



ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
CREMORNE

Second Sunday of Advent **8 December 2024 | 9am**

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. 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.

I hope you can stay and enjoy morning tea after the service.
Rev Mark Wormell, Acting Rector.

TODAY'S SERVICE

SUNG EUCHARIST	
CELEBRANT & PREACHER	<i>REV. MARK WORMELL</i>
ORGANIST	<i>GLENN AMER</i>
SETTING	<i>DUDMAN</i>

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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Tune: Ravenshaw

Please stand

- 1 Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth,
Light and joy receiveth.
- 2 When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.
- 3 When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.
- 4 Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?
- 5 Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.
- 6 O that we discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee!

H. W. Baker (1821 - 1877)

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome.

✕ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

SENTENCE

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to
guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1.78–79

Let us pray.

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

KYRIE ELEISON



The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a '2' above the staff and 'mp' (mezzo-piano) above the first note. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the staff. The second staff begins with a '7' above the staff and the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.' below the staff. The third staff begins with an '11' above the staff and the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' below the staff. The music is a simple, rhythmic melody with a steady pulse.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Advent Candle marks the progress of the Advent season of waiting, watching, and praying - waiting with Israel for the Messiah, reading the prophecies of his arrival, waiting with the world for Messiah's return – the light of the world.

The Lord of the light comes to save us.

Let us live in his light.



The Lord says: "I am sending my messenger to prepare the way.... But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?" *Malachi: 3:1-2*

He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. *John 1: 7*

Silence is kept

Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
1 Chronicles: 16:33

**The Spirit and the bride say "Come!"
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Revelation: 22:17, 20

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

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the **Prophet Malachi:3:1 - 4**

I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,' says the Lord Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

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

The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus, Luke 1.68–79)

Celebrant

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
who has come to his people and set them free.

All

**The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

**To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the **Letter of Paul to the Philippians 1:1 - 11**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

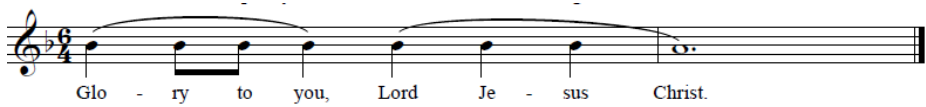
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path – all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 3:1 - 6**



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene –
² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: ‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON - *Please sit*

HYMN

Tune: Truro

Please stand

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

THE NICENE CREED

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.

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

Cantor The Lord be with you: *People* And al - so with you. *Cantor* Lift up your hearts:

4 *People* We lift them to the Lord. *Cantor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

6 *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

We give you thanks and praise for 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 singing:

f Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

7 Hea - ven and earth are full of Your Glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

11 *mp* Bless - ed is he who comes in the

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

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night 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,

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

All

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.

ff
Blessing and honour and glory and power are Yours for -
7
ev - er and ev - er. A _____ men! _____

THE BREAKING OF 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

Je - sus Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus bear - er of our
sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus re - deem - er 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.

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

SENTENCE

He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Luke 3:3

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

Let us pray.

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.

**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.**

PRAYER FOR OFFERTORY

Gracious God, all things come from you, and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Please be seated

GOD'S BLESSING

Please stand

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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Senior Server

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Tune: Moscow

Please stand

- 1 Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.

- 2 Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.

- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.

- 4 Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light.

John Marriott 1780 - 1825

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The sanctuary party leaves and the congregation sits. As a courtesy to those who remain in the church to listen to the organ postlude in its entirety, you are encouraged to enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the building.

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

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, for Justin and the Church of England, Geoffrey, Primate of Australia, Kanishka our Archbishop and Bishop Chris and Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Acting Rector Rev'd Mark Wormell and our Honorary Associate Minister Peter Watson. We pray for Scots Kirk, Mosman.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Boardman Family, serving with BCA in Bathurst.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

State Premier and Leader of the Opposition. State Member for Willoughby.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

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

OUR PARISHIONERS

Camilla Petersen, Amelia Petersen, Alison Peterson, Helen Ramsey and Anna Reed-Stephenson.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASK FOR ONGOING PRAYER

Sofia Awad, Marty McCallum, Gill Stemp, Janne, Pamela, Susan Upton, Margie & Rein, Russ McLean, Giuseppe & Maria, Bobby Dee Deal and Kevin Matheson.

THOSE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - Fr Robert Alexander, Judy Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, Anne Blake and those who attend our monthly services at Bougainvillea, Neutral Bay and BUPA Mosman.

THE 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 including Dorothy Tsang and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Please pray for the parish nominators, Helen, Bronwyn, John, Bruce and Edwina, as they seek to ensure we have someone to serve us as rector.

TODAY	10:30am	Crafters' Christmas Stall – DA Room
	2:30pm	Service at Bougainvillea
Tues 10 Dec	10am	Eucharist & morning tea
	10am	Table Group – Café Laon
Wed 11 Dec	10am	Men's Table Group – Parish Meeting Room
	7:30am	Table Group at a home in Cremorne
Friday 13 Dec	7pm	Service of 9 Lessons & Carols

CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS' STALL - TODAY

A variety of Christmas gifts and decorations available for sale **today in the DA Room**. All proceeds to this year's ABM Mission – Clean water and literacy in Vanuatu.



FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS – 13 DECEMBER, 7PM

A Festival of Lessons and Carols service will be held on Friday 13 December at 7pm in the church. Glenn Amer, Director of Music and Warren Fisher, Cantor. Everyone is very welcome to attend.



CHRISTMAS PRODUCE STALL - SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

Gifts for Christmas of St Peter's marmalade, chutney and lemon butter will be available in the DA Room during morning tea. Contributions of edible Christmas goodies will be much appreciated. With thanks. Edwina Waddy



WORKING BEE – THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who attended the working bee. All contributions on the day were greatly appreciated. The church is now looking wonderful to welcome people for our Christmas services.

Thank you. Parish Council.



AN ADDITIONAL WAY TO DONATE TO ST PETER'S

Following a request from some parishioners, and following the lead from other parishes, the Parish Council has purchased a Tap and Go device, to be located next to the offertory basket.

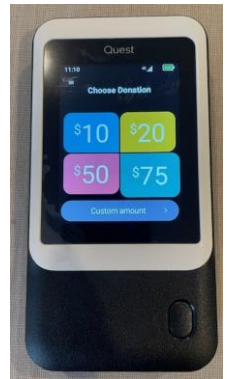
The device will have pre-set dollar amounts for convenience, or donors can select an amount of their individual choice.

Donors can use their credit card/debit card or smartphone to make a payment.

As fewer people carry cash, we are providing a further option for visitors - and parishioners should you wish to use it.


This option does not replace the offertory envelopes or regular direct debits to our bank account for those who prefer to contribute as they currently do.

Thank you, Parish Council.




Parish Calendar

November / December 2024

December		
Friday 13 December	9 Lessons and Carols	7pm
Sunday 15 December	Christmas Produce Sale	10:30am
Tuesday 24 December – Christmas Eve	All Ages Service	5:30pm
	Solemn Eucharist	11pm
Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day	Christmas Day Service	9am

WEEKLY ROSTERS

	This Week 8 December 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent	Next Week 15 December 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent	Festival of Lessons & Carols Friday 13 December
First Reading	Malachi 3.1-4	Zephaniah 3.14-20	
Psalm	The Song of Zechariah	A Song of Isaiah	
Second Reading	Philippians 1.1-11	Philippians 4.4-7	
Gospel	Luke 3.1-6	Luke 3.7-18	
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell	
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell	
Senior Server	Roy Bartlett	John Halford	
Crucifer	Laura Mock	Sharon Boddu	
Thurifer			
Acolyte			Laura Mock Taylor Mock
Welcomer	Philip Wood	Barbara Gordon	
Sideperson	Thos Hodgson	Laura Mock	
Readers	Gill Stemp Thos Hodgson	Audrey Bradshaw David Cohen	Kah Lin Wormell Ken Bernie Edwina Waddy Glenn Amer Anna R-S Philip Wood Peter Watson Barbara Gordon
Intercessor	Ruth Cohen	Esme Parker	
Chalice	Alison Peterson	Barbara Gordon	
Livestream	Taylor Mock	Prabhu Boddu	Taylor Mock
Morning tea	Alison Peterson Barbara Gordon	Helen Fordham Sharon Boddu	
Sacristy Linen	Alison Peterson	Audrey Bradshaw	

