



**St John the Divine**  
*Eucharist Service*  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Welcome to our live-streamed service, linked from our parish website: [www.stjohndivine.org.au](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Sentence

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Isaiah 25.9*

Hymn: Lord, today your voice is calling  
by Nick Fawcett (b.1957) - tune: *Lux Eoi*  
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- 1. Lord, today your voice is calling,  
lifting thoughts to things above;  
life is wonderful, enthralling,  
touched by your unfailing love.  
Suddenly I see the beauty  
often hidden from my gaze,  
so I come, not out of duty,  
but with glad and grateful praise.**
- 2. Lord, I sometimes fail to value  
all your blessing as I should.  
Slow to make the time to thank you,  
blind to so much that is good.  
Days are lived in such a hurry  
there's no time to stop and stare,  
joy is crushed by weight of worry,  
happiness obscured by care.**
- 3. Lord, today I come rejoicing,  
vowed to waste your gifts no more;  
bringing praise and gladly voicing  
what I should have voiced before.  
Pouring out my adoration,  
scarcely knowing where to start,  
with a song of exultation,  
Lord, I thank you from the heart.**

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.

Saving and healing God, you have promised  
that those who have died with Christ shall live with him:  
grant us grace to be continually thankful  
for all you have done for us,  
and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve  
and live for others,  
so that we and all your children  
may rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Today's focus is on the fourth and final chapter of the letter to the Philippians. The short Gospel reading that follows reaffirms Paul's claims about God's peace, and the need to have both the mind and heart of Christ in our interactions with others.*

First reading - from the New Testament

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi,  
4.2-4.18:

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer

and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The friends who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, especially those of the emperor's household.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

May your word live in us

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

#### Gospel reading

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 14.23-27

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

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

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God

in one body by the cross.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Hymn: *Let us rejoice: God's gift to us is peace*

*by Martin Leckebusch (b.1962) - tune: Engelberg*

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- 1. Let us rejoice: God's gift to us is peace!**  
**Here is the calm which bids our striving cease,**  
**for God's acceptance brings a true release:**  
*alleluia!*
- 2. We can be strong, for now we stand by grace,**  
**held in his loving, fatherly embrace;**  
**his care remains, whatever trials we face:**  
*alleluia!*
- 3. We trust in God, and shall not be dismayed,**  
**nor find our hopes of glory are betrayed,**  
**for all his splendour we shall see displayed:**  
*alleluia!*
- 4. And come what may, we never need despair —**  
**God is at work through all the griefs we bear,**  
**that in the end his likeness we may share:**  
*alleluia!*
- 5. Deep in our hearts the love of God is found;**  
**his precious gifts of life and joy abound —**  
**so let our finest songs of praise resound:**  
*alleluia!*

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 when we keep  
your word, as your Son said,  
you love us, and come to us, and make your home  
with us.

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: King of glory, King of peace  
by George Herbert (1593-1633) - tune: Gwalchmai  
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Note: 'I will move thee' (vs 1, line 3) means to move God emotionally. How? By 'singing [God]' (vs 2) - meaning both singing to God and singing of God - as the hymn enables us to do.

- 1. King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and, that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.**
- 2. Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.**
- 3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
ev'n eternity's too short  
to extol thee.**

#### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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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