

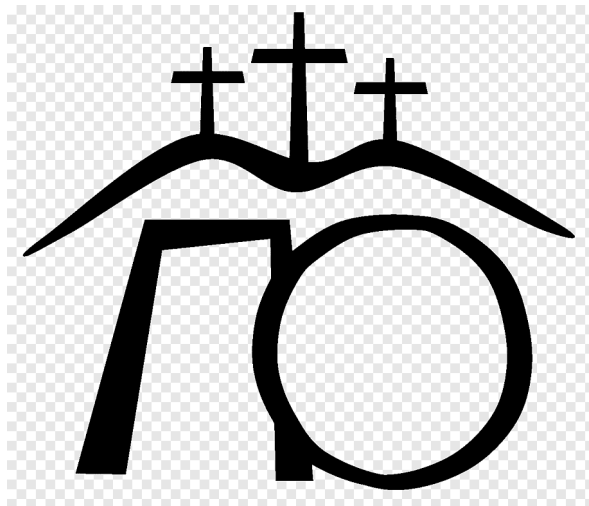




THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th May 2023

Welcome to Saint Peter's



Clergy

Rev'd Jonathan Chamberlain, Vicar

Priest

Organist

Andrew Kerr

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

Welcome! Whether you are visiting Saint Peter's for the first time, come every week, or have been away from the Church for a long time, we're glad that you're here and we hope that you will join us for refreshments after the 10am service. Newcomers are encouraged make themselves known to the welcomers, and to the vicar. You can find more information about us at saintpeters.org.au.

Please switch off all mobile phones.

ALL WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST PETER'S ARE COVID-SAFE

- People who have COVID are asked to attend the 10am service online at the Parish youtube channel.
- Upon entry to the church, please use the hand sanitizer provided.
- Masks are not mandatory, however you may wish to wear one and masks are available at the door.
- People in the same families may pass the peace in the normal way. Otherwise, the peace is to be passed by gesture only, with no physical contact, remaining in your place.
- Holy communion will be served, in bread and wine, with a drop of wine safely placed on each wafer.

This service is being recorded on YouTube. A recording of the service will be uploaded to YouTube and can be watched at a later time on the YouTube channel for 'Saint Peters Brighton Beach'.

Welcome to this celebration of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING HYMN

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

2. He comes with help and mercy
To those who suffer wrong,
To raise the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong,
To give them songs for sighing
Their darkness turned to light,
Whose souls condemned to dying
Were precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth:
Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains,
From hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall fall down before
Him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing;
To Him shall prayer unceasing

And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

5. O'er every foe victorious
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His Name shall stand forever,
That name to us is Love.

The priest greets all in the name of the Crucified and Risen Lord

In the name of God: Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The priest says the sentence of the day

'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

The priest leads the congregation in the prayer of preparation

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**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The priest introduces the confession

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Pause for reflection

Christ was raised from the dead, that we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him as we confess 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 priest says 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.**

THE KYRIE

Kyrie eleison is sung

*Lord, have mercy (*3).*

*Christ, have mercy (*3).*

*Lord, have mercy (*3).*

THE GLORIA

Gloria in Excelsis is sung

**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.**

The priest leads the congregation in the prayer of the day

Let us pray.

**Everliving God,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be reconciled to you;
through him who died and rose again
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in

it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,
‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:5-19

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

He turned the sea into dry land:

they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in him,

who rules by his might forever:

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples,

let the sound of his praise be heard:

who has kept us among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us:

you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net:

you laid burdens on our backs.

You let people ride over our heads:

we went through fire and through water.

Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place:

I will come into your house with burnt offerings.

I will pay you my vows:

those that my lips uttered

and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

Come and hear, all you who fear God:

and I will tell what he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him:

and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart:

the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened:

he has heard the words of my prayer.

A reading from the first Letter of Peter

1 Pet. 3.8-22

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse, but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For

“Those who desire to love life

and to see good days,

let them keep their tongues from evil

and their lips from speaking deceit;

let them turn away from evil and do good;

let them seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection

of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Thou, whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And, where the Gospel's day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

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!

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!

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!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & READING

Alleluia, alleluia.

All who love me keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

The priest reads the Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Jn 14:15-21

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The priest leads the congregation in the prayers of the faithful

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.

Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected
by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour:
look with favour upon your servant Charles our King,
and bestow upon him such gifts of wisdom and love
that we and all your people
may live in peace and prosperity
and in loving service one to another.

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
and so direct and support your servant King Charles,
that he may not bear the sword in vain;
but may use it as the minister of God
to resist evil and defend the good.

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Almighty Lord, and everlasting God,
vouchsafe to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies,
in the ways of your laws,
and in the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,

we may be preserved in body and soul.

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,

drawing humanity into the life of God,

pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow ...

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation,

bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,

surround with your saints and angels

those who have died trusting your promises ...

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,

ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,

pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service ...

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd,

drawing us into the life of God,

we pray especially this morning for ...

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ,

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet.

We ask all of these things in your name;

for you are alive and reign with the Father

and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The priest says

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us turn to one another and offer a gesture of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace, turning to one another and offering a gesture of peace.

During the offertory hymn, the altar is prepared, and an offering is taken up.

Offertory hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,
and the precious corner-stone,
who, the two walls underlying,
bound in each, binds both in one,
holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in threefold glory,
singing everlastingly.

To this temple,
where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy people as they pray;

and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they supplicate to gain;
here to have and hold for ever,
those good things their prayers obtain,
and hereafter, in thy glory,
with thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father;
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run. Amen.

The priest says a prayer

Lord of life,
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven
may we know your resurrection power;
through Christ our risen Lord.

All Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer. The sursum corda is sung

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and on this day of our redemption
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

The sanctus is sung

**Holy. Holy. Holy Lord.
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith.

The memorial acclamation is sung

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

... in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The priest says

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The priest breaks the consecrated 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.

The Agnus Dei is sung

***Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.***

The priest says

The holy gifts of God for the holy 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.

All baptised Christians are invited to receive the bread and the wine of the Eucharist. This includes children, from the age of 5, at the discretion of their parents. Please tell the priest if you prefer to receive a gluten free wafer or a blessing. A blessing may be indicated by folding your arms across your chest at the communion rail.

After communion

Silence is kept

The priest prays the post communion prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements.

Prayers for Mother's Day.

Let us pray.

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

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Thank you for the love of our mothers:
thank you for their care and concern;
thank you for the joys they have shared with us;

thank you for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

DISMISSAL HYMN

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food;
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed;
by schisms rent asunder
by heresies distressed:
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore:

till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed;
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest!

5 Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three-in-One;
and mystic, sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, grant to us the grace,
like them, the meek and lowly,
in heaven to seek your face.

The Blessing

The priest says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The priest says

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead
open to you the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**
God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**
God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**
And the blessing of God almighty, Father, ✠ Son, and
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

The priest says

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

