

# 30 March 2025 | 9am Fourth 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 & CANTOR GLENN AMER 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: University

- 1 The God of love my shepherd is, And he that doth me feed; While he is mine and I am his, What can I want or need?
- He leads me to the tender grass,
   Where I both feed and rest;
   Then to the streams that gently pass:
   In both I have the best.
- 3 Or if I stray, he doth convert, And bring my mind in frame, And all this not for my desert, But for his holy name.
- 4 Yea, in death's shady black abode Well may I walk, not fear; For thou art with me, and thy rod To guide, thy staff to bear.
- Surely thy sweet and wondrous love Shall measure all my days; And as it never shall remove So neither shall my praise.

George Herbert, 1593 - 1633

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

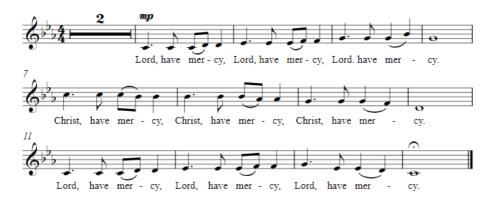
God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5.18

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

# COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, 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 Joshua 5:2-12

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.' <sup>3</sup> So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth. <sup>4</sup> Now this is why he did so: all those who came out of Egypt - all the men of military age - died in the wilderness on the way after leaving Egypt. <sup>5</sup> All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not. <sup>6</sup> The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness for forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the Lord. For the Lord had sworn to them that they would not see the land that he had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>7</sup> So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way. 8 And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' So the place has been called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup> On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover.<sup>11</sup> The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

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

#### Psalm 32



- 1 Blessed is he whose | sin is for|given: whose in | inquity • is | put a|way.
- 2 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord im|putes no | blame: and in whose | spirit • there | is no | guile.
- 3 For whilst I | held my | tongue: my bones wasted a|way • with my | daily • com|plaining.
- Your hand was heavy upon me | day and | night:
   and my moisture had dried | up like a | drought in | summer.
- 5 Then I ack|nowledged my | sin to you: and my in|iquity • I | did not | hide;
- 6 I said 'I will confess my trans|gressions to the | Lord': and so you forgave the | wicked • ness | of my | sin.
- 7 For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make his prayer to you in the | day of | trouble: and in the time of the great water-floods | they shall | not come | near him.

You are a place to hide me in \* you will pre | serve me • from | trouble:
 you will surround me with de|liverance • on | every | side.

- 9 'I will instruct you \* and direct you in the way that | you should | go:I will fasten my eye up | on you and | give you | counsel.'
- 10 'Be not like horse or mule that have no | under | standing: whose forward course must be | curbed with | bit and | bridle.'

- 11 Great tribulations remain | for the un|godly: but whoever puts his trust in the Lord \* mercy em|braces him • on | every | side.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord you righteous | and be | glad: and shout for joy all | you • that are | true of | heart.

# THE SECOND READING

#### A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:16-21

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness 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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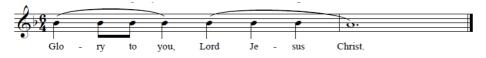
Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called Your Son.

#### 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 15:11 - 32



Jesus continued: 'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> 'Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> 'When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!<sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants." <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.<sup>21</sup> 'The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup> 'But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.<sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> 'Meanwhile, the elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.<sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> "Your brother has come," he replied, "and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound." <sup>28</sup> 'The elder brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!" <sup>31</sup> "My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



# SERMON

Please sit

# HYMN

Please stand

Tune: Nun danket all

- 1 Jesus, these eyes have never seen That radiant form of thine; The veil of sense hangs dark between Thy blessèd face and mine.
- I see thee not, I hear thee not, Yet art thou oft with me; And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot As where I met with thee.
- 3 Yet, though I have not seen, and still Must rest in faith alone, I love thee, dearest Lord, and will, Unseen, but not unknown.
- When death these mortal eyes shall seal, And still this throbbing heart, The rending veil shall thee reveal All glorious as thou art.

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.

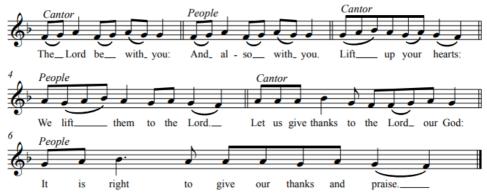
#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

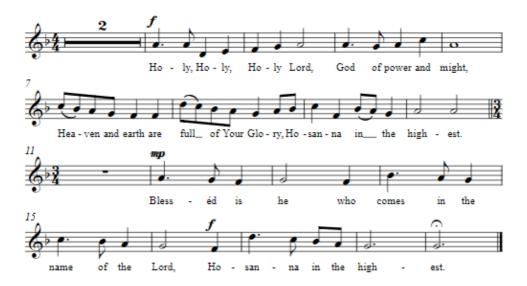


All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God.

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

"'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." Luke 15:31 - 32

#### 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: Love Divine

- Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish, then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in thee, Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788

#### **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 Province of the Anglican Church of Congo.

#### 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 St Luke's, Mosman.

#### PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bishop Darrell Parker and the Diocese of North West Australia.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Schools and places of learning, teachers and educators, administrators, students.

#### 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**

Geoffrey Thipthorp, Jan Thomas, Stefan and Kerry Trofimovs, Susan Upton and Edwina Waddy.

#### THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR ONGOING PRAYER

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

Helen and Kevin Matheson give thanks for your ongoing prayers and support over the past 10 months. They are thankful for Kevin's recovery and evidence of God's care for them.

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.



# March/April 2025

Mon 31 March	10am – 11:30am	Lent Discussion Group
Tues 1 April	10am	Eucharist & morning tea
	10am	Bible Study – Café Laon
Wed 2 April	10am	Men's Bible Study – Parish Meeting
		Room
	7:30pm	Bible Study at a home in Cremorne
Sat April 5	1:30pm – 4pm	Quilts for Comfort

#### WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee to prepare the church for Easter. **Saturday 12 April**, **8am - 11am**.

Come along and lend a hand. All help greatly appreciated. Morning tea will be served.

Please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you.

#### YEAR TO DATE OFFERING AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variation YTD
\$18,383	\$23,030	(\$4,647)

Offertories were \$4,647 below budget over the first two months of this year. Timing accounts for much of this shortfall. However, it is worth noting a slight downward trend since 2023. Offertories are down by \$627 compared with the first two months of last year and by \$2,304 compared with the first two months of 2023. Nothing to be concerned about at this stage, but worth watching.

Peter Smith Treasurer

# DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NEXT WEEKEND

Please note:

- Date: Sunday 6 April 2025
- Time: 3am Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)
- Clocks are moved back 1 hour



# 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.

# **2025 CHRISM EUCHARIST**

This year's Chrism Eucharist is to be held at Christ Church St Laurence, George St, Sydney, at 11.00am on Tuesday 15 April (Tuesday in Holy Week). The Right Rev'd Dr Michael Stead, Bishop of South Sydney, will be the celebrant. A general invitation is extended to clergy, parish readers and parishioners to attend the service. All clergy, lay readers and licensed lay ministers are invited to robe and renew their vows during the liturgy. A light lunch will be served following the service. There is no need to RSVP. The Rev'd Dr Daniel Dries – Rector

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 30 March Lent 4	Next Week 6 April Lent 5
First Reading	Joshua 5.2-12	Isaiah 43.16-21
Psalm	Psalm 32	Psalm 126
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5.16-21	Philippians 3.3-14
Gospel	Luke 15.11-32	John 12.1-8
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Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
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Senior Server	Laura Mock	Roy Bartlett
Crucifer	Margaret MacNabb	Gordon Heathcote
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
Welcomer	Philip Wood	Sue Paul
Sideperson	Thos Hodgson	Ken Bernie
Readers	Sue Paul	Gill Stemp
	Strephon Billinghurst	Edwina Waddy
Intercessor	Ruth Cohen	Ruth Cohen
Chalice	Alison Peterson	Kah Lin Wormell
Livestream	Taylor Mock	Taylor Mock
Morning tea	Anna Reed-Stephenson	Barbara Gordon
	Sue Paul	Frances Woolley
Sacristy Linen	Barbara Gordon	Cheryl Dunn