

# 2 March 2025 | 9am Transfiguration

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	BISHOP PETER WATSON
ORGANIST	GLENN AMER
CANTOR	WARREN FISHER
SETTING	SHALOM

# Rejoicing Together In Christ

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

## INTROIT

*The Resurrection from "The Resurrection of Lazarus*" by Raoul Pugno (1852-1914)

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand

Tune: Heathlands

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light, sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night; dayspring from on high, be near; day-star, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn if you seem not close to me; joyless is the day's return, till your mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome.

✤ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you.

And also with you.

# SENTENCE

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father 's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1.14

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

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Silence

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

#### Merciful God,

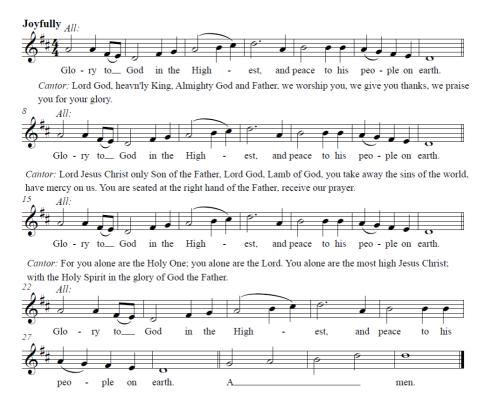
our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

# 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**

O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face to those who seek you with a sincere heart: strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transforming power, so that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

# THE FIRST READING

#### A reading from the Book of Exodus 34: 29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord . <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. <sup>32</sup> Afterwards all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup> But whenever he entered the Lord 's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

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



- 1 Do not | vie with the | wicked: Or | envy | those that • do | wrong;
- 2 For they will soon | wither like the | grass: and fade a|way • like the | green | leaf.
- 3 Trust in the | Lord and do | good:and you shall dwell in the land and | feed in | safe | pastures.
- Let the Lord be | your de|light:and he will | grant you your | heart's de|sire.
- 5 Commit your | way to the | Lord: trust | him and | he will | act.
- 6 He will make your righteousness \_ shine as | clear as the | light: and your | inno•cence | as the | noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord \* and wait | patient•ly | for him: do not be vexed when a man prospers when he puts his | evil | purposes • to | work.
- 8 Let go of anger and a|bandon | wrath: let not envy | move you • to | do | evil.
- 9 For the wicked shall be | cut | down:but those who wait for the | Lord shall pos|sess the | land.

#### THE SECOND READING

#### A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup> Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing alory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.4<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.<sup>2</sup> Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

All stand

#### Cantor

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

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Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 9.28-36



About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.<sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As the men were leaving Jesus. Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.) <sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.





#### Tune: Carlisle

# HYMN Please stand

- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold, where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past, promise of things to be: we hail your body glorified, and our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death, we see your Kingdom come; we still would hold the vision bright, and make this hill our home.
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount come with us to the plain.

Joseph Armitage Robinson, 1858 - 1933

#### THE NICENE CREED

Senior Server Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord. Jesus Christ. the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father: through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. ✤ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

All sit/kneel

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. As Christ has taught us, we 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 the words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ:

Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

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.

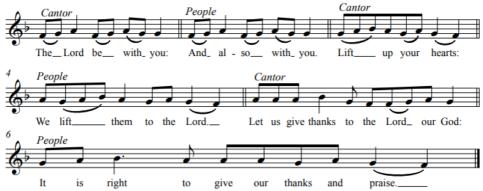
#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

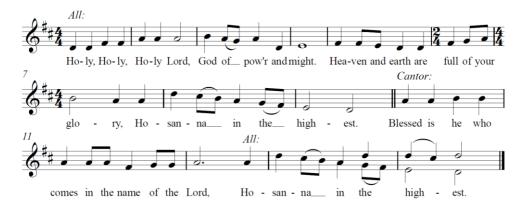


All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

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 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.



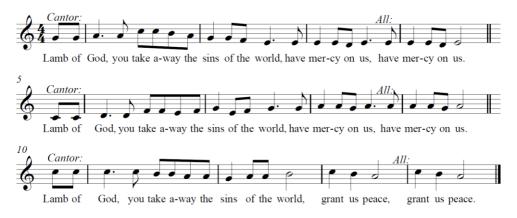
# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The celebrant breaks 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 nonalcoholic wine is available in individual cups. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one on your way to the Communion Rail.

After receiving communion, the congregation sits or kneels. Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

Communion; Komm, komm, mein Herze from "Wer mich liebet, der wird mein Wort halten" BWV 74 by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### SENTENCE

A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." Luke 9:35

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

#### Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us grow in love and obedience that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you for ever.

Father, we offer ourselves 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.

#### **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**

Please stand

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

#### DISMISSAL

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

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
- Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might; your justice like mountains high soaring above, your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small, in all life now living, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree, then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight; of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart-take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.
- 5 All praise we would render: reveal to our sight what hides you is only the splendour of light; and so let your glory, Almighty, impart, through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824 - 1908

#### **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.

#### OFFERTORY

On the table at the entrance to the church building there is a basket for financial gifts, and also an electronic card reader to accept donations by credit or debit card.

# 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 the Church of England as it chooses a new Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey, Primate of Australia, Kanishka our Archbishop and Bishop Chris and The Anglican Church of Burundi.

# PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Acting Rector Rev'd Mark Wormell and our Honorary Associate Minister Peter Watson. We pray for Harbourside Baptist Church.

#### PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bishop Grant Dibden (Anglican Bishop to the Defence Force), Chaplain Dan Gillis, and Chaplain Tim St Quintin, serving in ADF chaplaincy.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

State Premier Chris Minns and Leader of the Opposition.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

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

#### **OUR PARISHIONERS**

Laura Mock, Taylor Mock, Neil Modra, Christine Morgan and Smitha Nelaturi.

#### THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR ONGOING PRAYER

Gill Stemp, Janne, Pamela, Susan Upton, Margie & Rein, Russ McLean, Giuseppe & Maria, Bobbie Dee Deal, Mitch Burton and Kevin Matheson.

**THOSE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE** - Fr Robert Alexander, Judy Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, Anne Blake, Sofia Awad, Ivonne Awad 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 including Betty Cotton, Roger Holmes, Michael Pollak and June Ashton.

# SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Please pray for the parish nominators, Helen, Bronwyn, John, Bruce and Edwina, as they seek to ensure we have someone to serve us as rector.



Sun 2 March	Today	Mini Produce Stall	
Tues 4 March	10am	Eucharist & morning tea	
	10am	Bible Study – Café Laon	
Wed 5 March	10am	Men's Bible Study – Parish Meeting	
		Room	
	7pm	Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist	
	7:30pm	Bible Study at a home in Cremorne	

# MINI PRODUCE STALL TODAY

Mini Produce Stall for Cakes/Sweets/Fresh Produce on sale today in the DA Room. Proceeds to Taldumande Youth Services.

#### CASH ONLY please.

Edwina Waddy - Mission Secretary

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

All are welcome to attend the Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist on Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 7pm.

#### THANK YOU LUNCH FOR REV MARK WORMELL

Please join us in celebrating and thanking Rev. Mark and Kah-Lin for serving St. Peter's for a year. All are invited to The Oaks on 16th March at 12 noon. If you are attending please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the church so we can reserve a seat for you.



# YEAR TO DATE OFFERINGS AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

Actual	Budget	Variation	
\$8,676	\$11,515	(\$2,839)	

Offertories were \$2,839 below budget in the first month of this year. Little should be read into this. The fall of Christmas and New Year banking contributed to the result. Peter Smith Treasurer



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Please mark your calendar for the church's AGM on **Sunday 23 March 2025 at 11am**.

Nomination forms for the upcoming AGM are available at the back of the church. For those making a



nomination, please check with the person concerned before writing their name.

This year we will be voting for:

- 2 Wardens
- Parish Councillors

# LENT STUDY BOOK - CARAVAN

Fr Mark will be leading the Lent Discussion Group on Monday Mornings from 10am – 11:30 during Lent.

The book is called CARAVAN by Rev'd Stephen Daughtry and the cost is \$12.00.

ABM's **CARAVAN** is a book of incarnational stories based on the birth of Christ but set in an Australian landscape. Written in a way that allows it to be used as a study for groups or individuals,

**CARAVAN** reframes and throws new light on the stories we think we know backwards, and asks the question, "Could it have happened here and now? In Australia?"

From the Annunciation to Epiphany (and a little beyond) **CARAVAN** is an incarnational journey into the heart of what it means to be human – and to be loved.

These stories touch the heart, mind and soul.

Please put your name on the sheet on the Welcome Table near the door if you would like to order a copy. Edwina Waddy and Esme Parker – Discussion Group

Calendar				
March/April 2025				
5 March	7pm	Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist with application of ash crosses.		
13 April	9am	Palm Sunday Solemn Eucharist & Liturgy of the Palms. Procession to begin outside the church.		
17 April	7pm	Maundy Thursday Sung Eucharist, foot washing and vigil.		
18 April	10 am	Good Friday All Ages & Stations of the Cross.		
	3pm	Good Friday		
20 April	6am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service		
	9am	Easter Sunday Sung Eucharist		
27 April	9am	ANZAC Day Service		

# WEEKLY ROSTERS

	This Week 2 March 2025 Transfiguration	Ash Wednesday 5 March	Next Week 9 March 2025 First Sunday in Lent
First Reading	Exodus 34.29-35	Joel 2.1-2; 2.12-17	Deuteronomy 26.1-11
Psalm	Psalm 99	Psalm 51. 1-17	Psalm 91.1-2; 91.9-16
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 3.12- 4.2	2Corinthians 5.20b-6.10	Romans 10.4-13
Gospel	Luke 9.28-36	Matthew 6.1-6; 6.16-21	Luke 4.1-15
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Preacher	Bp Peter Watson	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant	Bp Peter Watson	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Senior Server	Laura Mock	Laura Mock	Gordon Heathcote
Crucifer	Gordon Heathcote		Prabhu Boddu
Thurifer	Roy Bartlett		
Acolyte	Taylor Mock John Halford		
Welcomer	Fran Woolley	Helen M.	Lizzie St Quintin
Sideperson	Sue Paul	Bruce Gordon	Graham St Quintin
Readers	Caroline Bowyer Thos Hodgson	Anna Reed- Stephenson	Ken Bernie Cheryl Dunn
Intercessor	Ruth Cohen	Peter Watson	Edwina Waddy
Chalice	Barbara Gordon	Stefan Trofimovs	Alison Peterson
Livestream	Enzo Macchiavelli	Prabhu B.	Taylor Mock
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Morning tea	Noreen Bernie Barbara Gordon		Anna R-S Margaret MacNabb Bernie
Sacristy Linen	Audrey Bradshaw		Edwina Waddy