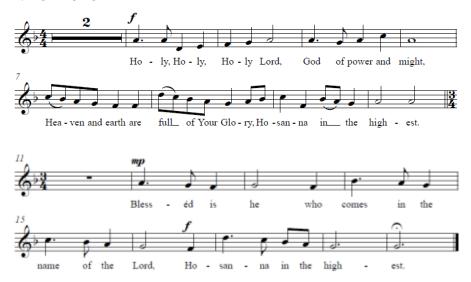
All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

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.

You anointed him as Messiah, the light of the nations, and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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 saying/singing:



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 when 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,



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 the 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.



### 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 DEL**



#### 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.

#### SENTENCE

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Father of all we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

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

#### NOTICES

Please be seated

#### **GOD'S BLESSING**

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with your 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: 185 Abbot's Leigh

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

- See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love, Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove: Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage? Grace, which like the Lord the giver, Never fails from age to age.
- 3 Saviour, if of Sion's city
  I through grace a member am,
  Let the world deride or pity,
  I will glory in thy name:
  Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
  All his boasted pomp and show;
  Solid joys and lasting treasure
  None but Sion's children know.

John Newton, 1725-1807

#### ORGAN POSTLUDE

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.

# PARISH BULLETIN WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

Lord our God, giver of all grace, have mercy on your Church throughout the world. Renew its life; restore its unity; sanctify its worship; empower its witness; and make it a fit instrument for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom among all people, to the glory of his great name. Amen.

#### THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin of Canterbury, Geoffrey, Primate of Australia, Kanishka our Archbishop and Bishop Chris and The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Locum Rev'd Mark Wormell and our Honorary Associate Minister Peter Watson. We pray for Catholic Parish of Sydney Harbour North.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

As students return to school this week we pray for Schools and places of learning, teachers and educators, administrators, students.

#### PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We pray for Redlands School and staff: Sean Corcoran (Principal), Kirsten Philips and Fiona McKenzie (Chaplains), Sue Tymoszuk (Head of Christian Studies).

## PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

We pray for regions of the world impacted by war and conflict; Ukraine, Gaza, Yemen, Myanmar, Sudan...

#### **OUR PARISHIONERS**

Camilla Petersen, Amelia Petersen, Alison Peterson, Helen Ramsay and Anna Reed-Stephenson.

#### THE SICK

Those requiring on-going prayer.

Anna Fung, Sofia Awad, Anne Blake, Bobbie Dee Deal, Robin Dodd, Edwina Lambkin, Marty McCallum, Michael Pollak, Gill Stemp, Susan Upton, Anne Vernon, Gigi, Helen, Janne, JJ, Pamela, Margie & Rein, Jane, Jenny and Sally, Louise, Lyn, Russ McLean

#### Those in residential care

Fr Robert Alexander, Judy Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, Helen Ramsay.

#### 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 we also remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time including Barbara Burkitt.



#### JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

Tuesday 30 January	10am	Eucharist & morning tea
Saturday 3 February	1pm	Quilts for Comfort

#### WELCOME - REV MARK WORMELL

Mark will be working 4 days a week spread over 5 days Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He will generally be in the Rector's Office on Tuesday and Thursday but available other times via:



Email: rector@stpeterscremorne.org.au

Phone: 0411 402 520 (please note this number is different to the number

that Tim sent out in his email to the Parish last Sunday.)

# THANK YOU - ST QUINTIN MORNING TEA & GIFT

Thank you to all who contributed to make Tim and Sarah's farewell morning tea just as they had wanted: those who catered, or served, or conversed, or cleared up, or who did a bit of everything! Thank you to those who contributed to the farewell gift. We raised a total of \$2820.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY – 14 FEBRUARY AT 7PM

This year Ash Wednesday falls on 14 February. The service will be held at 7pm. To provide new stock of ash, we ask that you return old palm crosses to the special basket on the table at the west door on the following three Sundays 28 January, 4 February and 11 February. They will be burnt and the ash made available for imposition on Ash Wednesday. Thanks for your help. Bruce Gordon

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 17 MARCH**

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish will be held on Sunday 17 March 2024 after the 9am service. Thank you. Wardens.



# **SUNDAY ROSTERS**

	This week 28 January 2024	Next Week 4 February 2024
First Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15- 20	Isaiah 40: 21 - 31
Psalm	Psalm 111	Psalm 147:1-11
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gospel	Mark 1:21 - 28	Mark 1: 29-39
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant Service Leader	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Senior Server	Gordon Heathcote	John Halford
Crucifer	Roy Bartlett	Gordon Heathcote
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
Welcomer	Phillip Wood	Anna Reed-Stephenson
Sideperson	George Paul	Lizzie St Quintin
Readers	Gill Stemp	Cheryl Dunn
	Anna Reed-	David Cohen
	Stephenson	
Intercessor	Peter Watson	Cheryl Dunn
Chalice	Bronwyn Lihou	Geoffrey Thipthorp
Livestream	Prabhu Boddu	Enzo Macchiavelli
Morning tea	Anna Reed-	Mary Layton
	Stephenson	
Sacristy Linen	Anna Reed-	Mary Layton
	Stephenson	