

PENTECOST 2 14 JUNE 2020

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/UC1lijXcNGCFieJLoEBv5vPg; 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 me, 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

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.

Romans 5:1-2

HYMN Tune Leoni

The God of Abraham praise who reigns enthroned above, ancient of everlasting days, and God of love: the Lord, the great I AM by earth and heaven confessed! we bow and bless the sacred name for ever blessed.

The God Abraham praise, whose all-sufficient grace shall guide us all our happy days in all our ways.
He calls us each a friend, he calls himself our God; and he shall save us to the end through Jesus' blood.

Before the Saviour's face the ransomed nations bow, all praising his almighty grace, for ever new. He shows his wounds of love, they kindle to a flame and sound through all the worlds above the slaughtered Lamb. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high: 'Hail, Father, Son and Spirit blest!' they ever cry. Hail, Abraham's God and ours! with heaven our songs we raise: all might and majesty are yours, and endless praise.

THE CONFESSION

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord, we beseech you to keep your family, the Church, in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve you in good works, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 18:1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³ He said, 'If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way − now that you have come to your servant.' 'Very well,' they answered, 'do as you say.'

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. 'Quick,' he said, 'get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.' ⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. ⁹ 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'There, in the tent,' he said. ¹⁰ Then one of them said, 'I will surely

return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.'

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, 'After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?'

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh and say, "Will I really have a child, now that I am old?" ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.' ¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, 'I did not laugh.' But he said, 'Yes, you did laugh.'

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

PSALM 116:1-2,11-18

- ¹I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
- ² Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
- ¹¹ in my alarm I said, 'Everyone is a liar.'
- ¹² What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?
- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
- ¹⁴ I will fulfil my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.
- ¹⁶ Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.
- ¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank-offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ I will fulfil my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners. Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 9:35-10:8 **★ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and

Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸ Heal those who are ill, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

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

SERMON Unprovoked Love Romans 5:1-11

HYMN

By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation's grand design In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts Of a holy city built by God's own hand A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost To deliver captives and to preach good news In ev'ry corner of the earth

We will stand as children of the promise We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight By faith the mountain shall be moved And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon His name

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight
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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please use the prayers listed at the end of the service sheet, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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 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,
God's 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 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

GOD'S BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with your always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ, Amen.

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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.

FAMILY PRAYERS

For the next few weeks, we are encouraging families to download and use the Kids Pray prayer cards, which can be found here: https://youthworks.net/kidspray

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Almighty God, we praise you for your creation, and all you richly provide. Enable us to live in such a way that your majesty and mercy are seen by all. Father hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All governments rule under your authority.
May they work for the good of those they rule,
seeking your justice and peace in every law and action.
Father hear our prayer,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Enable those who are engaged in industry and commerce, the media and education, sport and the arts, to fulfil their responsibilities with integrity and an attitude of service. Father hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Comfort and strengthen those who are gripped by poverty, weakened by illness, or oppressed by cruelty.

May they know your love and experience your care.

Father hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Inspire your church here on earth to proclaim the gospel of your love in the death and resurrection of your Son.

May all people hear the call to trust you.

Father hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Help your people to display your compassion to all those in need. May the poor and the lost of this world find in you their true wealth and sure destiny.

Refresh and equip us, O God, to be your faithful and obedient people, through 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 all those who engage in medical mission in God's name, both in Australia and overseas.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and Mak Miyashita Miyashita, our Ministry Assistant. For the volunteers in our parish who maintain the grounds, buildings and gardens for all to enjoy. For Fr Philip Linder and the parishioners of the Catholic Parish of Sydney Harbour North.

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 the support groups who use our Lower Hall and all other support groups that have been unable to meet face to face during recent months.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Graham and Lizzie; Sarah, Will, Callum and Kate; Brendon, Kristina and Tatiana; Nadine; Kate; Dalvern; Stan and Jan; Stefan and Kerry; Howard, Thi and David, Susan; Rex; Antonia; Jonathan, Phuong and Helena; John; Christine; Julia and Geoff; Vanessa; Philip; Glenn; Chiaki; Janine.

THE SICK

The immediate sick

Ingrid, Rein, Malcolm, Peter, Mitsunobu, Jane, Janne, Moses, Pamela, Peter, 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 Bryan Holliday.