

Sixth Sunday of Easter 5 May 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, Acting Rector.

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

- The head that once was crowned with thorns
 Is crowned with glory now:
 A royal diadem adorns
 The mighty victor's brow.
- The highest place that heaven affords Is his, is his by right, The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heaven's eternal light;
- The joy of all who dwell above,
 The joy of all below,
 To whom he manifests his love,
 And grants his name to know.
- To them the cross, with all its shame.
 With all its grace is given:
 Their name an everlasting name,
 Their joy the joy of heaven.
- They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with him above, Their profit and their joy to know The mystery of his love.
- The cross he bore is life and health,
 Though shame and death to him;
 His people's hope, his people's wealth,
 Their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly, 1769 - 1854

Tune: St Magnus

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome

Christ is risen, Alleluia.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

SENTENCE

Celebrant

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

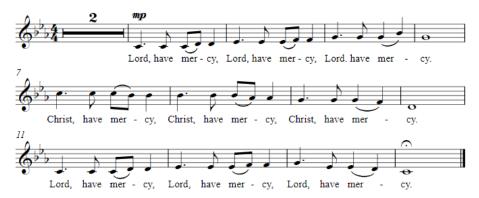
John 15.16

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 our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true heart.

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



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles 10:44 - 48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ 'Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.' ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

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



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

SECOND READING

A reading from the first book of John 5:1 - 12

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. 9 We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

No-one has greater love, says the Lord: than those who lay down their lives for their friends.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 15: 1 - 17



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in vou. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. 9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give vou. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

This is the gospel of the Lord.



SERMON Please sit

HYMN Tune: Lincoln

Please stand

Lord, in thy name thy servants plead,
 And thou hast sworn to hear;
 Thine is the harvest, thine the seed,
 The fresh and fading year.

- Our hope, when autumn winds blew wild, We trusted, Lord, with thee; And still, now spring has on us smiled, We wait on thy decree.
- The former and the latter rain,
 The summer sun and air,
 The green ear, and the golden grain,
 All thine, are ours by prayer.
- Thine too by right, and ours by grace,
 The wondrous growth unseen,
 The hopes that soothe, the fears that brace,
 The love that shines serene.
- So grant the precious things brought forth By sun and moon below, That thee in thy new heaven and earth We never may forego.

John Keble, 1792 - 1866

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,

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

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:31

- 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, 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.

He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him in triumph from the dead.

By his death, He has destroyed death and by his rising to life again has restored us to eternal life.

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

Celebrant

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.

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

SENTENCE

Celebrant

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Let us pray.

Eternal God, giver of life, in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord. May we who celebrate this holy feast walk in his risen light and bring new life to all creation.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. 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

Celebrant

Almighty God, who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism, and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you into your eternal inheritance; and the blessing of God almighty, ** the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Tune: Hyfrydol

DISMISSAL

Senior Server
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ, Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand

- Alleluya, sing to Jesus, His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluya, his the triumph, His the victory alone: Hark the songs of peaceful Sion Thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation, Hath redeemed us by his blood.
- Alleluya, not as orphans
 Are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluya, he is near us,
 Faith believes, nor questions how;
 Though the cloud from sight received him
 When the forty days were o'er,
 Shall our hearts forget his promise,
 'I am with you evermore'?

- Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
 Thou on earth our food, our stay;
 Alleluya, here the sinful
 Flee to thee from day to day;
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
 Where the songs of all the sinless
 Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluya, King eternal,
 Thee the Lord of lords we own;
 Alleluya, born of Mary,
 Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
 Thou within the veil hast entered,
 Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
 Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
 In the Eucharistic Feast.

W. Chatterton Dix, 1837 - 98

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 Episcopal Church of Brazil.

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.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Taldumande Youth Services

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Health Care workers and Emergency Services.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Regions of the world impacted by war and conflict; Ukraine, Gaza, Yemen, Myanmar, and Sudan.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Gordon Heathcote, Dyson Heyden, Jenny Holmes, Gabrielle King and Edwina Lambkin.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASK FOR ONGOING PRAYER

Sofia Awad, Anne Blake, Marty McCallum, Gill Stemp, Janne, Pamela, Susan Upton, Margie & Rein, Russ McLean, Danny Smith, Christine West, Caroline Bowyer and Giuseppe and Maria.

THOSE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - Fr Robert Alexander, Judy Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, and those who attend our monthly services at Bougainvillea, Neutral Bay and BUPA Mosman.

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.

SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Your nominators appreciate your prayers as they work together to find the person God will send to be our next rector. Thank you.



Sunday 5 May	Today	Mini cake & produce stall	
Tues 7 May	10am	Eucharist & morning tea	
Thurs 9 May	7pm	Ascension Day Sevice	

MINI CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL - TODAY



Parish Council has approved the re-introduction of this fundraiser for our Mission outreach.

- We usually held it on the first Sunday each month after the 9am service in the DA Room. Then Covid intervened and we were not able to start again until now.
- We hope to offer for sale such items as a cake cut into 4 quarters and sold separately - as not many people need a whole cake.





- Lemon Butter will be available, and a small supply of marmalade.
- In addition, there will be rashers of bacon which have been in our freezer since the last BBQ. They will be defrosted and packed into small plastic bags and sold for \$4 for 5 rashers.
- Cash sales only
- Proceeds to Anglicare



ASCENSION DAY - THIS THURSDAY

There will be a celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00pm this Thursday 9 May. Everyone is welcome.

SEMINAR BY REV MARK WORMELL – 25 MAY KNOWING GOD IN DEMENTIA

Knowing God in Dementia (Christian care for people living with or worried about dementia).

On Saturday 25 May at 2pm in the DA Room,

Mark will hold a seminar on this subject.

There will be time for questions and it will be followed by afternoon tea.

Please invite your friends and family who may be interested.

Mark wrote the book, Coming To Christ in Dementia, and has spoken on this subject at various churches and conferences.

SUNDAY ROSTERS

SUIDITI ROSTERS					
	This week 5 May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Ascension Day Thursday 9 May 7pm	Next Week 12 May 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter		
First Reading	Acts 10:44 - 48	Acts 1: 1 - 11	Acts 1: 15–17, 1: 21-26		
Psalm	Psalm 98	Psalm 93	Psalm 1		
Second Reading	1 John 5: 1 - 12	Ephesians 1: 15 - 23	1 John 5:9 - 13		
Gospel	John 15: 1 - 17	Mark 16:15 - 20	John 17:6 - 19		
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell		
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell		
Senior Server	John Halford	Laura Mock	Laura Mock		
Crucifer	Roy Bartlett	Gordon Heathcote	John Halford		
Thurifer					
Acolyte					
Welcomer	Phillip Wood	Barbara Gordon	Anna Reed- Stephenson		
Sideperson	Anna Reed- Stephenson	Bruce Gordon	Sue Paul		
Readers	David Cohen Kah – Lin Wormell	Barbara Gordon Peter Watson	Sue Paul Cheryl Dunn		
Intercessor	Ruth Cohen	Edwina Waddy	Peter Watson		
Chalice	Alison Peterson	Barbara Gordon	Stefan Trofimovs		
Livestream	Taylor Mock	Enzo Macchiavelli	Prabhu Boddu		
Morning tea	Mary Layton Russ Layton		Graham St Quintin Lizzie St Quintin		
Sacristy Linen	Helen Matheson		Barbara Gordon		