



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist Service*

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*Welcome to our live-streamed service, found on the FaceBook page for 'St John the Divine Croydon'.*

*We have been working through ABM's Bible Study guide for this year - titled Where do we go from here?, which looks at the Five Marks of Mission. Having looked at each of these marks, or characteristics, of mission, today we conclude with reflecting on the context of mission in our own situation, and particularly in the Australian context.*

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

#### Sentence

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.'

*Matthew 10.40*

Hymn: As a fire is meant for burning

*by Ruth C Duck (b.1947) - tune: Austria*

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- 1. As a fire is meant for burning  
with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs,  
but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations,  
finding neighbours everywhere.**
- 2. We are learners; we are teachers;  
we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle loving actions,  
we would show that Christ is light,  
in a humble listening spirit,  
we would live to God's delight.**
- 3. As a green bud in the springtime  
is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness  
mid earth's peoples many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance  
of God's new and glorious dawn.**

*A comment that has been published with Ruth Duck's hymn:  
Indigenous people have for over 200 years been the victims  
of "well meaning" people who thought they knew what was  
best. Aboriginal people have been preached to, rarely  
listened to, and even today their voices are drowned out by  
those who think they know better. The most important  
advice that can be given to someone meeting an Indigenous  
person is to close your mouth and listen. And practical  
reconciliation is together "building a bridge of care". We  
look forward to the day "when the storm is past" and we  
have true reconciliation in this land.*

### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

We have too often failed to respond to Christ's call  
to live his way of sacrificial love,  
fearing the cost and being blind to the blessing.  
As we prepare to offer thanks and praise for that love  
shown to us,  
let us call to mind our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our  
faith:

fill us with your Spirit.

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### GLORIA AND COLLECT

**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.**

Let us pray.

Blessed God, Ancient Spirit of Gondwana,  
you are the one in whom we live and move  
and have our being,

you are the one who nurtures and feeds us  
with the pure nectar of our ancient faith.

Come now, Blessed One, gather us together  
in a spirit of hospitality,

that we may welcome your own wisdom  
in each other's wisdom,

and hear your own voice in each other's voices.

Help us to patiently wait for the word of liberation,  
that our hurts may indeed be healed

and our work for others hallowed.

Help us to do so after the example of Jesus our Lord,

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

*Our usual order of readings is reversed. The Gospel passage contrasts two kinds of hospitality given to Jesus - from a self-sufficient religious leader and from an unworthy woman. This provides a context for the Acts reading, in which Paul and his companions, as prisoners being taken to Rome, are shipwrecked on Malta - and they are all given hospitality by the indigenous islanders.*

#### Gospel reading

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke 7.36-39, 44-50

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.'

Then turning towards the woman, Jesus said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### Second reading - from the New Testament

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 28.1-10

After we had reached safety, we then learned that the island was called Malta. The natives showed us unusual kindness. Since it had begun to rain and was cold, they kindled a fire and welcomed all of us round it. Paul had gathered a bundle of brushwood and was putting it on the fire, when a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, 'This man must be a murderer; though he has escaped from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live.' He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. They were expecting him to swell up or drop dead, but

after they had waited a long time and saw that nothing unusual had happened to him, they changed their minds and began to say that he was a god.

Now in the neighbourhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. It so happened that the father of Publius lay sick in bed with fever and dysentery. Paul visited him and cured him by praying and putting his hands on him. After this happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. They bestowed many honours on us, and when we were about to sail, they put on board all the provisions we needed.

May your word live in us

**And bear much fruit to your glory.**

#### *Sermon*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
who made and loves all that is.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,  
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*Response:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Hymn: Creator God, you made every race

*by John P Brown - tune: Living Lord*

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**1. Creator God,  
you made every race  
giving each your law,  
good and true.  
We are to worship you, O God,  
care for creation in your name,  
love and forgive as you love us,  
Holy God.**

**2. Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have made us one,  
binding each to you,  
making peace;  
healing the wounds our hands have made;  
asking for truth and grace to rule,  
justice, respect and loyalty,  
Covenant Lord.**

**3. Spirit of Christ,  
present from all time,  
guiding, shedding light,  
giving life;  
Counsellor, make us strong to fight,  
free as the wind to do the right,  
ready to follow all the way  
yet untrod.**

**4. One God in three,  
bonded strong in love,  
reaching out to all,  
giving God!  
Build in this land community -  
black, white and brown, one family -  
serving the world your love has made,  
God of grace.**

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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.

And now we give you thanks  
because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth,  
and give us power to proclaim your gospel  
to the nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

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.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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 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.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are confident 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD  
AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains  
which have been gathered together and made one  
bread:

**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**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 body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for  
you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.  
Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with  
thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for  
you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.  
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed  
for you, and be thankful. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for feeding us  
with the spiritual food of the body and blood  
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love,  
and that we are living members of Christ's body.

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.**

Hymn: Lord of earth and all creation

by Michael R Thwaites (b.1915) & Honor M Thwaites (1914-93)

- tune: Neander

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- 1. Lord of earth and all creation,  
let your love possess our land:  
wealth, and freedom, far horizons,  
mountain, forest, shining sand:  
may we share, in faith and friendship,  
gifts unmeasured from your hand.**
- 2. People of the ancient Dreamtime,  
those who found this country first,  
ask with those, the later comers,  
will our dream be blessed or cursed?  
Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living,  
hope for which our children thirst.**
- 3. Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,  
on our hurts your mercy shower;  
lead us by your inward dwelling,  
guiding, guarding, every hour.  
Bless and keep our land Australia:  
in your will her peace and power.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness  
and send you to proclaim his word. **Amen.**

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and those whom you love and pray for,  
now and always. **Amen.**

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

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## NOTICES

**Pentecost season:** Today we conclude our seven week course, having worked through stories from the Book of Acts, as we explored the 5 Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion, through the ABM Bible Study book: [Where do we go from here?](#)

From next Sunday (19 July), the 7th Sunday after Pentecost, we will resume observing the standard lectionary in the Sunday readings and themes.

### **The Mission Action Team report**

My name is Craig, and along with Cathy, Meryl, John, Stuart and Father John, we make up your Mission Action Team.

The team's job, on behalf of all of us at St John the Divine, has been to discern through careful consideration and prayer, a Mission Focus Group. This will be the people in the wider community where we can concentrate our resources, strategies, schedules and style in order to reach out and make connections, in a way that will foster relationships and introduce them to Christ. It is by no means an exclusive process – we still want to remain welcoming to all!

The group we have discerned that we need to engage with is St John's Community Kindergarten.

This is not so much to focus on the children, but rather to connect with the parents, the families and the staff that form the Kindergarten community – and as such our very local community of Croydon.

As your Mission Action Team, we will now work on our next steps - to become students of this Mission Focus Group – learn as much as we can about them, with an eye to figuring out what their felt-needs might be. This will help all of us here at St John the Divine to know how to best engage with the Kindergarten, and how we can best welcome them here in our church.

We would ask for your continuing prayer and support, as we work on behalf of the church to establish ways we can reach out to the Kindergarten community, and for all of us at St John's to be confident of God's leading through this process.

*Craig Russell*



**Land Survey:** We have recently had a professional land survey undertaken by SK Spatial Pty Ltd, part of OnePlan Land Development Group. The resulting plans will cover the whole site, from the vicarage and kindergarten, right down to Wicklow Avenue, and will reduce the time and costs for our planned forensic maintenance work, such as the necessary installation of a new drainage system. The photos show the survey team in action.



**Offertory:** Thank you to all those who are managing to send their offertories to the Parish Office, or directly into the parish bank account:

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