

23 February 2025 | 9am The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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

Tune: Carlisle

- 1 Have faith in God, my heart, Trust and be unafraid; God will fulfil in every part Each promise He has made.
- 2 Have faith in God, my mind, Though oft Thy light burns low; God's mercy holds a wiser plan Than Thou canst fully know.
- Have faith in God, my soul, His cross for ever stands; And neither life nor death can pluck His children from His hands.
- 4 Lord Jesus, make me whole; Grant me no resting place, Until I rest, heart, mind, and soul, The captive of Thy grace.

Bryn Rees, 1911 - 1983

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

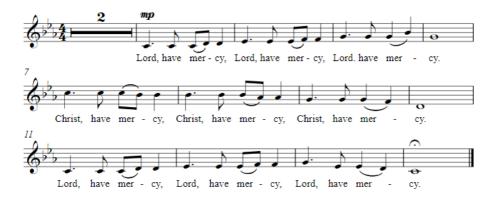
Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Luke 6.35

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

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

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD *Please be seated.*

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis 45.3-11; 45.15

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph! Is my father still living?' But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come close to me.' When they had done so, he said, 'I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! 5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. 6 For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no ploughing and reaping. 7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 'So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. 9 Now hurry back to my father and say to him, "This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. 10 You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me - you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise vou and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute." ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterwards his brothers talked with him

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



- 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.
- 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.
- 10 In a little while the ungodly shall | be no | more: you will look for him in his place_ but | he will | not be | found.

- †11 But the meek shall pos|sess the | land: and en|joy • the a|bundance • of | peace.
- 40 Deliverance for the righteous shall | come from the | Lord: he is their | strength in | time of | trouble.
- 41 The Lord will help them | and de|liver them: he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them because they | come to | him for | refuge.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:35 - 50

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?' ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is the same: people have one kind of flesh, animals have another. birds another and fish another. 40 There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendour of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendour of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendour, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendour. ⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 So it is written: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. 50 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand

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

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

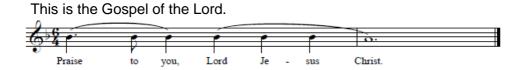
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 6:27 - 38



'But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you.²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.'



SERMON

Please sit

HYMN Please stand

Tune: Cross of Jesus

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 Through the cross, Christ's love empowers us worldliness and self deny; by his Spirit it inspires us him, through love, to glorify.

John Bowring, 1792 - 1872

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.

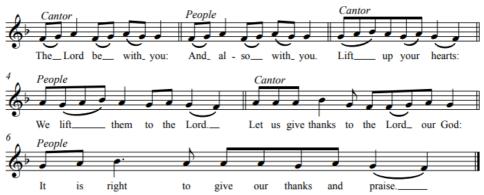
THE GREETING OF PEACE

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.'

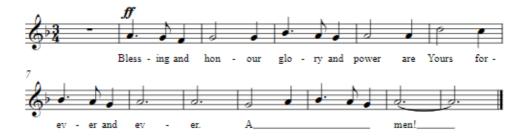
Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the 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.

SENTENCE

"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Luke 6:27-28

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

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We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind, to notions of our day and sect, crude, partial and confined: no, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred: the Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth from his word.

Our faithful forebears searching went the first steps of the way; this was the dawning, yet to grow into this perfect day. And grow it shall, our glorious sun will brighter rays afford: the Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth from his word.

3 O Father, Son, and Spirit, send us increase from above; enlarge, expand all living souls to comprehend your love; and make us all go on to know, with nobler powers conferred, that you have yet more light and truth to break forth from your word.

George Rawson, 1807 - 1889

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 the Church of England as it chooses a new Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey, Primate of Australia, Kanishka our Archbishop and Bishop Chris and the church in Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

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 Neutral Bay Uniting Church.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Makito Miyashita, serving with the Samurai Project, Tokyo

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Our Federal Member for North Sydney - Kylea Tink

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

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

OUR PARISHIONERS

Russ and Mary Layton, Bronwyn Lihou, Enzo Macchiavelli, Margaret MacNabb, Helen Matheson and Russ McLean.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR ONGOING PRAYER

Sofia Awad, 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 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

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.



February/March 2025

Mon 24 Feb	7:30pm	Parish Council
Tues 25 Feb	10am	Eucharist & morning tea
	10am	Bible Study – Café Laon
	11am	Crafter's
Wed 26 Feb	10am	Men's Bible Study – Parish Meeting
		Room
	7:30pm	Bible Study at a home in Cremorne
Sat 1 Mar	1:30pm	Quilts for Comfort

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 11:30. 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.



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. If you would like to nominate someone please check with them first. This year we will be voting for:

- 2 Wardens
- Parish Council

BCA PRAYER NOTES

The Autumn edition of the Bush Church Aid (BCA) Prayer Notes is now available in the DA Room.





Mini Produce Sale Next Sunday March 2





Polystyrene trays available today in the DA room to put slices on if needed.

PARISH 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 23 February 2025 Epiphany 7	Next Week 2 March 2025 Transfiguration
First Reading	Genesis 45.3-11; 45.15	Exodus 34.29-35
Psalm	Psalm 37.1-11; 37.40- 41	Psalm 99
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15.35- 50	2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2
Gospel	Luke 6.27-38	Luke 9.28-36
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Bp Peter Watson
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Bp Peter Watson
Senior Server	Roy Bartlett	Laura Mock
Crucifer	Laura Mock	Gordon Heathcote
Thurifer		Roy Bartlett
Acolyte		Taylor Mock
-		John Halford
Welcomer	Anna Reed- Stephenson	Fran Woolley
Sideperson	Margaret MacNabb	Sue Paul
Readers	David Cohen	Caroline Bowyer
	Anna Reed-	Thos Hodgson
	Stephenson	Ŭ Ŭ
Intercessor	Edwina Waddy	Ruth Cohen
Chalice	Kah Lin Wormell	Stefan Trofimovs
Livestream	Prabhu Boddu	Enzo Macchiavelli
Morning tea	Sue Paul	Anna Reed –
Ŭ	Audrey Bradshaw	Stephenson
		Margaret MacNabb
Sacristy Linen	Edwina Waddy	Audrey Bradshaw