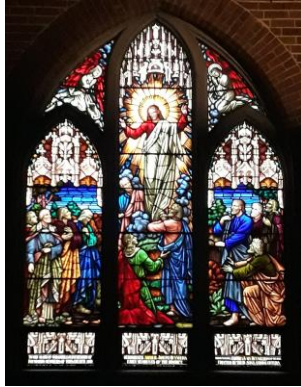




ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
CREMORNE



Ascension Day

Service of Holy Communion

Thursday 14 May 2026 | 7pm

TODAY'S SERVICE

SUNG EUCHARIST

CELEBRANT & PREACHER


REV ANDY BLEACH

ORGANIST & CANTOR

JENNY DAVEY

SETTING

DUDMAN

I am 
with you
always
MATTHEW 28:20

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Tune: St Magnus

Please stand

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

2 The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light,

3 The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.

4 To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given,
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly, 1769 - 1855

The Celebrant welcomes the people with a greeting

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of *mp* and a first ending bracket labeled '2'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff begins with a measure rest labeled '7' and the lyrics: 'Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.' The third staff begins with a measure rest labeled '11' and the lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

THE CONFESSION

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf.

Silence

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

**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.

f
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
 7
 hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we
 12
mf
 praise You for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,
 18
 Lord God, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; You are
 24
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 30
 Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High
 35
 Je-sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
 that as we believe your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
 to have ascended into the heavens,
 so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend,
 and with him continually dwell;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' ⁶ Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

Hear the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 47

- 1 O clap your hands | all you | peoples:
and cry aloud to | God with | shouts of | joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High | is to • be | feared:
he is a great | King • over | all the | earth.
- 3 He cast down | peoples | under us:
and the | nations • be|neath our | feet.
- 4 He chose us a land for | our pos|session:
that was the pride of | Jacob | whom he | loved.
- 5 God has gone up with the | sound • of rej|icing:
and the | Lord • to the | blast • of the | horn.
- 6 O sing praises sing | praises • to | God:
O sing praises sing | praises | to our | King.
- 7 For God is the King of | all the | earth:
O | praise him • in a | well-wrought | psalm.
- 8 God has become the | King • of the | nations:
he has taken his seat up|on his | holy | throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are | gathered • to|gether:
with the | people • of the | God of | Abraham.
- 10 For the mighty ones of the earth
are become the | servants • of | God:
and | he is | greatly • ex|alted.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Hear the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

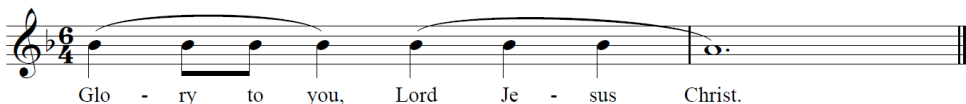
Go and teach all people my Gospel: I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 28.16-20



Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit , ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Please sit.

HYMN

Tune: Darwall

Please stand

1 God is gone up on high,
with a triumphant noise;
the clarions of the sky
proclaim the angelic joys!

Refrain:

Join all on earth, rejoice and sing;
glory ascribe to glory's king.

2 God in the flesh below,
for us he reigns above:
let all the nations know
our Jesus' conquering love! [Refrain]

3 All power to our great Lord
is by the Father given;
by angel hosts adored,
he reigns supreme in heaven. [Refrain]

4 High on his holy seat
he bears the righteous sway;
his foes beneath his feet
shall sink and die away. [Refrain]

5 His foes and ours are one,
Satan, the world, and sin;
but he shall tread them down
and bring his kingdom in: [Refrain]

6 Till all the earth, renewed
in righteousness divine,
with all the hosts of God
in one great chorus join. [Refrain]

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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

All kneel/sit

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

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**

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and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All stand

Hear these words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ.

Jesus said: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest'.
Matthew 11:28

'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.'

John 3:16

The apostle Paul said: 'Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners'.

1 Timothy 1:15

The apostle John said: 'If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.'

1 John 2:1-2

**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

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you: And also with you. Lift up your hearts:". The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God:". The third staff is also for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give our thanks and praise.". The music is in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

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. You have highly exalted him and given him the name that is above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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:

2 *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.

And now, gracious God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who receive them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, according to our Saviour's word, in remembrance of his suffering and death, may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, 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 ministry of faith

ff
 Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain!

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring with us 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

Bless - ing and hon - our glo - ry and power are Yours for -

7

ev - er and ev - er. A - men!

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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

mp

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

6

sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus re - deem - er of the world, grant us your peace

p

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.

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

SENTENCE

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

God of glory, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to preach the gospel of the kingdom. Strengthen us who share this meal to continue his mission by proclaiming the gospel and to live transformed lives in the light of it.

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.

GOD'S BLESSING

Celebrant

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his gifts and bring you to reign with him 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: Ebenezer

Please stand

- 1 Hail, our once-despised Jesus,
hail, our Galilean King!
By your suffering you released us
and did free salvation bring.
Friend and universal Saviour,
bearer of our sin and shame,
by your merits we find favour;
life is given through your name.

- 2 Paschal Lamb by God appointed,
all our sins on you were laid;
by almighty love anointed,
you have full atonement made:
all your people are forgiven
through the virtue of your blood;
opened is the gate of heaven;
reconciled are we to God.

- 3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly host adore you,
seated at your Father's side:
there for sinners you are pleading,
there you now our place prepare,
ever for us interceding
till in glory we appear.

John Bakewell, 1721 - 1819

The sanctuary party leaves and the congregation sits.

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.

