

18 May 2025 | 9am Fifth Sunday of Easter Baptism of Daya Narain

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: Laudate Dominum

- 1 Sing praise to the Lord! praise him in the height; rejoice in his word, you angels of light; all heaven adore him by whom you were made, and worship before him in brightness arrayed.
- 2 Sing praise to the Lord! praise him upon earth, in tuneful accord, sing praise for new birth; praise him who has brought you his grace from above, praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.
- 3 Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, his glory tell forth in deep tone, and sweet harp, the story of what he has done.
- Sing praise to the Lord! thanksgiving and song to him be outpoured all ages along: for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord! Henry Williams Baker, 1821 - 1877

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

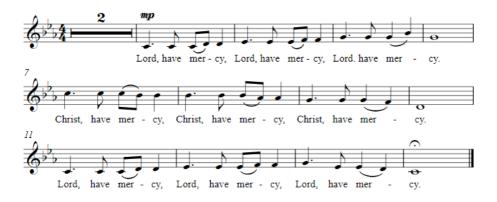
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 1 John 4.16b

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

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high: be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, 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 Acts of the Apostles 11.1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him ³ and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. 7 Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." 8 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, " Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.¹¹ 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying.¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."¹⁵ 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?' ¹⁸ When they heard this,

they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

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

PSALM 148



- Praise the Lord praise the | Lord from | heaven:
 O | praise him | in the | heights.
- 2 Praise him | all his | angels:0 | Praise him | all his | host.
- 3 Praise him | sun and | moon: praise him | all you | stars of | light.
- 4 Praise him you | highest | heaven: and you waters that | are a|bove the | heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the | name of the | Lord: for he com|manded • and | they were | made.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever: he made an ordinance which shall not pass a way.
- 7 O praise the | Lord from the | earth: praise him you sea-|monsters • and | all | deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail | mist and | snow: and storm-wind ful|filling | his com|mand;
- 9 Mountains and | all | hills: fruiting | trees and | all | cedars;

10	Beasts of the wild and all cattle: creeping things and winged birds;
11	Kings of the earth and all peoples: princes and all rulers of the world;
12	Young men and maidens: old men and children • to gether.
13	Let them praise the name • of the Lord: for his • name a lone • is ex alted.
14	His glory is above earth and heaven: and he has lifted high the horn • of his people.
†15	Therefore he is the praise of all his servants: of the children of Israel a people that is near him Praise – the Lord.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Revelation to John: 21.1-6

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶ He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand

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

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

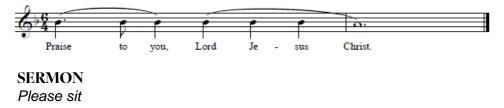
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 13:31-35



When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. ³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Tune: Hereford

HYMN Please stand

- 1 Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts, true fount of life, our lives sustain, from any bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to you again.
- 2 Your truth unchanged has ever stood, you save all those who on you call, to those yet seeking you are good, to those who find you, all in all.
- 3 We taste you, Lord, the living bread, and long to feast upon you still, we drink of you, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from you to fill.
- 4 For you our restless spirits yearn, whatever comes, until the last, glad when your presence we discern, blest when our faith can hold you fast.
- 5 For ever, Jesus, with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright, chase the dark night of sin away, shed on this world your holy light.

Ray Palmer, 1808 - 1887

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: Unde et Memores

Please stand

- 1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's hill, and having with us him who pleads above, we here present, we bring before you still that only offering perfect in your eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.
- 2 Look, Father, look on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him; look not on our misusings of your grace, our prayer so halting, and our faith so dim: for now between our sins and their reward we set the passion of your Son our Lord.
- 3 And so we come; O draw us to your feet, most patient Saviour, who can love us still; and by this food, so awesome and so sweet, deliver us from every touch of ill; in your own service make us glad and free, and may we in your presence ever be.

William Bright, 1824 – 1901

OFFERTORY PRAYER

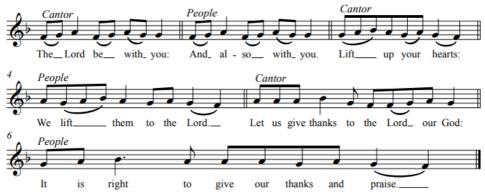
Celebrant: God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

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



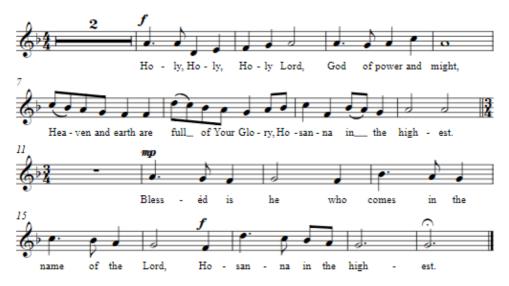
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?

Acts 11:17

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

BAPTISM OF DAYA NARAIN

Christ is risen. [Alleluia.] He is risen indeed. [Alleluia.]

There is one Body and one Spirit; there is one hope in God's call to us. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all.

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together today to obey that command. Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus 'death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal. So we welcome you, Daya, with your sponsors. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

The congregation join the Rector in praying: Heavenly Father, we thank you that in your great love you have called us to know you and to trust you. Increase this knowledge and strengthen our faith. Grant that Daya may be born again by the Holy Spirit, cleansed from all sin, and inherit your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED Please stand

Rector Daya has come here for Baptism

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

THE NICENE CREED

Rector 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. \blacksquare and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Rector invites the congregation to move to the baptistry.

After Daya has been baptised the minister and congregation address Daya:

God has called you into his church. We therefore receive and welcome you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, as a child of the same heavenly Father, and as an inheritor with us of the kingdom of God. The minister makes a sign of the cross on Daya's forehead and says: I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are to be true to Christ crucified and that you are not to be ashamed to confess your faith in him.

Fight bravely under his banner against sin, the world and the devil, and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant to your life's end.

The minister continues:

God has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Rector and Sanctuary team return to the Sanctuary.

GOD'S BLESSING

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: Vienna

- 1 Christ, from whom all blessings flow, perfecting the saints below, hear us, who your nature share, who your mystic body are.
- 2 Join us, in one spirit join, grant us still your help divine; still for more on you we call, you, O Christ, fill all in all.

- 3 Move, and animate, and guide: various gifts to each divide; placed according to your will, let us all our work fulfil;
- 4 Freely may we all agree, touched with loving sympathy; kindly for each other care; every member feel its share.
- 5 Love, like death, has all destroyed, rendered all distinctions void; names, and sects, and parties fall; you, O Christ, are all in all.

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 The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

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 The Bridge Church.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Makito Miyashita, serving with the Samurai Project, Tokyo.

Prayer points for May:

Thank you also for praying for my recent experience with credit card skimmers and banks - the bank returned all the money that had been stolen from my account!

Please continue to pray for the production of the first Mark Drama in Japan which we have postponed until October.

Also my friends (Nozomu, and a few others) and I have been working on Japanese translations of a series of children's picture books called 'Tales that tell the Truth'. Please pray that we would be able to bring this project to publication in the near future.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

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

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

Gordon Heathcote, Dyson Heydon, Jenny Holmes, Gabrielle King and Edwina Lamkin.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR ONGOING PRAYER

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

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.



TODAY	9am	Baptism of Daya Narain
Tues 20 May	10am	Eucharist & morning tea
	10am	Bible Study – Café Laon
Wed 21 May	10am	Men's Bible Study – Parish Meeting
		Room
	7:30pm	Bible Study at a home in Cremorne

INTERCESSORS

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

If you would like to be involved in preparing and/or reading' the prayers during the service, please speak to Rev Mark.



ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Please join us on Thursday 29 May at 7pm for the Ascension Day service. All welcome.

WEEKLY ROSTERS

	This Week 18 May Easter 5	Next Week 25 May Easter 6
First Reading	Acts 11.1-18	Acts 16.9-15
Psalm	Psalm 148	Psalm 67
Second Reading	Revelation 21.1-6	Revelation 21.10-14; 21.22-22.5
Gospel	John 13.31-34	John 5: 1 - 9
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Senior Server	Laura Mock	Roy Bartlett
Crucifer	Gordon Heathcote	Prabhu Boddu
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
Welcomer	Margaret MacNabb	Philip Wood
Sidesperson	Cheryl Dunn	Thos Hodgson
Readers	Sue Paul	Peter Watson
	Graham St Quintin	Margaret MacNabb
Intercessor	Cheryl Dunn	Ruth Cohen
Chalice	Barbara Gordon	Stefan Trofimovs
Livestream	Taylor Mock	Enzo Macchiavelli
Morning tea	Sue Paul	Helen Fordham
_	Sharon Boddu	Lorrie Brown
Sacristy Linen	Cheryl Dunn	Kerrie Trofimovs