

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10.30am, 2 MAY 2021

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that we can join together in worship again.

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.

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.

Due to the threat of the Coronavirus, there are necessary restrictions on how we conduct public services. Please follow any instructions given in the pew sheet or during the service.

With every blessing in Christ, Tim St Quintin, Rector

SERVICES TODAY

7.00AM	EUCHARIST		
	CELEBRANT & PREACHER	RECTOR	
9.00AM	SUNG EUCHARIST		
	CELEBRANT & PREACHER	RECTOR	
	ORGANIST & CANTOR	GLENN AMER	
	SETTING	DUDMAN	
10.30AM	MODERN SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM		
	CELEBRANT & PREACHER	RECTOR	
	ORGANIST	GLENN AMER	
2.30PM	BOUGAINVILLEA	RECTOR	

Please join us for morning tea in the David Armstrong Room after the service







We have a COVID-19 Safety Plan and are committed to keeping you safe.

Please do stay at home if you are at all unwell. Anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms, even if very mild, should get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. We are not able to admit people who are unwell to the service.

If you have been in contact with someone who has or suspected of having COVID-19, or have been at a COVID19 hotspot, you must not attend church until you have been cleared of the virus.

Hand sanitiser is available on entry to the church building and your attendance and contact details will be recorded for tracing purposes **If not, please make** sure you name is checked off our name list or that your contact details are recorded by the sidesperson.

1.5m physical distancing is required during the service. Please be aware of physical distancing before and after the service as well, and as you greet one another.



DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

WELCOME

PRAISING GOD - Revelation 15:3-4

Great and marvellous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before you

For your righteous acts have been revealed.

SONG

From the squalor of a borrowed stable
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Saviour of the human race
But the skies were filled With the praise of heav'n
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel

King of heaven now the friend of sinners
Humble servant in the Father's hands
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit
Filled with mercy for the broken man
Yes He walked my road and He felt my pain
Joys and sorrows that I know so well
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again
I will follow my Immanuel

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal
He was lifted on a cruel cross
He was punished for a world's transgressions
He was suffering to save the lost
He fights for breath He fights for me
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell
And with a shout our souls are free
Death defeated by Immanuel

Now He's standing in the place of honour Crowned with glory on the highest throne Interceding for His own beloved 'Til His Father calls to bring them home Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds Hope of heaven or the fear of hell But the bride will run to her Lover's arms Giving glory to Immanuel

CCLI Song # 2733786 Stuart Townend

CONFESSION

We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through his infinite goodness and mercy.

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together:

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.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

God desires that no one 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.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we live at peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us."

Romans 5:1

And so, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good:

His steadfast love endures forever!

Celebration Box

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

COMMUNION

A Child will come out and stand next to the minister and engage in the following dialogue explaining the Lord's supper:

Child: Why is this meal different from other meals?

Minister: We were slaves to sin, but the Lord saved us by his mighty strength. He saved us just as he promised so that we might be blessed and live forever with him.

This is what God has promised to all who turn to Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Jesus said:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God.

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:

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us. He commanded us always to remember his precious death, until the day when he comes back.

Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we who receive these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, may share in our Saviour's body and blood. Amen

Minister: (Breaking the bread)

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread and he broke it and shared it with his friends.

Child: What is the meaning of this special bread?

Minister: Jesus said, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me"

This bread reminds us of Jesus' body which was given on the cross for us. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Yes, we praise and thank you!

Minister: On the night before he died, Jesus took the cup of wine and shared it with his friends.

Child: What is the meaning of the special wine?

Minister: Jesus said, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

This wine reminds us of Jesus' blood which was shed on the cross for us. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Yes, we praise and thank you!

Minister: Therefore Father,

We thank you for these gifts of bread and wine.

We eat and drink trusting that Jesus died to forgive us for our sins.

We eat and drink trusting that Jesus rose again so that we, too, will live forever with him.

We will eat and drink this special meal until the great banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Come King Jesus, come.

The bread is distributed to all who are to receive it.

Then the minister will say:

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The wine and grape juice is distributed to all who are to receive it. The minister will say:

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

After Communion, the minister prays: Loving Father, through faith in your Son and his saving death, our sins are forgiven and we share in the life of his body.

With gratitude for all your mercies, 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Children and leaders move to lower hall for SPC JAM children's program.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.' ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked. 31 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: 'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.' 34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or

someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

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

PSALM 22:26-31

- The poor shall eat and be satisfied: those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.
- All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord: and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he rules over the nations.
- How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship: or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?
- He has saved my life for himself my descendants shall serve him: this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
- They shall come and make known his salvation to a people yet unborn:

 declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John 4:7-21

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 15:1-8 **★ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

HYMN Tune Kingsfold

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live'. I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say. 'I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.' I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens, let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care, and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth, that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.

Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, for we put our trust in you.

A PRAYER FOR ST PETER'S

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this parish family of St Peter.

We give thanks that you have called us to a ministry of servanthood to all people and especially to each other.

Help us, we pray, to discern your vision for us; teach us to use the gifts you have given us to build your kingdom in this place and to reach out to all those in our communities.

We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ST PETER'S FAMILY NEWS

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.**

HYMN Tune Slane

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 tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I scorn, and the world's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only 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 heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O ruler of all

GOING OUT TO SERVE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed, guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service and live this week in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: In the name of Christ. Amen.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin of Canterbury, Geoffrey our Primate, Bishop Peter our Diocesan Administrator, Chris our Bishop and the Northern Region. For the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin. Pray for St Peter's during our Year of Discernment. For Fr Philip Linder and the clergy and 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 veterinarians, veterinary nurses, zookeepers, WIRES volunteers and all individuals who care for animals in our community.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Philip and Naomi, Peter, Gill, Graham and Lizzie, Sarah, Callum and Kate, William, Nadine, Kate, Geoffrey, Stan and Jan.

THE SICK

The immediate sick Christine, Daphne, Judy, Peter, Janne, Pamela.

Those requiring on-going prayer

June, Noel and Anne, Max, Dan, Susan, Penelope, Margie and Rein, Caroline, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, Inga, Joy, Elizabeth, Vatche, Gigi, Frank, Judith, Jenny, Sally.

Those in residential care Peter and Patricia; Glenyth; Ros.

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 Greig Brooks.



Monday 3	7.30pm-8.30pm	Prayer meeting – DA room
Tuesday 4	10.00am	Eucharist followed by morning tea
Thursday 6	11.00am-3.00pm	The Patchers – DA room
Friday 7	Rev'd Tim's day of rest	

MINI CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL

There is a Mini Cake and Produce Stall today in the DA Room after all services. Proceeds to Taldumande Youth Services supporting vulnerable and homeless young people in our area. Sales are CASH only.



PRAYER MEETING FOR THE OUTREACH MINISTRY OF ST PETER'S

Please join us on Monday 3 May as we come before our Heavenly Father in prayer to seek His leading as we reach out with the Gospel to our surrounding suburb. This is exciting ministry as we wait upon the Lord and seek his help. We are meeting in the David Armstrong room at 7.30pm for an hour. If you are not used to praying in a small group still come, as you can join in the conclusion of each prayer with an "Amen". All welcome.

ELECTION OF A NEW ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

A special session of the Synod (the 'parliament' of the Sydney Diocese made up of representative of each parish) will meet on the evenings of 4-7 May to elect a new Archbishop, following the retirement of Bishop Glenn Davies. There are four nominees: The Rt Rev. Peter Hayward (Bishop of Wollongong); the Rt Rev. Michael Stead (Bishop of South Sydney); the Rt Rev. Chris Edwards (Bishop of North Sydney – our Bishop); and the Very Rev. Kanishka Raffel (Dean of St Andrew's Cathedral). Our parish representatives on Synod are: Susan Hooke, Caroline Bowyer, and the Rector. Please pray for the nominees, their families, and the Synod.

A prayer at the time of choosing an Archbishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

A service will be held at 7pm on Thursday 13 May to celebrate Ascension Day.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS RESUME

Our 2pm and 7.30pm Bible study groups will resume on **Thursday 20 May**. Mark the date in your diary. More details to follow.

A CHANCE TO SING THE MESSIAH

St Luke's Mosman is planning to stage a performance of Handel's Messiah in a concert presented by the St Luke's Music Association (SLMMA). The concert will take place on **Saturday 11 September, 2021.**

Director of Music, Callum Close, is looking for expressions of interest from those who may be interested in performing this work. The opportunity is open to all, however places are limited and the application period closes on Friday 7 May. To apply you need to complete the expressions of interest form, using the following link: https://bit.ly/3nmSXSe

Rehearsals will be held weekly at St Luke's on Thursday evenings (6.30-8.30pm), commencing in late-May. In order to cover score hire, insurance and some other overheads, we are asking all chorus members to contribute a **\$20.00** production levy and to commit to at least 80% of rehearsals during the period.

Further details will be circulated around 8 May, prior to commencing rehearsals. Should you have any questions, please get in touch directly with Callum Close via music@stlukesmosman.org.

ETERNAL LIGHT REQUIEM

Stefan's choir, *Joubert Singers Sydney*, presents its first "normal" concert **today** in the church hall of Hunters Hill Holy Name of Mary. The concert features the magnificent *Eternal Light Requiem* by the contemporary, well known British composer Howard Goodall. Tickets available at https://www.joubertsingers.org.au/

UPCOMING RECITALS BY OUR FORMER ORGANIST STACEY YANG

Saturday 22 May at 4pm: Hunter Baillie Presbyterian church, cnr Johnston St and Collins St, Annandale. Glenn Amer will be one of the soloists at this recital. Brahms cello sonata and Vaughan Williams. Wednesday 9th June, 3-4pm: Recital Hall West at Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Brahms chamber Music and Ravel's vocal music. Please arrive 15 mins before the recital to check-in.

SUNDAY ROSTERS

	THIS WEEK-2 May Easter 5	NEXT WEEK-9 May Easter 6
Reading 1	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 10:44-48
Psalm	Psalm 22:26-32	Psalm 98
Reading 2	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5:1-12
Gospel	John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17
	7.00am	7.00am
Sidesperson	Gordon	Ron
Reader	Ron	Gordon
Server/Chalice	John	John
	9.00am	9.00am
Sidesperson	Edwina	David
Readers	Philip	Edwina
	Naomi	Audrey
Intercessor	Rector	Esme
Cantor	Glenn	Jenny
Senior Server	Roy	TBC
Crucifer	Laura	TBC
Livestream	Taylor	Taylor
	10.30am	10.30am
Sidesperson	Jack and Erin	Sarah
Reader	Annabel	Susan
Livestream	Callum	Jack
Morning Tea	Mary	Jan
	Naomi	Helen
Sacristy Linen	Mary	Jane

NEXT SUNDAY 9 MAY – EASTER 6 – MOTHER'S DAY
7AM EUCHARIST 9AM SUNG EUCHARIST
10.30AM MODERN SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
CELEBRANT: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN
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