

ADVENT 4 23 DECEMBER 2018

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that you can join us in worship.

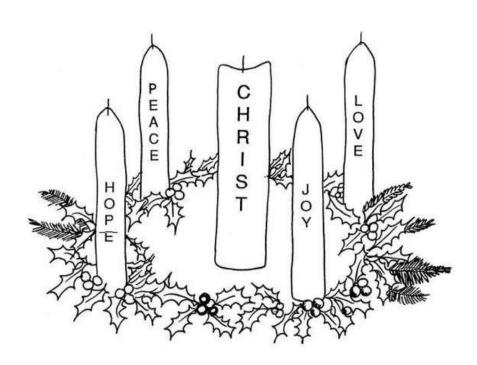
If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. May I invite you to sign the visitors' book on the back table. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

A Hearing Loop is available in all of the pews on the left hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and there is a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.

I hope you are able to stay and enjoy some morning tea after the service. Rev'd Tim St Quintin, **Rector**

SERVICES TODAY

9.30AM SUNG EUCHARIST
CELEBRANT & PREACHER RECTOR
ORGANIST GLENN AMER
CANTOR JENNY DAVEY
SETTING NASHDOM ABBEY



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN TiS 291 Earth has many a noble city Tune Stuttgart

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome.

♣ In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Luke 1:45

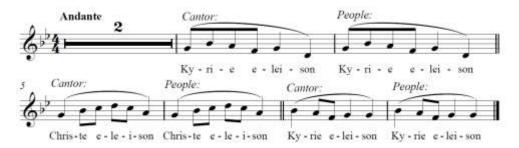
Let us pray.

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

Cantor

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Lord of the light comes to save us. Let us live in his light.

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now. **Amen**.

The Candle is lit

Cantor

We light this Advent candle
We light it and we sing
As we look for Jesus' coming
As our Saviour and our King. (All repeat)



Cantor

O one is for the Prophets, And for the light they bring. They are candles in the darkness, All alight for Christ the King.

And two for John the Baptist; he calls on us to sing: "O prepare the way for Jesus Christ, He is coming, Christ the King".

And three for all God's people in every age and day. We are watching for his coming. We believe and we obey

And four for Mother Mary,
"I cannot see the way,
But you promise me a baby.
I believe you I obey." (All repeat refrain)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, raise up your power and come among us, and with great might succour us, that, whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please sit

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah 5:2-5a

² 'But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.' ³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses. We will raise against them seven shepherds, even eight commanders.

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

PSALM 80:1-7



- Hear O Shepherd of Israel * you that led | Joseph like a | flock: you that are enthroned upon the cherubim | shine | out in | glory;
- 2 Before Ephraim Benjamin | and Man | asseh: stir up your | power and | come to save us.



- Restore us again of | Lord of | hosts: show us the light of your countenance | and we | shall be | saved.
- 4 O Lord | God of | hosts: how long will you be | angry • at your | people's | prayer?
- You have fed them with the | bread of | tears: and given them tears to | drink in | good | measure.
- You have made us the victim | of our | neighbours: and our | ene mies | laugh us to | scorn.
- Restore us again of | Lord of | hosts: show us the light of your countenance | and we | shall be | saved.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: 'Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; ⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. ⁷ Then I said, "Here I am – it is written about me in the scroll – I have come to do your will, my God." ⁸ First he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them'– though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹ Then he said, 'Here I am, I have come to do your will.' He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

GRADUAL HYMN TiS 276 There's a light upon the mountains

Please stand Tune There's a light upon the mountains

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

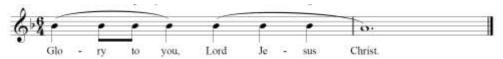
Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:39-45 Sung

▼ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ



³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Sung Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



SERMON

Please sit

THE NICENE CREED

All stand

Senior Server

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father,

the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead.

⊈and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Senior Server

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

All sit/kneel

Periods of silence may be briefly kept for personal prayer. Each petition ends with this response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord 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

THE CONFESSION

Senior Server

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence may be kept

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, 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.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand

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 may exchange a sign of peace with a handshake and greeting, "Peace be with you".

OFFERTORY HYMN TiS 275 Hail to the Lord's anointed Tune Crüger

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.

Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Celebrant

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.

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.

We thank you that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence stand before him who redeems us from sin and death and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying/singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

➡ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



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.'

Cantor

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,

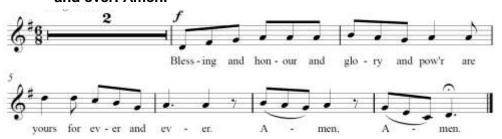
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



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.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people in to 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 honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The celebrant breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:

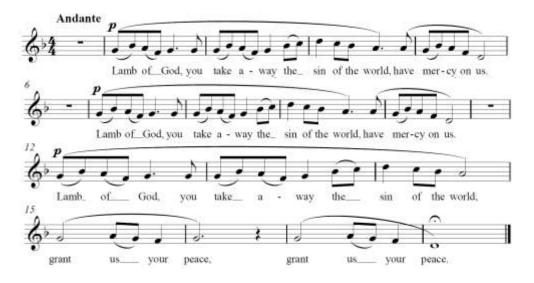
So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace, grant us your peace.



INVITATION

Celebrant

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. All communicants of other churches are invited to join us in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant we encourage you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back as you kneel or stand at the Communion Rail.

The celebrant and other communicants receive the Holy Communion. As the sacrament is received the communicant responds **Amen**.

COMMUNION HYMN TiS 516 Here gracious Lord, we see you face to face Tune St Agnes

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

SENTENCE

Celebrant

He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

Micah 5:4

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

God for whom we wait, we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful that we may be ready to stand before him on the day of his coming.

Keep us in this hope that we have grasped; so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

NOTICES

Please sit

GOD'S BLESSING

Please stand

Celebrant

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory and the blessing of God almighty, \maltese 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN TiS 517 Hallelujah! sing to Jesus Tune Hyfrydol

ORGAN POSTLUDE

As a courtesy to those who remain in the church to listen to the organ voluntary in its entirety, you are encouraged to enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the building. The voluntary is a liturgical musical offering to God.

PARISH BULLETIN

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin of Canterbury, Philip our Primate, Glenn our Archbishop, Chris our Bishop and the Northern Region. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the clergy, volunteers and the people they serve in God's name.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

Our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin. For our 11am service as it establishes a regular congregation. For our Sanctuary team who serve, prepare linen and set up the sanctuary for our services. For Rev'd Brett Graham and the clergy and parishioners of the Scots Kirk, Mosman.

THE WIDER WORLD AND LOCAL COMMUNITY

For world peace and for all world leaders in their responsibility to those under their care. For our Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and all members of parliament. For our defence force personnel, especially those who may be on active service away from family over the Christmas period.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Caroline, Lorraine, Ron, Barbara, Frelda and Pamela, Kam, Marytn and Judy, Michael and Christopher, Alex, Nina, Matthew and Olivia.

THE SICK

The immediate sick

Marionne and Michael, Di and Jeremy, Jill, Gill, Chris, Roger, Susan, Anne, Penelope, Jan, Bishop Ivan, John, Fred, Joy, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, Jenny and Sally.

Those requiring on-going prayer

Noel, Peter, Howard, Max, Bishop Tom, Claudia, Geoff, Betty, Gigi, Frank, Frank, Jill, Ray, Judith, Monica, Kathy, Elizabeth, Michael, Rita, Vatche, Martha, Richard, Bishop Ken, Deirdre, Christine.

Those in residential care Glenyth, Ros, Katrina and Molly.

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, especially Sir Robert Cotton.



DECEMBER 2018

Monday 24	5.30pm	Christmas Eve Family Service	
	11.00pm	Midnight Solemn Eucharist	
Tuesday 25	9.00am	Christmas Day Sung Eucharist	
Wednesday 26	Boxing Day – Public holiday		
Thursday 27	Rector's refreshment leave		
Friday 28	Rector's day of rest		

WELCOME BACK REV'D TIM

This morning we welcome back Rev'd Tim from his deployment with the Australian Army. Morning tea will be served in the David Armstrong Room after the service.

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THE CRAFTERS GROUP - 2018 IN REVIEW

The Crafters have raised the grand total of \$1,920.05 this year. This is an excellent result. I would like to thank our small but industrious Crafters group for their work and dedication, Anne Kerr from Tasmania who supplied us with fresh lavender, Esme, Christopher and Michael for providing the raffle prizes and our loyal St Peter's parishioners who support us in so many ways. Thanks to this team effort we have a great result. Alison Peterson

CHRISTMAS AT ST PETER'S



Christmas Eve

5.30pm Family Christmas Service

11pm Solemn Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day

9am Sung Eucharist with Christmas carols

RECTOR'S REFRESHMENT LEAVE AFTER CHRISTMAS

- Wednesday 26 December is a public holiday.
- Thursday 27 December the Rector will take refreshment leave.
- Friday 28 December is his weekly day of rest.

If you have a pastoral care need on these days please ring one of the wardens: Christine: 0419 429 225; Frank: 0409 441 822 or Edwina: 0402 116 216

RWANDAN COFFEE

Supplies of Rwandan coffee, both beans and ground, have been replenished and are available from the David Armstrong room. \$9.00 for a 200gm bag and the proceeds go to support Rwandan Communities.

Please leave your money in the jar next to the coffee.





"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Micah 5:2

SUNDAY ROSTERS

	THIS WEEK-23 December Advent 4	NEXT WEEK-30 December 1 st Sunday after Christmas
Reading 1	Micah 5:2-5a	1 Samuel 2:18-20,26
Psalm	Psalm 80:1-7	Psalm 148
Reading 2	Hebrews 10:5-10	Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel	Luke 1:39-45	Luke 2:41-52
		7.00am
Sidesperson		Ron
Reader		Helen
Server		John
Chalice		John
	9.30am	9.00am
Welcomer	Noreen	Noreen
Sidesperson	Stefan	John
	Kate	Jane
Readers	Daphne	Stefan
	Martyn	Barbara
Intercessor	Caroline	Caroline
Senior Server	Roy	Roy
Crucifer	Jane	Jane
Acolytes	Laura	Laura
	Tim	Tim
Chalice	Roy	Roy
	John	John
Thurifer	N/A	N/A
Cantor	Jenny	Glenn
Morning Tea	Barbara	Alison
	Lorraine	Helen
Counters	Ross	Laura
	David	Christine
Sacristy Linen	Judy	Jane
Sacristy Set Up	Caroline	Roy
Flowers	No flowers in Advent	TBA

NEXT SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
7AM – EUCHARIST 9AM – SUNG EUCHARIST
11AM – CHURCH@11
CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN

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