



ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
CREMORNE

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**A SERVICE FOR
THE COMMENCEMENT OF MINISTRY**

of

The Reverend Andrew Bleach

Rector of

**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST PETER, CREMORNE**

Today's Service

OFFICIATING CLERGY *THE RIGHT REVEREND ROBERT FORSYTH*

ACTING RECTOR *REVEREND MARK WORMELL*

CHURCH WARDENS *ANNA REED-STEVENS
NORMAN REYNOLDS*

ORGANIST *GLENN AMER*

CANTOR *JENNY DAVEY*

SETTING *DUDMAN*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand

Tune: Slane

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might; be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always; be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Mary E. Byrne, 1880 - 1931

The Acting Rector 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.

OPENING SENTENCES

Acting Rector

Dear friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God, and to take our part in the building of his Church. We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy word, and pray for this world and ourselves. We have gathered together to celebrate God's goodness to this parish in the appointment of the Reverend Andy Bleach. He has been called by God to exercise a position of great spiritual responsibility as Rector of this congregation.

We shall be praying for him, and praying for the congregation, in this new stage of God's work in the Parish of Cremorne.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

**to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

2 *mp*

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

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 musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic. The second staff begins with a piano dynamic. The third staff begins with a forte dynamic. The lyrics are written in blue below the staves. Measure numbers 2, 7, and 11 are indicated above the staves.

THE CONFESSION

Acting Rector

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

Bishop

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the **Book of the Prophet Isaiah 58.1-9 a**

‘Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. ² For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. ³ “Why have we fasted,” they say, “and you have not noticed?” ‘Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. ⁴ Your fasting ends in quarrelling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. ⁵ Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ ‘Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? ⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: here am I. ‘If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk,

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



PSALM 112

1 O praise the Lord blessed is the man who | fears the | Lord:
and greatly delights in | his com|mendments.

2 His children shall be | mighty • in the | land:
a race of upright | men who | will be | blessed.

3 Riches and plenty shall be | in his | house:
and his | righteous•ness | stands for | ever.

4 Light arises in darkness | for the | upright:
gracious and merciful | is the | righteous | man.

5 It goes well with the man who acts | generously • and | lends:
who | guides • his af | fairs with | justice.

6 Surely he shall | never • be | moved:
the righteous shall be held in | everlasting • re|membrance.

7 He will not | fear bad | tidings:
his heart is steadfast | trusting | in the | Lord.

8 His heart is confident and | will not | fear:
he will see the | downfall | of his | enemies.

9 He gives | freely • to the | poor:
his righteousness stands for ever his | head is • up|lifted • in |
glory.

10 The wicked man shall see it | and be | angry:
he shall gnash his teeth and consume away and the | hope • of
the | wicked • shall | fail.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the **First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 2.1-13**

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. ⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written: 'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived' – the things God has prepared for those who love him – ¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand

Gospel to be read by Acting Rector

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let your light shine before others, and give glory to your Father in Heaven

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

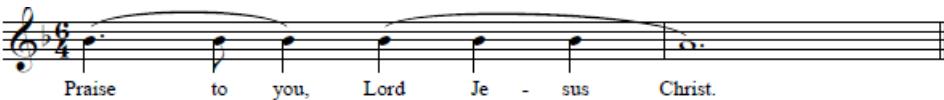
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 5.13-20**



'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON – The Right Reverend Robert Forsyth

Please sit

HYMN

Please stand

Tune: Cruger

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
and take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with help and mercy
to those who suffer wrong,
to raise the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls condemned and dying
were precious in his sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
that name to us is love.

James Montgomery, 1771 - 1854

THE NICENE CREED

Acting 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,
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please sit.

INSTITUTION

The Rector designate stands with The Bishop.

The Bishop:

Brother, at your ordination, you were exhorted in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to remember the dignity of the high office and charge to which you are called: that is to say, to be a messenger, watchman and steward of the Lord; to teach and forewarn, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep who are scattered abroad, and for his children who are surrounded by temptation in this world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

And now, in order that this present congregation of Christ's people may be assured of these things, and to strengthen your resolve to do them, I will put to you again those questions asked of you at your ordination as presbyter.

Are you convinced that the holy scriptures contain all doctrine required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And will you instruct the people committed to your care from the scriptures, and teach nothing (as required of necessity to eternal salvation) except what you are convinced may be proved by the scriptures?

Rector designate:

I am convinced, and will do so, by God's grace.

The Bishop:

Will you always faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments, and the discipline of Christ, as the Lord has commanded, and as this Church has received them, according to the commandments of God? Will you teach the people committed to your charge to keep and observe them diligently?

Rector designate:

I will do so, by the help of the Lord.

The Bishop:

Will you be ready to drive away all false and strange doctrines that are contrary to God's word; and to this end both publicly and privately to warn and encourage all within your care, both the sick and the well, as often as the occasion demands?

Rector designate:

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop:

Will you be diligent in prayer, and in the reading of the scriptures, undertaking studies that help to a fuller knowledge of them, and turning aside from the pursuit of studies for self-indulgence and worldly gain?

Rector designate:

I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop:

Will you strive to live according to the teaching of Christ, so that you and your family may be good examples to the flock of Christ?

Rector designate:

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop:

Will you maintain and promote, to the best of your ability, quietness, peace and love among all Christian people, especially among those who are committed to your care?

Rector designate:

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop:

Will you reverently obey your ordinary and other chief ministers set over you in the church, gladly and willingly following their godly counsel?

Rector designate:

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop:

And are you willing to take up responsibility of the office of Rector of the parish of St. Peter's Cremorne?

Rector designate:

I am willing, through Christ who strengthens me.

The Bishop:

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do all these things, grant you the strength and power to perform them; that he may complete his work which he has begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Handing the licence to the Minister designate The Bishop says:

Take this licence bearing the seal of the Archbishop which records your appointment to this ministry.

INDUCTION

The church wardens come into the chancel with the Acting Rector and face the Rector designate.

Acting Rector:

Reverend Andy Bleach we are now to remind you from the Bible of your main responsibilities as Minister of this parish. Your Churchwardens will read sentences of Scripture to you and I will urge you to follow each of these words of God.

One church warden presents the Rector designate with a map of the parish while the following is said:

Our Lord Jesus Christ said to his apostles: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Acting Rector:

Be faithful in evangelising this parish and the world beyond.

One church warden takes the Prayer Book from the Minister's prayer desk and brings it to the Rector designate and holds it while the following is said:

Paul wrote to the church: I urge that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives, in all godliness and holiness. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

As the Prayer Book is handed to the Rector designate the Acting Rector says:

Be faithful in leading this congregation in prayer and Divine Service
The Rector designate places the Prayer Book on the Prayer desk.

One churchwarden takes the Bible from the lectern and brings it to the Rector designate and holds it while the following is said:

Paul wrote to Timothy: Until I come devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. (1 Timothy 4.13) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

As the Bible is handed to the Rector designate the Acting Rector says:

Be faithful in reading the Scriptures and expounding them to this congregation and calling all to obedience to the Gospel.

The Rector designate places the Bible on the lectern.

Acting Rector:

Paul wrote to the church: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread we break a participation in the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10.16)

And;

Do you not know that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life (Romans 6.3-4)

Be faithful in administration of the sacraments in this congregation.

Presenting the Minister to the congregation the Acting Rector says:

Church Wardens and parishioners of St Peter's Cremorne I present to you Reverend Andy Bleach, your Rector and Minister.

Turning to the Rector the Acting Rector says:

To you, my brother, I present the people committed to your charge.

The members of the parish respond

**We welcome you among us as our pastor and Rector and commit
ourselves with you to the service of God in this parish.**

The congregation greets the Rector with applause.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Please stand

Tune: Lyngham

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of our God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
such music in the sinner's ears,
is life, and health, and peace.
- 3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free:
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.
- 4 He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
- 5 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, you dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 6 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788

The symbols are presented to the Rector during the singing of the hymn.

Baptismal Ewer and Scallop Shell

Communion Vessels

The Prayer Books

Books and items representing Youth Ministry

Sheet Music representing the Music Ministry

A Stole and Chrism Oil representing Pastoral Ministry to the sick

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Faithful God,
you have appointed us your witnesses,
to be a light that shines in the world:
let us not hide the bright hope you have given us,
but tell everyone your love,
revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author and lover of peace, of whom stands our eternal life,
whose service is perfect freedom; defend your servants in all assaults of
our enemies, that, surely trusting in your defence, we may not fear the
power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE INTERCESSIONS

Please sit or kneel

The Rector leads the Intercessions.

Rector

Most gracious God, we give thanks for those who laid the foundations of this parish in great faith, and for all who have ministered in this Parish over many years. We remember and give thanks for all who have gone before us and who by their faith have been an example to us.

God of grace: **hear our prayer**

Most gracious God, we pray for those who continue to build upon those foundations in this Parish. We give thanks for the mission and ministry that takes place here, and for all who offer their time, talents and finances to grow your kingdom.

Give us we pray, all that we need in order to proclaim your good news and bless us as we embark upon this next stage of our journey together.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

Acting Rector

Most gracious God, we pray for Andy, Tamera, Daniel, Jonty, Rosie and Harvey as they grieve one ending and as they celebrate a new beginning. We pray that you will give them all they need to minister among us, and for open and willing hearts to be led by your Holy Spirit.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

Rector

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for all that surrounds us and our many blessings here in Cremorne. Keep us mindful of the needs of our community, and those in the wider community who are in any need. We pray too for your world, especially for places of violence and fear. We pray for your peace, love, hope and joy to come upon all peoples.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As Christ has taught us, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen**

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All stand

Celebrant

Hear the words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ:
Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give
you rest. Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in
him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
 trusting in our own righteousness,
 but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under
 your table.
 But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have
 mercy.
Grant us, therefore gracious Lord,
 so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
 and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,
 and he in us. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to greet those immediately around them with the words, "Peace be with you" "And also with you".

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff (measures 1-3) starts with 'Cantor' singing 'The Lord be with you: And also with you. Lift up your hearts:'. The 'People' part begins in measure 2. The second staff (measures 4-5) starts with 'People' singing 'We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:'. The 'Cantor' part begins in measure 5. The third staff (measures 6-7) starts with 'People' singing 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

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

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

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

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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 - éd is he who comes in the

15

name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

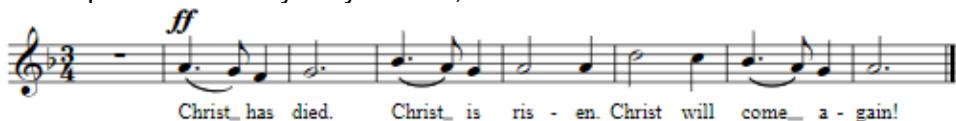
On the night when he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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.

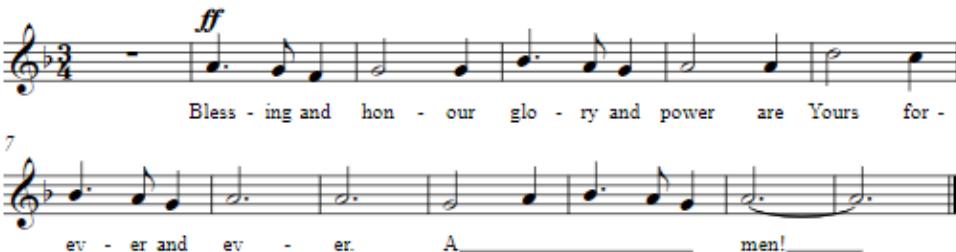
Cantor

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,



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

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people, into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise.



Blessing and honor, glory and power are yours forever and ever. Amen.

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



Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. Amen.

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

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

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

SENTENCE

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2

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 to you 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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Bishop

May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Rector

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Tune: Diademata

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for me,
and hail him as your chosen king
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began:
and we who tread where he has trod
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified;
no angel there on high
can fully bear that sight,
but downwards bends a burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high;
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
majestic and sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges, 1800 - 1894

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, Archbishop of Canterbury, Mark Short, Primate of Australia, Kanishka our Archbishop and Bishop Chris and The Hong Kong Anglican Church.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Andy Bleach .We also pray for the clergy and parishioners at Scots Kirk, Mosman.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bishop Keith Joseph and the Diocese of North Queensland

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Health Care workers and Emergency Services

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Regions of the world impacted by war and conflict; Ukraine, Gaza, Yemen, Myanmar, Sudan.

OUR PARISHIONERS

David Tweedie, Janet & Geoff Underwood, Susan Upton, Edwina Waddy and Nate Wang.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR ONGOING PRAYER

Janne, Pamela, Russ McLean, Bobbie Deal, Val, Giuseppe & Maria, Helen Fordham, Lynette and Wal.

THOSE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - Fr Robert Alexander, Judy

Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, Anne Blake, Gill Stemp and those who attend our monthly services at Bougainvillea, Neutral Bay and BUPA Mosman.

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.

Today we remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time, and the recently deceased.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

February 2026

Tues 10 Feb	10am	Eucharist & morning tea
	10am	Bible Study – group meets at Fresh Cafe
Wed 11 Feb	10am	Men's Bible Study – Parish Meeting Room
	7:30pm	Bible Study at a home in Cremorne

WELCOME TO THE BLEACH FAMILY

Please join us for morning tea in the Memorial Hall after the service as we welcome Rev Andy Bleach, his wife Tamera and their children, Daniel, Jonty, Rosie and Harvey.

Welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please note Sunday School will be held next Sunday 15 February at 9am. All children are very welcome to attend.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

All are welcome to attend the Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist on Wednesday 18 February 2026 at 7pm.

SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday 22 March 2026 at 11am.

SAVE THE DATE

THIRTY NINE ARTICLES – ARTICLE 29

As we continue with our review of the 39 Articles of religion of the Anglican Church, here is article 29. When these were first written 'man' included men and women. If you have any questions, please contact Rev Andy.

The Wicked, and such as be void of a lively faith, although they do carnally and visibly press with their teeth (as Saint Augustine saith) the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, yet in no wise are they partakers of Christ: but rather, to their condemnation, do eat and drink the sign or Sacrament of so great a thing.

The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion

ST JOHN'S UNITING CHURCH NEUTRAL BAY COMMUNITY LUNCHES EVERY SATURDAY



St John's Uniting Church are providing free meals every Saturday for those who would enjoy a meal and the company of others.

Where: St John's Uniting Church
49a Yeo St, Neutral Bay (enter via Barry St)

When: Every Saturday
12 - 2pm

What is provided: FREE Hot meal, dessert, tea & coffee
Good company

For further details please speak to Audrey Bradshaw.

ROSTERS

	This Week 8 February 2026 Commencement Service	Next Sunday 15 February 2026 Transfiguration
First Reading	Isaiah 58.1-9 a	Exodus 24.12-18
Psalm	Psalm 112	Psalm 2
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 2.1-13	2 Peter 1.16-21
Gospel	Matthew 5.13-20	Matthew 17.1-9
Preacher	The Right Reverend Robert Forsyth	Rev Andy Bleach
Celebrant	Rev Andy Bleach	Rev Andy Bleach
Senior Server	Laura Mock	Gordon Heathcote
Crucifer	Gordon Heathcote	Prabhu Boddu
Thurifer		Roy Bartlett
Acolyte		
Welcomer	Philip Wood	Noreen Bernie
Sideperson	Margaret MacNabb	Fran Woolley
Readers	Audrey Bradshaw Strephon Billinghurst	Ken Bernie Pamela Hardie
Intercessor	Not required	Cheryl Dunn
Chalice	Stefan Trofimovs	Margaret MacNabb
Livestream	Prahbu Boddu	Enzo Macchiavelli
Morning tea	Anna Reed-Stephenson Parish volunteers	Barbara Gordon Mikyoung Chung
Sacristy Linen	Kerrie Trofimovs	Cheryl Dunn

