

3rd Sunday in Lent 3 March 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 & PREACHER REV. MARK WORMELL

ORGANIST & CANTOR GLENN AMER
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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand Tune: Beatitudo

- O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.
- Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord? Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and his word?
- What peaceful hours I once enjoyed, how sweet their memory still! But they have left an aching void the world can never fill.
- Return, O holy dove, return,
 sweet messenger of rest!
 I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
 and drove thee from my breast.
- The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help me to tear it from thy throne and worship only thee.
- 6 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper, 1731 - 1800

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome.

♣ Bless the Lord who forgives our sins, whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

SENTENCE

Celebrant

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.'

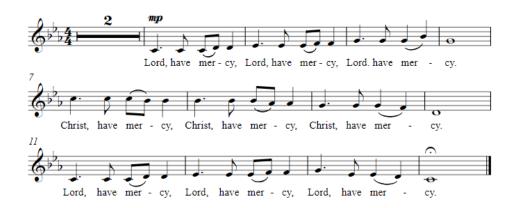
Exodus 20.1

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

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

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING

A reading from the **Book of Exodus 10: 1-17**

And God spoke all these words: 2 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 'You shall have no other gods before me. 4 'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 'You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone quiltless who misuses his name. 8 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labour and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. 12 'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. 13 'You shall not murder. 14 'You shall not commit adultery. 15 'You shall not steal. 16 'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. 17 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.' her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.'

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

Psalm 19



- 1 The heavens declare the | glory of | God: and the | firmament pro | claims his | handiwork;
- 2 One day | tells it to an | other: and night to | night com | muni • cates | knowledge.
- There is no | speech nor | language: Nor | are their | voices | heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through | all the | world: and their | words to the | ends of the | earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a | tent for the | sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber and rejoices like a | strong man to | run his | course.
- Its rising is at one end of the heavens and its circuit to their | farthest | bound: and nothing is | hidden | from its | heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect re | viving the | soul: the command of the Lord is true | and makes | wise the | simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right and re | joice the | heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure | and gives | light to the | eyes.
- The fear of the Lord is clean and en| dures for | ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging and | righteous | every | one.
- More to be desired are they than gold even | much fine | gold: sweeter also than honey than the | honey that drips | from the | comb.

- 11 Moreover by them is your | servant | taught: and in keeping them | there is | great re | ward.
- Who can know his own un | witting | sins?:
 O cleanse me | from my | secret | faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get the | master y | over me: so I shall be clean and | innocent of | great of | fence,
- May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your | sight:O Lord my | strength and | my re | deemer.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1.18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.' ²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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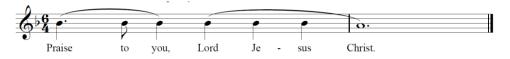
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A reading from the holy gospel according to John 2: 13 - 22



When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, 'What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.' ²⁰ They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,



SERMON

Please sit

HYMN

Please stand

 Behold the amazing gift of love the Father has bestowed, that we, though sinners, should be called the children of our God.

- Concealed as yet this honour lies, by this dark world unknown, a world that knew not when he came, ev'n God's eternal Son.
- 3 High is the rank we now possess, but higher we shall rise; though what we shall hereafter be is hid from mortal eyes.
- Our souls, we know, when he appears, shall bear his image bright; for all his glory, full disclosed, shall open to our sight.
- A hope so great and so divine, may trials well endure; and purge the soul from guilt and sin, as Christ himself is pure.

Isaac Watts, 1674 - 1748

Tune: Newington

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, ¾ 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.

Please sit/kneel

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

Celebrant

Hear these words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ:

Jesus said: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest'.

Matthew 11:28

- 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.

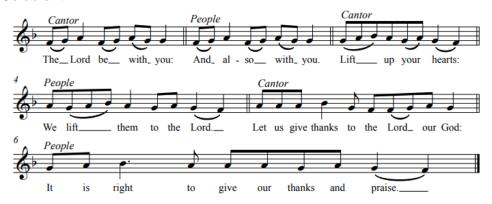
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace with a handshake and greeting, "Peace be with you".

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant



Celebrant

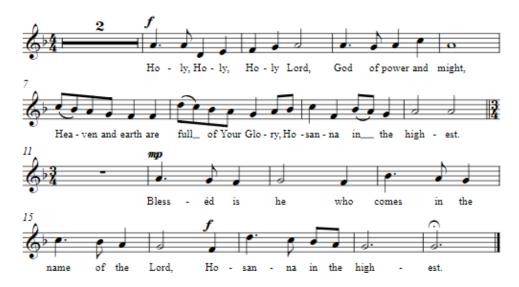
All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God.

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.

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:



Celebrant

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.

Cantor

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,



Celebrant

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:



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



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

Celebrant

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days".

John 2:19

All stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant

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 sit

GOD'S BLESSING

All stand

Celebrant

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 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: Abridge

Fill my whole life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise, that my whole being may proclaim your being and your ways.

- Not for the lip of praise alone, nor ev'n the praising heart I ask, but for a life made up of praise in every part:
- 3 praise in the common things of life, its goings out and in; praise in each duty and each deed, however small and mean.
- 4 Fill every part of me with praise: let all my being speak of you and of your love, O Lord, poor though I be and weak.
- 5 So shalt you, Lord, receive from me the praise and glory due; and so shall I begin on earth the song for ever new.
- So shall no part of day and night from sacredness be free; but with you, Lord, in every step, my fellowship will be.

Horatius Bonar, 1808 - 89

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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.

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 Church of the Province of Uganda.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Locum Rev'd Mark Wormell and our Honorary Associate Minister Peter Watson. We pray for Neutral Bay Uniting Church.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Schools and places of learning, teachers and educators, administrators, and students.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Boardman Family, serving with BCA in Bathurst.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Persecuted Christians, especially those in the most dangerous countries for Christians: North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Eritrea, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, Sudan, and India.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Peter Smith, Graham and Lizzie St Quintin, Gill Stemp, Kate Taubman and Geoffrey Thipthorp.

THE SICK - Those requiring on-going prayer.

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

THOSE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - Fr Robert Alexander, Judy Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, Helen Ramsay.

THE 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 especially June Ashton, Roger Holmes and Lady Betty Cotton.

SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Please pray for the parish nominators. The search process requires a great deal of follow-through and communication which we are doing with God's help and your prayers.

With thanks, Bruce, John, Bronwyn, Helen and Edwina



March 2024

Tues 5 March	10am	Eucharist & morning tea
Thurs 7 March	11am	St Peter's Patchers
Sun 10 March	2:30pm	Bougainvillea

ABM LENT ENVELOPES

The traditional practices of Lent, drawn from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount [Matt 6] are Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting.





For many years St Peter's has offered

envelopes in the service sheets as an option for Almsgiving in Lent. Your gift this Lent and Good Friday will help to fund nutritional, education and support programs in Gaza, Sri Lanka and Kenya, which aim to improve the health and livelihoods of families, especially children, and those living with a disability.

Edwina Waddy - Mission Secretary.

THE CRAFTERS

The Crafter's have chosen as their mission for 2024 "Clean water and literacy in Vanuatu". This project promotes access to clean water, health, hygiene as well as training literacy teachers. This empowers locals to use their existing resources to create their own ways of improvement within their communities.

The Crafter's Group meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be 11am, 19 March. All Welcome. Alison Peterson

TWO CONCERTS – FEATURING GLENN AMER – ALL WELCOME

Hear Glenn tell the story of his musical life: Glen St Theatre Monday 4 March 2024 at 11am. Bookings through the box office, 9470 5913.



"Organ at the Opera" on the four manual pipe organ. St Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney Thursday 7 March 2024 at 1pm Bookings not required! \$10 donation at the door.

HOW LONG? - A SERVICE OF LAMENT, HOPE AND HEALING

7pm, Thursday 7th March 2024

The Bridge Anglican church

cnr Broughton and Bligh streets, Kirribilli NSW 2061

How Long? is a service of lament, hope and healing in honour of survivors of abuse and those who care for them. The service will include an apology from the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Kanishka Raffel, as well as music, reflection and prayer. Supper will be provided. All are welcome!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 17 MARCH

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

Nomination Forms will be available in the church, and we invite you to consider who you would like to nominate for the various vacancies – warden and parish councillors. Please ask the person before entering his/her name. If you are nominating someone, there is a requirement that you are present at the meeting.

Copies of the AGM reports, prescribed financial accounts and budget are available at the back of the church. If you would like an emailed copy please email info@stpeterscremorne.org.au and one can be sent to you. Thank you. Wardens.

WORKING BEE SATURDAY 23 MARCH 8am – 11am

There will be a working bee held on Saturday 23 March in preparation for the Easter Services.

We need volunteers to assist with both inside the church and outside tasks. All are welcome to lend a hand. Morning tea will be provided.

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. Thank you. Wardens.



Saturday 2 March	2:00	Quilts for Comfort DA Room 2 hrs
Thursday 7 March	11:00	Patchers Group DA Room 3 hours
Sunday 10 March	2:30	Bougainvillea – Prayer and Praise
Sunday 17 March	10:30	Annual General Meeting in the church
Monday 18 March	10:00	Discussion Group DA Room 1.5 hrs
Tuesday 19 March	10:30	Crafters Group DA Room 1.5 hrs
Sunday 24 March	9:00	Palm Sunday – Procession of Palms
Monday 25 March	7:30	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 26 March	2:00	BUPA Aged Care – Holy Communion
Thursday 28 March	7:00	Maundy Thursday Service
Good Friday 29 March	10:00	All Age Service
Good Friday 29 March	3:00	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Easter Sunday 31 Mar	9:00	Eucharist – Easter Eggs distributed

SUNDAY ROSTERS

	This week 3 March	Next Week 10 March
	Third Sunday of Lent	Fourth Sunday in Lent
First Reading	Exodus 20.1-17	Numbers 21: 4-9
Psalm	Psalm 19	Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22
Second	1 Corinthians 1.18-25	Ephesians 2: 1-10
Reading		
Gospel	John 2.13-22	John 3: 14 - 21
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Senior	Laura Mock	Roy Bartlett
Server		
Crucifer	John Halford	Gordon Heathcote
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
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Welcomer	George Paul	Philip Wood
Sideperson	Noreen Bernie	Margaret MacNabb
Readers	Helen Matheson	David Cohen
	Suzanne Paul	Margaret MacNabb
Intercessor	Bronwyn Lihou	Esme Parker
Chalice	Alison Peterson	Stefan Trofimovs
Livestream	Taylor Mock	Enzo Macchiavelli
Morning tea	Alison Peterson	
Sacristy	Alison Peterson	
Linen		