



ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
CREMORNE

23 March 2025 | 9am Third 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	GLENN AMER
CANTOR	JENNY DAVEY
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.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand

Tune: Abbot's Leigh

- 1 Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God:
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded
you may smile at all your foes.

- 2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage -
grace, which like the Lord the giver
never fails from age to age?

- 3 Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in their Redeemer's blood:
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
For his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings,
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

- 4 Saviour, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name:
fading are the worldlings' pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton, 1725 - 1807

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

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord. Isaiah 55.9

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

2 *mp*
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

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Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 the Prophet **Isaiah 55.1-9**

'Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. ⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour.' ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸ 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord. ⁹ 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

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WALTER PARRATT



- 1 O God | you are • my | God:
eagerly | will I | seek | you.
- 2 My soul thirsts for you my | flesh | longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty | land • where no | water | is.
- 3 So it was when I beheld you | in the | sanctuary:
and I saw your | power | and your | glory.
- 4 For your unchanging goodness is | better • than | life:
there|fore my | lips shall | praise you.
- 5 And so I will bless you as | long as • I | live:
and in your name will I | lift my | hands on | high.
- 6 My longing shall be satisfied, as with | marrow • and | fatness:
my mouth shall | praise you • with ex|ultant | lips.
- 7 When I remember you up|on my | bed:
when I meditate up|on you • in the | night | watches,
- 8 How you have | been my | helper:
then I sing for joy in the | shadow | of your | wings,
- †9 Then my | soul | clings to you:
and | your right | hand up|h|olds me.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from **the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 10.1-13**

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: 'The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.' ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did – and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did – and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did – and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

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!

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

A fig tree planted for three years bore no fruit. It was cared for another year, to see if fruit came then.

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 13.1-9**



Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, ‘Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.’ ⁶ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig-tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, “For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig-tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?” ⁸ “Sir,” the man replied, “leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig round it and fertilise it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Please sit

Suggested reading: Romans 1:29-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Timothy 1:9-10 and 2 Timothy 3:2-4.

HYMN

Please stand

Tune: Newington

- 1 Behold the amazing gift of love
the Father has bestowed,
that we, though sinners, should be called
the children of our God.

- 2 Concealed as yet this honour lies,
by this dark world unknown,
a world that knew not when he came,
ev'n God's eternal Son.
- 3 High is the rank we now possess,
but higher we shall rise;
though what we shall hereafter be
is hid from mortal eyes.
- 4 Our souls, we know, when he appears,
shall bear his image bright;
for all his glory, full disclosed,
shall open to our sight.
- 5 A hope so great and so divine,
may trials well endure;
and purge the soul from guilt and sin,
as Christ himself is pure.

Isaac Watts, 1674 - 1748

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

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of three lines of music. The first line starts with a 'Cantor' part and ends with a double bar line. The second line starts with a 'People' part and ends with a double bar line. The third line starts with a 'People' part and ends with a double bar line. Lyrics are placed below the notes.

Cantor The_ Lord be__ with_ you: *People* And_ al - so__ with_ you. *Cantor* Lift___ up your hearts:

People We lift___ them to the Lord___ *Cantor* Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our God:

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.____

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:

2 *f*
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
7
Hea - ven and earth are full of Your Glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
11 *mp*
Bless - ed is he who comes in the
15 *f*
name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

ff
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

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.

ff
Blessing and honour glory and power are Yours forever and ever. Amen!

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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

mp
Je-sus Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus bear-er of our
6
sins, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus re-deem-er of the world, grant us your peace
p

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. **Amen.***

All baptised Christians who love and serve the Lord Jesus are welcome to join in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not yet ready to receive Communion, we encourage you to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back.

Alcoholic wine is available in the Common Cup, and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic wine is available in individual cups. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one on your way to the Communion Rail.

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

HYMN

Please stand

Tune: Picardy

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
comes full homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light comes shining
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraphs,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high!"

From the liturgy of St James c.4th Century
Translated by Gerald Moultrie, 1829 - 1885

SENTENCE

"do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Luke 13:4b - 5

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

Tune: Richmond

- 1 Fill my whole life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
your being and your ways.
- 2 Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor ev'n the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:
- 3 praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.

- 4 Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of you and of your love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.
- 5 So shalt you, Lord, receive from me
the praise and glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.
- 6 So shall no part of day and night
from sacredness be free;
but with you, Lord, in every step,
my fellowship will be.

Horatius Bonar, 1808 - 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.

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 the Central America Region.

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 Bridge Church, Kirribilli.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our mission partner - Taldumande Youth Services.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Mayor of North Sydney, Zoe Baker and local Councillors

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

International, National, and local charities and organisations that seek to alleviate suffering among the world's poorest, most needy, or most vulnerable.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Jay Senarathna, Peter Smith, Graham and Lizzie St Quintin, Gill Stemp and Kate Taubman.

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
WEEK**

March 2025

Sun 23 March	Today 11am	AGM
Mon 24 March	10 – 11:30am	Lent Discussion Group
	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tues 25 March	10am	Eucharist & morning tea
	10am	Bible Study – Café Laon
	1:30pm	Service at BUPA Mosman
Wed 26 March	10am	Men's Bible Study – Parish Meeting Room
	7:30pm	Bible Study at a home in Cremorne

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) TODAY








The AGM will be held in the church today at 11am.

All welcome to attend.



PARISH *Calendar*

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 23 March Lent 3	Next Week 30 March Lent 4
First Reading	Isaiah 55.1-9	Joshua 5.2-12
Psalm	Psalm 63.1-9	Psalm 32
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 10.1-13	2 Corinthians 5.16-21
Gospel	Luke 13.1-9	Luke 15.11-32
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Senior Server	Roy Bartlett	Laura Mock
Crucifer	John Halford	Margaret MacNabb
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
Welcomer	Noreen Bernie	Barbara Gordon
Sideperson	Sharon Boddu	Bruce Gordon
Readers	Audrey Bradshaw Philip Wood	Sue Paul Strephon Billinghamurst
Intercessor	Cheryl Dunn	Ruth Cohen
Chalice	Stefan Trofimovs	Alison Peterson
Livestream	Taylor Mock	Taylor Mock
Morning tea	Helen Fordham Lorrie Brown	Anna Reed- Stephenson Sue Paul
Sacristy Linen	Kerrie Trofimovs	Barbara Gordon

