

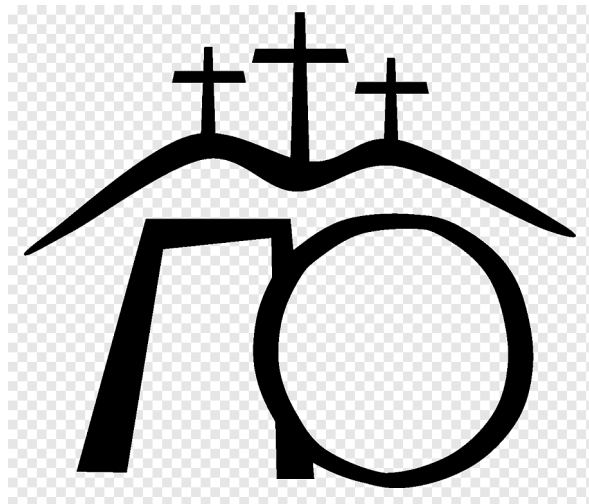




# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8<sup>TH</sup> October 2023

*Welcome to Saint Peter's*



**10AM HOLY EUCHARIST**

***Presiding Priest***

Rev. Jonathan Chamberlain

*Vicar*

***Music***

Andrew Kerr

*Organist*

***Preacher***

Stephanie Gotze

## 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](http://saintpeters.org.au).

*Please switch off all mobile phones.*

## COVID-SAFE PLAN

- People who have COVID are asked to attend the 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.
- Holy communion will be served, in bread and wine, with the wafer to be intincted in the wine by the presiding priest.

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 death and resurrection of our Lord.*

*Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*[all stand]*

### OPENING HYMN

1. Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now,  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here

2. Be still for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendor He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around

3. Be still for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

*The president greets all in the name of the Risen Lord*

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

*The priest says the sentence of the day*

'Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.'

Phil 3.13b-14

*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 praying the Collect*

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
your son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,  
and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone:  
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,  
we may become living stones built into your dwelling place,  
a temple holy and acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*[all sit]*

A reading from the book of Exodus.

*20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

Then God spoke all these words,

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

## Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God:  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech:  
and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,  
their voice is not heard:  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun:  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens  
and its circuit to the end of them:  
and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul:  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,



making wise the simple.  
The precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart:  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes.  
The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever:  
the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold:  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.  
Moreover, by them is your servant warned:  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
But who can detect one's own errors?:  
Clear me from hidden faults.  
Keep back your servant also from the insolent:  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless:  
and innocent of great transgression.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you:  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

*Phil. 3*

Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord.  
To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a  
source of steadfastness.  
Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate  
the flesh! For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of  
God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— even  
though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.  
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised  
on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a

Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us, then, who are mature think this way, and if you think differently about anything, this, too, God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

For the Word of the Lord.

**thanks be to God.**

*[all stand]*

## GRADUAL HYMN

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,

Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & READING

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

God's love has been poured into our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*The priest reads the Gospel*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. *Chapter 21:33-46*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and leaders of the people: "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

## THE PROFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

*The priest addresses the congregation*

*Priest* Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*All* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The priest says*

Jesus said whatever you ask me in my name I will do it.

To the refrain:

We ask this in Jesus' name.

The people respond:

**All: 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 the sign of peace.*

*During the offertory hymn, the altar is prepared, and the collection is taken up.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

1 Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light

shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 Let holy charity  
my outer garment be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part  
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

*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, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.  
We give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.  
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*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.*

Jesus says, 'I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever'.

All: Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.

*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*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*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.*

*Silence is kept*

*The priest prays the post communion prayer*

O God,  
who taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgment in all things,  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

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.

Announcements

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### DISMISSAL HYMN

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With light and comfort from above;  
Come be our Guardian and our Guide,  
O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,  
And make us know and choose your way;  
Plant holy fear in every heart,  
That we from God may not depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
Nor let us from His pastures stray.  
Lead us to holiness, the road  
That we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to Heaven, that we may share,  
Fullness of joy forever there.  
Lead us to God, our final rest,  
To be with Him forever blest;

## 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*

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