



St John the Divine

Eucharist Service

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 2nd August 2020

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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Sentence

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them.

Psalm 145.18-19

Hymn: Longing for light

by Bernadette Farrell (b.1957) - tune: *Christ, be our light*
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1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.
*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

**Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.

**Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

**Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

5. Many the gifts, many the people;

**many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
making your kingdom come.**

Christ, be our light!

***Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.***

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

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.

O God, giver of life and health,

whose Son Jesus Christ has called us

to hunger and thirst for justice:

refresh us with your grace,

that we may not be weary in well-doing,

for the sake of him who meets all our needs,

Jesus Christ our Saviour;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Gospel story is the feeding of the five thousand: God responding to the needs of the crowd, through Jesus, with an abundance of blessing. The Psalm acclaims this generosity of the Lord.

Psalm 145.8-9, 14-21

- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate:
slow to anger and of great goodness.
- ⁹ The Lord is loving to every one of us:
and his mercy is over all his works.
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who stumble:
and raises up those that are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you in hope:
and you give them their food in due season;
- ¹⁶ You open wide your hand:
and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.
- ¹⁷ The Lord is just in all his ways:
and faithful in all his dealings.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call upon him:
to all who call upon him in truth.
- ¹⁹ He will fulfil the desire of those that fear him:
he will hear their cry, and save them.
- ²⁰ The Lord preserves all those that love him:
but the wicked he will utterly destroy.
- ²¹ My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord:
and let all flesh bless his holy name, for ever and ever.

Gospel reading

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew 14.13-21

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus heard of John the Baptist's beheading, he withdrew from his home town in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who

ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: Praise the One who breaks the darkness

by Rusty Edwards (b.1955) - tune: Nettleton

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- 1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.**
- 2. Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.**

**3. Praise the one true love incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory.
Praise the One who makes us one.**

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 he broke bread
with those whom others scorned
and when the multitude were hungry
he fed them abundantly.

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: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

by William Williams (1717-1791) - tune: Cwm Rhondda

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- 1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The love of the Lord Jesus

draw you to himself,

the power of the Lord Jesus

strengthen you in his service,

the joy of the Lord Jesus

fill your hearts;

and the blessing of God almighty,

Father, Son, and 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.

NOTICES

Our Bishop Paul has written the following to every parish and parishioner in his care:

A CALL TO PRAYER

With the resumption of lockdown, the possibility of even further restrictions, the threatening rise of coronavirus cases in metropolitan Melbourne and the increasing stresses our society is facing, I want to invite you and any parishioner of any and every parish to join in prayer by zoom to either of these:

Tuesday 4 August at 7.30 – 8.15pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83496087490?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83496087490?pwd=RTdOMk5CbndEZVFBeCtSSFpDWG9ldz09)

[pwd=RTdOMk5CbndEZVFBeCtSSFpDWG9ldz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83496087490?pwd=RTdOMk5CbndEZVFBeCtSSFpDWG9ldz09)

Meeting ID: 834 9608 7490 Passcode: 782287

Thursday 6 August at 2.00 – 2.45pm

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MeetingID: 864 5059 5603 Passcode: 264289

Or with your mobile: dial 03 7018 2005, and use the respective meeting ID and passcode for either.

Anyone can join. Let us call on our gracious God for his mercy.

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- 'St John's - general account' BSB: 033044
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