

# 11 May 2025 | 9am Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

**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

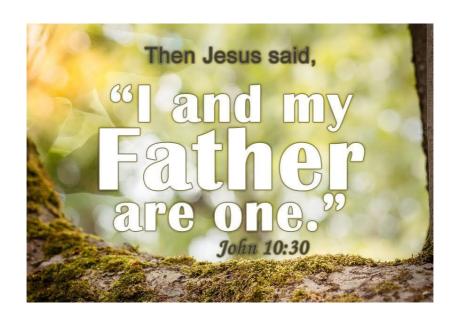
ORGANIST GLENN AMER

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.



# **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Please stand Tune: Tallis

- O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal Fount of love, inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heaven above.
- As thou in bond of love dost join the Father and the Son, so fill us all with mutual love, and knit our hearts in one.
- 3 All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

Charles Coffin, 1676 - 1749

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

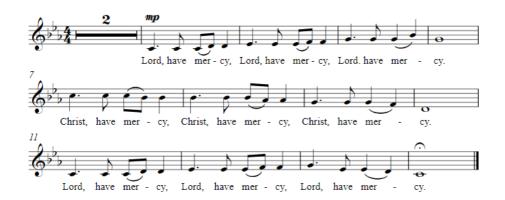
The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7.17

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**

Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

#### THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles 9.36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup> About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!' <sup>39</sup> Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, 'Tabitha, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

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



- 1 The Lord | is my | shepherd: Therefore | can I | lack |nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in | green | pastures; and | lead me be|side still | waters.
- 3 He will re|fresh my | soul: and guide me in right pathways | for his | name's | sake.
- Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of \_death I will | fear no | evil: for you are with me your | rod and your | staff | comfort me.
- You spread a table before me in the face of | those who | trouble me:
  you have anointed my head, with oil | and my | cup will be | full.
- Surely your goodness and loving-kindness\_will follow me \* all the | days of my | life: and I shall dwell in the | house of the | Lord for | ever.

#### THE SECOND READING

# A reading from the Revelation to John: 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.' <sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: 'Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for

ever and ever. Amen!' <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?' <sup>14</sup> I answered, 'Sir, you know.' And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, 'they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> "Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them," nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; "he will lead them to springs of living water." "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.""

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

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

All stand

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10.22-30



Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them

out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



# **SERMON**

Please sit

# HYMN

Please stand Tune: Richmond

- O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
   'tis music in the sinner's ears,
   'tis life and health and peace.
- 3 He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- 4 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold, your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!
- My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim and spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy Name.

#### 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,

# 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".

HYMN Tune: Dix

Please stand

- 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Refrain:

  Lord of all, to thee we raise this our grateful psalm of praise.
- 2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, Refrain
- For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled, Refrain
- For the Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love,

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1835 - 1917

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant: God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

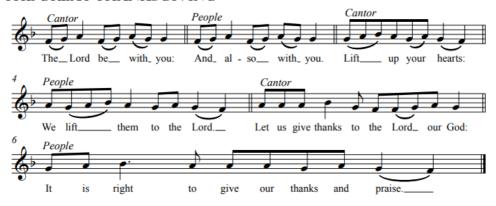
Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

# Response: Blessed be God forever

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

# Response: Blessed be God forever

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

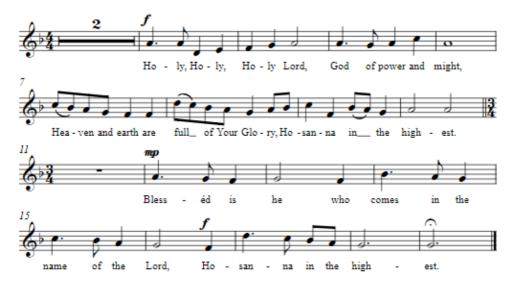


All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God.

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 Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

John 10: 29 - 30

# 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.

# **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 Forth in thy Name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue; thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.
- 2 The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill; in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.
- Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine inmost substance see, and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.
- 4 Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray, and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day.
- For thee delightfully employ whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given; and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heav'n.

Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788

Tune: Angel's Song

# **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.

Happy Mother's Day

# 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 in Japan.

#### 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.

# PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Boardman Family, serving at Holy Trinity, Kelso, NSW

# PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Mayor of North Sydney, Zoe Baker and local Councillors.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

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

#### **OUR PARISHIONERS**

Joy Farr, Helen Fordham, Margaret Fung, Bruce and Barbara Gordon, John Halford and Neil and Pamela Hardie.

# THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR ONGOING PRAYER

Janne, Pamela, Margie & Rein, Russ McLean, Giuseppe & Maria, Bobbie Dee Deal and Val.

# A note from Susan Upton:

I have been extremely appreciative of prayers for me while I've been listed in the pew sheet as requiring them (I have now asked my name be removed). My adored elder son died suddenly, I had long Covid (which was a terrible, very drawn-out experience) and a number of other health problems. Apart from my Parkinson's etc, the major ones have been sorted now and it's just over a year since Dougal died.

**THOSE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE** - Fr Robert Alexander, Judy Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, Anne Blake, Sofia Awad, Ivonne Awad, Gill Stemp, and those who attend our monthly services at Bougainvillea, Neutral Bay and BUPA Mosman.

# THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We praise God for his faithful servants in every age. We pray that we, with all who have died in the faith of Christ, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of God's eternal kingdom. We remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversary occurs at this time including June McRae.

The flowers at the back of the church today are given by Cheryl, Lynne and Stacey in memory of June McRae.





# May 2025

Tues 13 May	10am	Eucharist & morning tea
	10am	Bible Study – Café Laon
Wed 14 May	10am	Men's Bible Study – Parish Meeting Room
	7:30pm	Bible Study at a home in Cremorne
Sun 18 May	9am	Baptism of Daya Narain

# **ELECTION DAY STALLS-THANK YOU**

Thank you to all those who helped with the election day stalls. It was a busy day and a wonderful opportunity to engage with the local community. The generous giving of your time, skills and enthusiasm was an encouragement to one and all.



The Wardens.

# CRAFTERS' ELECTION DAY STALL - THANK YOU

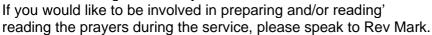
Thank you to all those who helped with the Crafter's election day stall and to those who supported our stall and raffle.

\$901.20 was raised over the weekend which will be forwarded to our ABM mission in PNG.

Alison Peterson.

# INTERCESSORS

We are currently looking for more volunteers for the role of Intercessor during the Sunday service.





# PATRONAL FESTIVAL RAFFLE 1st PRIZE



1st prize - Double bed Liberty fabric quilt (as above)

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Hand knitted knee rug

3rd prize - Food hamper

Prizes will be on display from 8 June 2025 in the DA Room.

Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 8 June. Ticket cost: \$2.00 each or \$20 for a book of 10.

The raffle will be drawn at the Patronal Festival on Sunday 29 June 2025.

Alison Peterson.

# **WEEKLY ROSTERS**

	This Week 11 May Easter 4	Next Week 18 May Easter 5
First Reading	Acts 9:36 - 43	Acts 11.1-18
Psalm	Psalm 23	Psalm 148
Second Reading	Revelation 7:9 - 17	Revelation 21.1-6
Gospel	John 10:22 - 30	John 13.31-34
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Senior Server	Gordon Heathcote	Laura Mock
Crucifer	Sharon Boddu	Gordon Heathcote
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
Welcomer	Kah Lin Wormell	Margaret MacNabb
Sidesperson	Bruce Gordon	Cheryl Dunn
Readers	Frances Woolley	Caroline Bowyer
	Philip Wood	Graham St Quintin
Intercessor	Rev Mark Wormell	Cheryl Dunn
Chalice	Kah Lin Wormell	Barbara Gordon
Livestream	Prabhu Boddu	Taylor Mock
Morning tea	Barbara Gordon	Sue Paul
	Lorrie Brown	Sharon Boddu
Sacristy Linen	Barbara Gordon	Cheryl Dunn