

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent 25 February 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 DR. BRETT MCKERN

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.



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

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Please stand Tune: Heinlein

- 1 Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild, forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled:
- 2 let us your endurance share and from earthly greed abstain, with you watching unto prayer, with you strong to suffer pain.
- 3 And if Satan on us press flesh or spirit to assail, Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint or fail.
- 4 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear, ever constant by your side, that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

George Hunt Smyttan, 1822 - 1870

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

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him.

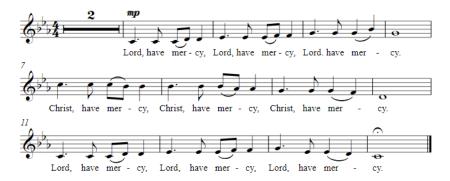
Mark 8.34

# 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.

♣ men.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please sit.

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.' <sup>3</sup> Abram fell face down, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> I will bless 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 22:24-32**



- For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor neither has he hidden his | face | from them; but when they | cried to | him he | heard them.
- From you comes my praise in the great | congre | gation:
  I will perform my vow in the | presence of | those that | fear you.
- The poor shall | eat and be | satisfied: those who seek the Lord shall praise him their | hearts shall | live for | ever.
- All the ends of the earth shall remember and | turn to the | Lord: and all the families of the | nations shall | bow be | fore him,
- For the kingdom, | is the | Lord's: and he | rules | over the | nations.
- 29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow | down in | worship: or those who go down to the | dust | kneel be | fore him?
- He has saved my life for himself; my des | cendants shall | serve him:
  this shall be told of the Lord for | gene | rations to | come.
- They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people | yet un | born: declaring that | he, the | Lord, has | done it.
- †32 This shall be told of my lord to a future | generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet un|born that | he has | done it.

#### SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 4:13 - 25

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, 15 because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. 16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. 18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead - since he was about a hundred years old - and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.' 23 The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor

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

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

Take up your cross and follow me; whoever loses their life for my sake and the gospel's, will save it.

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

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark 8:31 – 38



He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.' <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.



# SERMON Please sit

# **HYMN**

Please stand Tune: Camberwell

1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of Glory now: this the Father's pleasure that we call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

- 2 Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.
- In your hearts enthrone him, there let him make new all that is not holy, all that is not true.

  He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.
- When this same Lord Jesus shall appear again, in his Father's glory, there with him to reign, then may we adore him, all before him bow, as our hearts confess him King of Glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel, 1817 – 77

#### 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.

# 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.

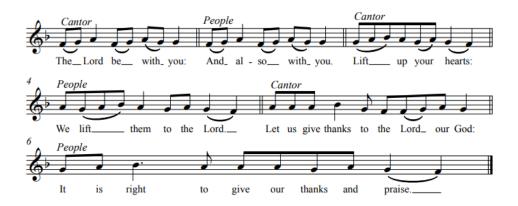
His Spirit is with us.

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



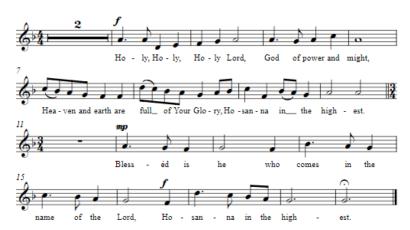
#### Celebrant

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.

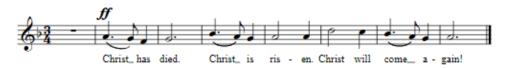
On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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

'The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.'

Romans 4:23-24

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: Gwalchmai

- King of glory, King of peace,
  I will love thee;
  and, that love may never cease,
  I will move thee.
  Thou hast granted my request,
  thou hast heard me;
  thou didst note my working breast,
  thou hast spared me.
- Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
- Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: ev'n eternity's too short to extol thee.

George Herbert 1593 - 1633

#### 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 Anglican Church of Tanzania.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

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

#### PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Local, State, and Federal Governments and Leaders; Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition, our Federal Member for North Sydney; State Premier and Leader of the Opposition, State Member for Willoughby; Mayor of North Sydney and local Councillors

#### PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We pray for Nungalinya College.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

International, National, and local charities and organisations that seek to alleviate suffering among the world's poorest, most needy, or most vulnerable.

#### **OUR PARISHIONERS**

Lynette Scott, Peter Smith, Graham & Lizzie St Quintin, Gill Stemp and Kate Taubman.

#### 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.

# 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.

#### SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Please keep the nominating process in your prayers as we meet together to search for the person God will send us. With thanks. Helen, Bronwyn, John, Bruce and Edwina



#### **FEBURARY/MARCH 2024**

Mon 26 Feb	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Tues 27 Feb	10am	Eucharist & morning tea	
Wed 28 Feb	2pm	Memorial for Michael Pollak	
		(Husband of Margaret MacNabb)	
Sat 2 March	1pm	Quilts for Comfort	

#### 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.

# 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.

# ZONTA CLUB OF NORTH SYDNEY – SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024

The Zonta Club is looking for volunteers to join their 2024 International Women's Day project:

Saturday 16 March 2024 1pm – 4pm

# **North Sydney Community Centre**

They will be making breast care cushions given to women in Sydney and rural hospitals to increase their comfort after breast surgery. For more details please see the notice in the DA Room. Lynette Scott.

# **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.

Thank you. Wardens.

# **SUNDAY ROSTERS**

	This week 25 February Second Sunday of Lent	Next Week 3 March Third Sunday in Lent
First Reading	Genesis 17.1-7, 17.15-16	Exodus 20.1-17
Psalm	Psalm 22.24-32	Psalm 19
Second Reading	Romans 4.13-25	1 Corinthians 1.18-25
Gospel	Mark 8.31-38	John 2.13-22
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Senior Server	Roy Bartlett	
Crucifer	Laura Mock	
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
Welcomer	David Routley	George Paul
Sideperson	Anna Reed-Stephenson	Barbara Gordon
Readers	Barbara Gordon Ken Bernie	Helen Matheson Suzanne Paul
Intercessor	Ruth Cohen	Bronwyn Lihou
Chalice		Alison Peterson
Livestream	Prabhu Boddu	Taylor Mock
Morning tea	Barbara Gordon Sharon Boddu	Alison Peterson
Sacristy Linen	Barbara Gordon	Alison Peterson