

16 March 2025 | 9am Second Sunday of Lent

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	DR BRETT MCKERN
CANTOR	MICHAELA HODGSON
SETTING	DUDMAN

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand

Tune: Melcombe, with Amen

- 1 O Christ, who art the Light and Day, Thou drivest darksome night away! We know thee as the Light of light Illuminating mortal sight.
- 2 All-holy Lord, we pray to thee, Keep us to-night from danger free; Grant us, dear Lord, in thee to rest, So be our sleep in quiet blest.
- 3 And while the eyes soft slumber take, Still be the heart to thee awake; Be thy right hand upheld above Thy servants resting in thy love.
- 4 O strong defender, be thou nigh To bid the powers of darkness fly; Keep us from sin, and guide for good Thy servants purchased by thy blood.
- 5 Remember us, dear Lord, we pray While in this mortal flesh we stay: 'Tis Thou who dost the soul defend--Be present with us to the end.
- 6 Blest Three in One and One in Three, Almighty God, we pray to thee That thou wouldst now vouchsafe to bless Our fast with fruits of righteousness. Amen.

William Copeland, 1804 - 1885

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

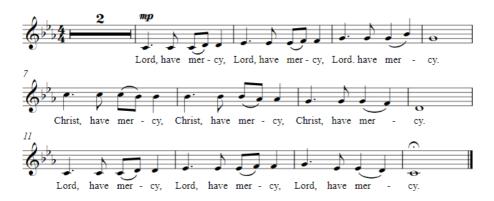
Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3.20

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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of 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 Genesis 15.1-12; 15.17-18

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.'² But Abram said, 'Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.' ⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: 'This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.' ⁵ He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars - if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' 6 Abram believed the Lord , and he credited it to him as righteousness. ⁷ He also said to him, 'I am the Lord , who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.' 8 But Abram said, 'Sovereign Lord', how can I know that I shall gain possession of it?' ⁹ So the Lord said to him, 'Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other: the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking brazier with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates -

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



- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation whom then | shall I | fear?: The Lord is the strength of my life of | whom then | shall I | be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my | enemies and | my foes: came upon me to eat up my | flesh, they | stumbled | and fell.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall | not be a|fraid: and though there rise up war against me, yet will I | put my | trust in | him.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that a|lone I | seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord | all the | days of my | life,
- 5 To behold the fair | beauty of the | Lord: and to | seek his | will • in his | temple.
- 6 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me | in his | shelter: in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me | high up | on a | rock.
- 7 And now shall he | lift up my | head: above my | enemies | round a|bout me;
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with | great | gladness:
 I will sing and make | music | to the | Lord.
- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I | call: have | mercy up | on me and | answer me.
- 10 My heart tells of your word, | "Seek my | face": Your | face, Lord, | will I | seek.

- Do not | hide your | face from me:Or thrust your | servant · a|side · in dis|pleasure;
- 12 For you have | been my | helper: Do not cast me away or forsake me O | God of | my sal|vation.
- †13 Though my father and my | mother · for | sake me: The | Lord will | take me | up.
- 14 Teach me your way O | Lord:And lead me in an even path | for they | lie in | wait for me.
- 15 Do not give me over to the | will of my | enemies: For false witness have risen against me * and | those who | breath out | violence.
- 16 But I believe that I shall surely see the | goodness · of the | Lord: In the | land | of the living.
- O wait for the Lord * stand firm and he will | strengthen · your | heart:And | wait I | say · for the | Lord.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians 3.17-4.1

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.4¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

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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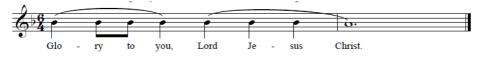
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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 13.31-35



At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.' ³² He replied , 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal." ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ³⁴ 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.""

This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Tune: Olivet

HYMN Please stand

- 1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day Be wholly thine.
- May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire; As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire.
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread, Be thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.
- When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Saviour, then in love Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul.

Ray Palmer, 1808 - 1887

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.

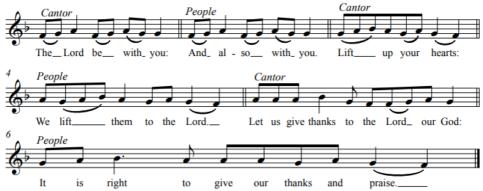
THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

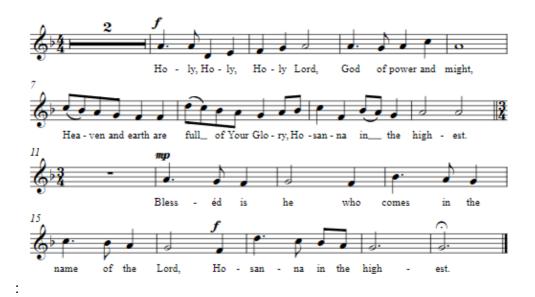


All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God.

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

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

Luke 13:34

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 As pants the hart for cooling streams When heated in the chase, So longs my soul, O God, for thee, And thy refreshing grace.
- For thee, my God, the living God, My thirsty soul doth pine:
 O when shall I behold thy face, Thou Majesty Divine!
- Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
 Hope still, and thou shalt sing
 The praise of him who is thy God,
 Thy health's eternal spring.
- 4 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom we adore, Be glory, as it was, is now, And shall be evermore. Amen.

Wilson, 1766 - 1824

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 Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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 Naremburn, Cammeray Anglican Church especially after recent storms damaged the church building at Cammeray.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Redlands: Sean Corcoran (Principal), Kirsten Philips and Fiona McKenzie (Chaplains), Sue Tymoszuk (Head of Christian Studies)

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

State Member for Willoughby – Mr Tim James

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Regions of the world affected by natural disasters: floods, fire, drought, famine, disease.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Helen Ramsey, Anna Reed-Stephenson, Norman Reynolds, David Routley and Lynette Scott.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR ONGOING PRAYER

Gill Stemp, Janne, Pamela, Susan Upton, Margie & Rein, Russ McLean, Giuseppe & Maria, Bobbie Dee Deal 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.

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.

WHAT'S ON THIS March 2025

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Sun 16 March	Today 11:30am	Lunch at the Oaks for Rev Mark	
Mon 10 March	10am – 11:30am Lent Discussion Group DA Room		
Tues 18 March	10am	Eucharist & morning tea	
	10am	Bible Study – Café Laon	
	11am	Crafter's	
Wed 19 March 10am		Men's Bible Study – Parish Meeting Room	
	7:30pm	Bible Study at a home in Cremorne	

TODAY - 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 at 11:30.

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 and Parish Councillors

ABM LENT ENVELOPES

This Lent, join ABM AID in supporting life-changing programs that empower women and strengthen communities. Across Zambia, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Kenya, and the Philippines, ABM AID church partners are working tirelessly to:

- End gender-based violence Training community groups to create safer homes and villages.
- Improve literacy and education Giving women and girls the skills • to build brighter futures.
- Increase economic empowerment Helping women access • sustainable livelihoods and financial independence.

Through these programs, lives are being transformed - families are finding peace, women are gaining confidence, and communities are thriving.



PARISH					
	April 2025				
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.			
18 April	3pm	Good Friday The Lord's Passion			
20 April	6am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service			
20 April	9am	Easter Sunday Sung Eucharist			
27 April	9am	ANZAC Day Service			

WEEKLY ROSTERS

	This Week 16 March Lent 2	Next Week 23 March Lent 3
First Reading	Genesis 15.1-12; 15.17- 18	Isaiah 55.1-9
Psalm	Psalm 27	Psalm 63.1-9
Second Reading	Philippians 3.17- 4.1	1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Gospel	Luke 13.31-35	Luke 13.1-9
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
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Senior Server	John Halford	Roy Bartlett
Crucifer	Sharon Boddu	John Halford
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
Welcomer	Helen Matheson	Noreen Bernie
Sideperson	Anna Reed-Stephenson	Sharon Boddu
Readers	David Cohen	Audrey Bradshaw
	Margo Watson	Philip Wood
Intercessor	Peter Watson	Cheryl Dunn
Chalice	Kah Lin Wormell	Stefan Trofimovs
Livestream	Prabhu Boddu	Taylor Mock
Morning tea	Lizzie St Quintin	Helen Fordham
	Graham St Quintin	Lorrie Brown
Sacristy Linen	Alison Peterson	Kerrie Trofimovs