

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany 4 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.

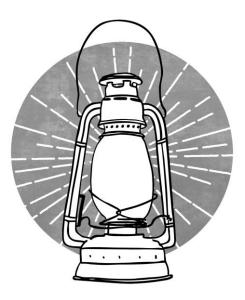
> Flowers in the church today are in memory of Betty Sherwood. Given by Jenny Davey

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.

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...'

lsaiah 42:6

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Stand

Tune : Nativity

- 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
- Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry, 'to be exalted thus';
 'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply, 'for he was slain for us.'
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive honour and power divine; and blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for ever thine.
- 4 Let all creation join in one To bless the sacred Name Of him that sits upon the throne, And to adore the Lamb

Isaac Watts 1674 - 1748

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.

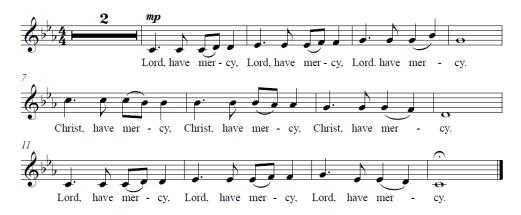
SENTENCE

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles. Isaiah 40.31

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CATECHISM

30. WHAT IS YOUR AIM IN LIFE?

To live as God wants me to live and, by his grace, to honour him in all that I think and say and do. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet of Isaiah 40:21 - 31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? ²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. ²³ He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. ²⁴ No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. ²⁵ 'To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?' says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. ²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord ; my cause is disregarded by my God'?²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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



- 9 He gives the | cattle their | food: and feeds the young | ravens • that | call | to him.
- 10 He takes no pleasure in the | strength of a | horse: nor does he de|light in | any • man's | legs,
- + 11 But the Lord's delight is in | those that | fear him: who | wait in | hope • for his | mercy.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-23

For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel. ¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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

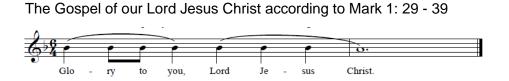
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick.

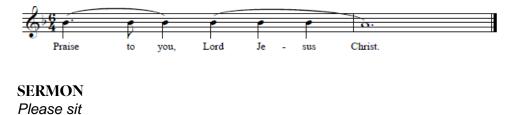
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.



²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all who were ill and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. ³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: 'Everyone is looking for you!' ³⁸ Jesus replied, 'Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come.' ³⁹ So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Tune : Stuttgart

HYMN Please stand

- Earth has many a noble city -Bethlehem alone excels: from it came the Lord from heaven, came to rule his Israel.
- 2 Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth, to the world its God announcing seen in human form on earth.
- Eastern sages at his cradle make their offerings rich and rare; see them give in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh:
- 4 Sacred gifts of mystic meaning frankincense to God disclose, gold the King of kings proclaiming, myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.
- 5 Jesus, whom the gentiles worshipped at your glad epiphany, now to you with God the Father and the Spirit glory be. Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-c. 413

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. response to 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

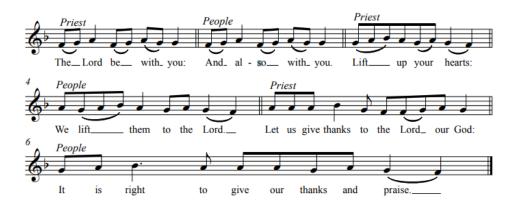
We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

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

Cantor



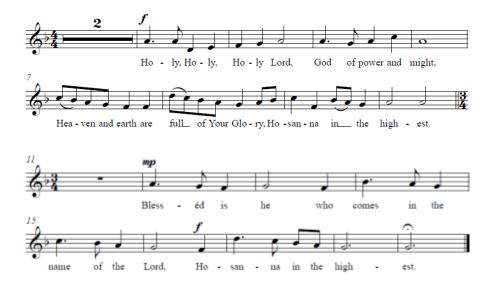
All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

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 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.'

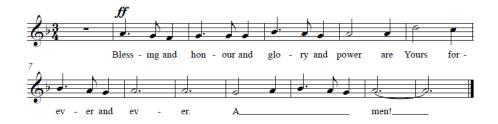
After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.

Cantor

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 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

Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Mark 1:29-39.

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

- 1 My God, how wonderful Thou art, Thy majesty how bright, How beautiful Thy mercy seat, in depths of burning light!
- How dread are Thine eternal years, O everlasting LORD; by prostrate spirits, day and night, incessantly adored.
- How wonderful, how beautiful, the sight of Thee must be, Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, and awful purity.

Tune : Westminster

- 4 O how I fear Thee, Living God, with deepest, tend'rest fears, and worship Thee with trembling hope, and penitential tears.
- 5 Yet I may love Thee too, O LORD, Almighty as Thou art; for Thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
- 6 No earthly father loves like Thee, no mother e'er so mild, bears and forbears, as Thou hast done with me, Thy sinful child.
- 7 Father of Jesus, love's reward, what rapture will it be, prostrate before Thy throne to lie, and ever gaze on Thee!

Frederick William Faber 1814 - 1863

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 South America.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

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

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

This week we pray for our Health Care workers and Emergency Services workers.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We pray for Anglicare and the services they provide to the community.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

We pray for regions of the world impacted by natural disasters: floods, drought, famine and disease.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Norman Reynolds, David Routley, Chris Schwarzer, Noah Schwarzer and Holly Schwarzer.

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.



Sunday 4 February	11:30am	Baptism Harry James Hickson
Tuesday 6 February	10am	Eucharist & morning tea

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

EASTER WEEK SERVICES – ASSISTANCE NEEDED PLEASE

We need assistance with the Easter week services. If you will be around and able to assist can you please let Anna Reed-Stephenson know (reed_stephenson@hotmail.com). The following volunteers are required:

Maundy Thursday - 28 March 7pm

- Welcomer
- Sidesperson
- Readers
- Chalice
- Sacristy Linen

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross - 29 March - 10am

- Welcomer
- Sidesperson

Good Friday, Passion, 29 March - 3pm

- Welcomer
- Sidesperson
- Readers

CRAFTERS - TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

The first meeting of the Crafter's Group will be held in the DA Room on Tuesday 20 February, 11am – 12:30pm. We will be choosing ABM mission for this year and the proposed fundraising events. All are welcome. Alison Peterson



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.

VOLUNTEERS - FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

We are looking for volunteers who have First Aid Certification. We need to have trained volunteers at services and events who would be willing to assist should there be an incident. If you are certified and willing to assist in this area please contact the Wardens at wardens@stpeterscremorne.org.au. Thank you.

SUNDAY ROSTERS

	This week	Next Week
	4 February 2024	11 February 2024
First Reading	Isaiah 40: 21 - 31	2 Kings 5: 1-4
Psalm	Psalm 147:1-11	Psalm 30
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 9:16- 23	1 Corinthians 9:24 - 27
Gospel	Mark 1: 29-39	Mark 1:40 - 45
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Senior Server	John Halford	Roy Bartlett
Crucifer	Gordon Heathcote	John Halford
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
Welcomer	David Routley	Noreen Bernie
Sideperson	Lizzie St Quintin	Peter Watson
Readers	Cheryl Dunn David Cohen	Margaret MacNabb Phillip Wood
Intercessor	Cheryl Dunn	Edwina Waddy
Chalice	Geoffrey Thipthorp	Stefan Trofimovs
Livestream	Enzo Macchiavelli	Prabhu Boddu
Morning tea	Mary Layton	Graham St Quintin Lizzie St Quintin
Sacristy Linen	Mary Layton	Edwina Waddy