



ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
CREMORNE

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord 25 December 2025 | 9am

Merry Christmas and welcome to St Peter's Church.

I am delighted that you can join us for our Christmas Day service.

This is a joyous time of year when we, as a church, enjoy celebrating the birth of Christ with our wider community. If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. May I invite you to join us at one of our regular services in the coming year. 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, or myself after the service.

I wish you a merry and meaningful Christmas,

Rev. Mark Wormell

TODAY'S SERVICE

SUNG EUCHARIST

CELEBRANT & PREACHER

REV. MARK WORMELL

ORGANIST & CANTOR

GLENN AMER

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.

*"For unto you is born ...a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord."*

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Luke 2:11

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand

Tune Antioch

- 1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive its king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ;
while fields and streams, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts, 1674 - 1748

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

✠ **Blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

SENTENCE

Celebrant

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2.10–11

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 musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written for a single voice part in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a '2' above the staff and a 'mp' (mezzo-piano) dynamic marking. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the first staff. The second staff begins with a '7' above the staff and the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.' The third staff begins with an '11' above the staff and the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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

7
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

11
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

THE CONFESSION

Senior Server

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Silence may be kept

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing 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

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

7

hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we

12

mf

praise You for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

18

Lord God, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; You are

24

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the

30

Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High

35

Je-sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A-men.

CHRISTMAS COLLECT

Celebrant

All glory to you, gracious God,
for the gift of your Son,
whom you sent to save us.
With the angels, let us praise your name,
and tell the earth his story,
that all may believe, rejoice, and proclaim your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please sit

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of **the Prophet Isaiah 62.6-12**

I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord , give yourselves no rest, ⁷ and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. ⁸ The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: 'Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled; ⁹ but those who harvest it will eat it and praise the Lord , and those who gather the grapes will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.' ¹⁰ Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations. ¹¹ The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: 'Say to Daughter Zion, "See, your Saviour comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him."' ¹² They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord ; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 The lord is king let the | earth re|joice:
let the | multitude • of | islands • be | glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are | round a|bout him:
righteousness and justice_ are the found|ation | of his |
throne.
- 3 Fire | goes be|fore him:
and burns up his | enemies • on | every | side.
- 4 His lightnings | light the | world:
the | earth | sees it • and | quakes.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax be|fore his | face:
from before the face of the | lord of | all the | earth.
- 6 The heavens have pro|claimed his | righteousness:
and all | peoples • have | seen his | glory.
- 7 They are ashamed all those who serve idols_ and glory in |
mere | nothings:
all | gods bow | down be|fore him.
- 8 Zion heard and was glad * and the daughters of | Judah •
re|joiced: be|cause of • your | judgements • O | God.
- 9 For you Lord are most high over | all the | earth:
you are exalted | far a•bove | all | gods.

- 10 The lord loves | those that • hate | evil:
the Lord guards the life of the faithful and delivers them from
the | hand of | the un|godly.
- 11 Light | dawns • for the | righteous:
and | joy • for the | true of | heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the | lord you | righteous:
and give | thanks • to his | holy | name.

SECOND READING

A reading from **the letter of Paul to Titus 3.4-8a**

But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to God in the highest; peace to his people on earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:1 - 20



In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Please sit

HYMN

All stand

Tune: Cradle Song

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from on high,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Anon 1885

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Remain standing

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

All sit or kneel

Prayer

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light.

Periods of silence may be briefly kept for personal prayer.

Heavenly Father, the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ showed us that Jesus was fully God and fully human. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

As Joseph and Mary were bound to each other in love for you, draw each of us to those whom you have purposed us to love, that we might do so with insight, inspiration, patience and perseverance. Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

As we think about Jesus cradled in a manger, we give thanks for those places we regard as safe, warm and welcoming, acknowledging the blessing of the security we experience.

We pray for those who are homeless, and for refugees trying to find a measure of safety, food and shelter for their families.

Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

As we think about Jesus worshipped by shepherds and kings, we give thanks for the diversity of cultures, nations and races which are together what makes us in the likeness of God.

We pray for those disputed regions of the world, where diversity of opinion or politics forms a barrier to peaceful co-existence,

Jesus, as you were brought gifts help us to use wisely those gifts of forgiveness and reconciliation which you have given us for the good of all nations.

Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, our Emmanuel we pray for the sick, suffering and dying among us, in their homes, in hospital and in residential care - for those who care for them, that each might behold the salvation of our God and be blessed by the Prince of Peace.

Jesus, just as you come to us daily may we consciously make time to come to you, at Christmas and every day.

Father accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to 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

We praise you, Merciful Father, because you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be born for us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he was conceived of the virgin Mary his mother, being himself without sin, to make us clean from all sin.

**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

Celebrant

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'.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Response: Blessed be God for ever.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Tune: Infant Holy

Please stand

- 1 Infant holy,
 infant lowly,
 for his bed a cattle stall;
 oxen lowing,
 little knowing
 Christ the babe is Lord of all;
 swift are winging
 angels singing,
 nowells ringing,
 tidings bringing,
 Christ the babe is Lord of all,
 Christ the babe is Lord of all.
- 2 Flocks were sleeping,
 shepherds keeping
 vigil till the morning new
 saw the glory,
 heard the story,

tidings of a gospel true;
 thus rejoicing,
 free from sorrow,
 praises voicing
 greet the morrow,
 Christ the babe was born for you,
 Christ the babe was born for you.

Edith Gellibrand Reed, 1885 - 1933

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Cantor The Lord be with you: *People* And also 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,
 everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our
 hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 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,

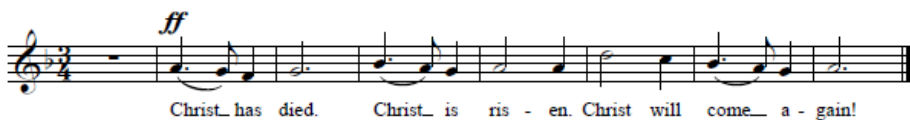
“Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

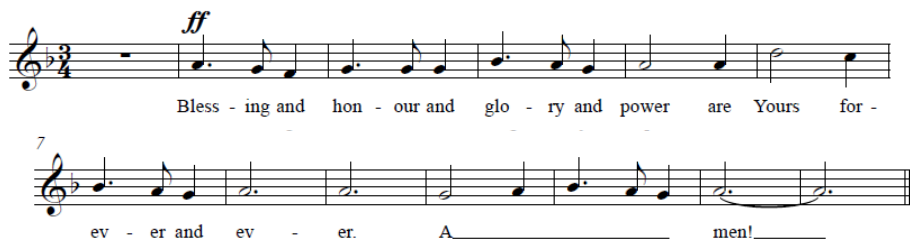
Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the 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 AND THE COMMUNION

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 non-alcoholic wine is available in individual cups. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one on your way to the Communion Rail and wait until chalice bearer says the Words for the Giving of Communion before drinking.

As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. Amen.

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

COMMUNION

*Communion song from Cantor
The Star of Bethlehem
(Stephen Adams 1841 – 1913)*

*The congregation sits or kneels.
Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.*

SENTENCE

Celebrant

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”

Luke 2:13-14

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Celebrant

Let us pray,

God of heaven, dwelling among us, we thank you for feeding us with this holy food. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh that as his body in the world we may bring your presence to all people.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OFFERTORY

We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, for your generosity: you were rich yet for our sake became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich. With our praise, accept our gifts, and use them for the enrichment of others and the glory of your name. **Amen.**

GOD’S BLESSING

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; 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

Please stand

Tune: *Adeste Fideles*

- 1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the king of angels: [Refrain]

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

- 2 True God of true God,
Light of Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten, not created: [Refrain]
- 3 See how the shepherds
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps: [Refrain]
- 4 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God,
glory in the highest': [Refrain]
- 5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father
now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]

John Francis Wade, 1711-1786

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.

A basket for financial contributions to the ongoing ministry of St Peter's is available at the entrance to the church building.

May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with joy and peace today and throughout the coming year.



Regular services

Sunday

9am Sung Eucharist

Tuesday

10am Eucharist

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