



ANGLICAN PARISH ST PETER'S CREMORNE

EASTER 6 - 17 MAY 2019

WELCOME to St Peter's Church – whether you are a regular member of the church or if you have never been in person. If you are new to our church I pray you will join us when we are able to meet together again.

Due to the threat of the Coronavirus, we are unable to meet as the church in public services. This service sheet is to accompany the video to be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1IijXcNGCFieJLoEBv5vPg>; on our Facebook page (St Peter's Anglican Church, Cremorne); or on our website (stpeterscremorne.org.au).

During this time we are seeking to provide Bible and prayer resources, and other ways to connect with one another, in order to continue to encourage each other in our faith – please contact the church office to be added to the distribution list.

Perhaps after this service, in lieu of our usual morning tea, why not consider telephoning someone else from St Peter's, or another friend, to share something you found encouraging?

If you have any needs from St Peter's you can contact the parish office on 9953 1050 or info@stpeterscremorne.org.au between 9am and midday on Tuesdays and Thursdays or contact the rector, Rev'd Tim St Quintin on 0401 289 919 or rector@stpeterscremorne.org.au .

Please continue to care for one another, telephone each other, and identify anyone with particular needs. Please let the rector, the pastoral care team, or the church office know if you yourself are sick or have particular needs.

With every blessing in Christ,

Tim St Quintin, Rector

GREETING IN GOD'S NAME

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia

'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'

John 14:23

HYMN

Come down, O Love divine!
seek now this soul of mine
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

There let it freely burn
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
my outward garment be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part,
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Lyrics: Bianco da Siena (1367 - 1434) adapted by Richard F Littledale (1833 - 1890)
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE CONFESSION

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have gone our own way,
not loving you as we should,
nor loving others as much as ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Only you can save us.
Father, forgive us.**

**Help us to love you and all people,
and to live for your honour and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us:
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

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

PSALM 66

For the choir director: A song. A psalm.

- ¹ Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!
² Sing about the glory of his name!
Tell the world how glorious he is.
- ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Your enemies cringe before your mighty power.
- ⁴ Everything on earth will worship you;
they will sing your praises,
shouting your name in glorious songs."
- ⁵ Come and see what our God has done,
what awesome miracles he performs for people!
- ⁶ He made a dry path through the Red Sea,
and his people went across on foot.
There we rejoiced in him.
- ⁷ For by his great power he rules forever.
He watches every movement of the nations;
let no rebel rise in defiance.
- ⁸ Let the whole world bless our God
and loudly sing his praises.
- ⁹ Our lives are in his hands,
and he keeps our feet from stumbling.
- ¹⁰ You have tested us, O God;
you have purified us like silver.
- ¹¹ You captured us in your net
and laid the burden of slavery on our backs.
- ¹² Then you put a leader over us.
We went through fire and flood,
but you brought us to a place of great abundance.
- ¹³ Now I come to your Temple with burnt offerings
to fulfil the vows I made to you—
- ¹⁴ yes, the sacred vows that I made
when I was in deep trouble.

¹⁵ That is why I am sacrificing burnt offerings to you—
the best of my rams as a pleasing aroma,
and a sacrifice of bulls and male goats.

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he did for me.

¹⁷ For I cried out to him for help,
praising him as I spoke.

¹⁸ If I had not confessed the sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹ But God did listen!
He paid attention to my prayer.

²⁰ Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer
or withdraw his unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter 3:8-22

⁸ Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For,

“Whoever would love life
and see good days
must keep their tongue from evil
and their lips from deceitful speech.

¹¹ They must turn from evil and do good;
they must seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason

for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,
¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against
your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is
better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For
Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring
you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.
¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the
imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God
waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only
a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water
symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from
the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by
the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at
God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to
him.

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 14:15-21

✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he
will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the
Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him
nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in
you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long,
the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live,
you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and
you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps
them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my
Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

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

SERMON I Will Not Leave You As Orphans John 14:15-21

HYMN

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Gaelic c. 8th Cent.
Translator: Mary E. Byrne; Versifier: Eleanor H. Hull
Music: Irish traditional, "SLADE"*

THE APOSTLES CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please use the prayers listed at the end of the service sheet, closing with
the Lord's 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**

GOD'S BLESSING

The God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Below are some set prayers to guide you, as well as our weekly prayer points that you may use to shape your own prayers. The Family Prayers are intended to be accessible for all ages, and other prayers are included.

FAMILY PRAYERS

Collect for peace

Dear God, you love peace, and you give us peace in life, now and forever. Help us to trust you, and live without being scared, because we know the power of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Collects for grace

Lord our heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing us safely to this day: keep us by your mighty power, and help us not to fall into sin or danger, but lead us in all things, so that we may always do what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely given to us:
For the beauty and wonder of your creation in earth and sky and sea,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and free time to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity
We thank you, Lord.

For all who truly seek after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for everything which we have in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

OTHER INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

At this present time of crisis:

We ask you, faithful Father, through Your Son our Saviour, for our Prime Minister (Scott Morrison) and his Government, for our Premier (Gladys Berejiklian), and for all who hold office in this land. Give them wisdom and wise counsel, that they may lead our communities to respond to the present coronavirus crisis with calm and generosity. For those presently suffering with this sickness: grant them the victory of trust and hope, in the bloody cross and the empty tomb of Christ, that they may never lose their faith in your loving purposes. For all who are working to discover the causes and cures of this disease, grant them your wisdom, and the realisation that in you all things are possible. We ask this in the name of him who went about doing good and healing all manner of disease; your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for all conditions of people:

Our God, creator and preserver of all mankind: we pray for all people, that you would make your way known to them, your saving power among all the nations of the world.

Especially we pray for the welfare of your whole church, that it may be guided by your Holy Spirit, so that all who call themselves Christians may be led in truth and be spiritually united, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are sick or sad [especially ...], that you might comfort and relieve them, giving them patience in their sufferings, and a good outcome through all their afflictions. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

To request public or private prayer, please email
prayer@stpeterscremorne.org.au

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 Church of the Province of South East Asia.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and Mak Miyashita Miyashita, our Ministry Assistant. For our Wardens, Treasurer and Parish Councillors. For Rev'd Dr Max Wood and the parishioners of St Luke's, 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 Governor General, our State Governor, Prime Minister and Premier, and all who have responsibility for government administration. For carers in our community who continue to provide support to those in need.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Cameron, Rachel, Poppy and Monty; Cheryl; Melinda, Jeff and Ryan; Anne; Patrick and Annie; Helen; David, Jo, Julia and Caroline; Ken and Judy; Christine, Bill and Inga; Barbara and Bruce; John, Neil and Pamela.

THE SICK

The immediate sick

Ingrid, Rein, Malcolm, Peter, Mitsunobu, Jane, Janne, Moses, Pamela, Helen, Peter, Tim, Maryanne, Georgina.

Those requiring on-going prayer

Rev'd Greg, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, Roger, Inga, Geoff, Joy, Penelope, Anne, Elizabeth, Vatche, Richard, Di, Noel, Howard, Max, Tom, Gigi, Frank, Judith, Jenny, Sally

Those in residential care

Peter and Patricia; Glenyth; Ros; Jeremy.

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 David Aylmer.

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