



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

3rd Sunday of Easter

18th April 2021

WELCOME!

Welcome to our worship and community life at St John the Divine, and to our live-streamed service, linked from our parish website: www.stjohndivine.org.au

Hymn: Sing praise to the Lord

Henry Williams Baker (1821-77) alt. - tune: Laudate Dominum
based on Psalms 148 and 150

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1. Sing praise to the Lord! praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, you angels of light;
all heaven adore him by whom you were made,
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.
2. Sing praise to the Lord! praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord sing praise for new birth;
praise him who has brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.
3. Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory tell forth in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what he has done.
4. Sing praise to the Lord! thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sentence

Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 3.19-20

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.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord of life,

by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;
by being lifted upon the cross,
you draw all peoples to you;
by being raised from the dead,
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:
be with us in your risen power,
that in word and deed we may proclaim
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 3.12-20

When Peter saw [their astonishment], he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.'

May your word live in us,

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
when I was hard-pressed you set me free;
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.
- 2 **Children of earth,
how long will you turn my glory to my shame:
how long will you love what is worthless
and seek after lies?**
- 3 Know that the Lord
has shown me his wonderful kindness:
when I call to the Lord he will hear me.
- 4 **Tremble, and do no sin:
commune with your own heart upon your bed
and be still.**
- 5 Offer the sacrifices that are right:
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 **There are many who say
'Who will show us any good?:
the light of your countenance, O Lord,
has gone from us.'**
- 7 Yet you have given my heart more gladness:
than they have when their corn,
wine and oil increase.
- 8 **In peace I will lie down and sleep:
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

A reading from John's first letter 2.15-17; 3.1-6

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

May your word live in us,
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn: Behold the amazing gift of love
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based on 1 John 3.1-3
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- 1. Behold th' amazing gift of love
the Father has bestowed,
that we, though sinners, should be called
the children of our God.**
- 2. Concealed as yet this honour lies,
by this dark world unknown,
a world that knew not when he came,
ev'n God's eternal Son.**
- 3. High is the rank we now possess,
but higher we shall rise;
though what we shall hereafter be
is hid from mortal eyes.**
- 4. Our souls, we know, when he appears,
shall bear his image bright;
for all his glory, full disclosed,
shall open to our sight.**
- 5. A hope so great, and so divine,
may trials well endure;
and purge the soul from guilt and sin,
as Christ himself is pure.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Luke 24.36b-48

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed (metrical version)

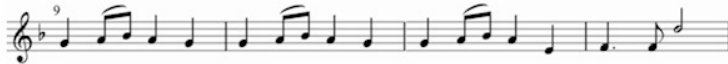
Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith; the movement is based on Brahms's Symphony No. 1



1. We be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - might-y, by whose plan
2. Christ, who on the cross for-sak-en, Like a__ lamb to slaugh-ter led,
3. We be-lieve in God the Spi- rit; In one_ Church, be-low, above;



1. Earth and hea-ven sprang to be- ing, All cre - a - ted things be-gan.
2. Suf- fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, He de - scend-ed to the dead.
3. Saints of God in one com-mu-nion, One in__ ho - li - ness and love.



1. We be - lieve in Christ the_ Sa-viour, Son of__ God in hu-man frame,
2. We be - lieve in Je - sus__ ris-en, Hea-ven's king to rule and reign,
3. So by_ faith, our sins for - giv- en, Christ our_ Sa-viour, Lord and friend,



1. Vir- gin_ born, the child of_ Ma-ry, Up-on whom the Spi - rit came.
2. To the_ Fa-ther's side a-scend-ed Till as judge he comes__ a - gain.
3. We shall rise with him in__ glo-ry To the life that knows__ no end.

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a
sincere and a true heart.

**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.**

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 GREETING OF PEACE

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.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia.

Offertory hymn: Now the green blade rises

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) alt.

tune: Noël Nouvelet

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**1. Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain:
love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.**

**2. In the grave they laid him,
Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that he never
would wake again,
laid in the earth,
like grain that sleeps unseen.
Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.**

**3. Up he sprang at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he who for the three days
in the grave had lain,
raised from the dead
my living Lord is seen:
Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.**

**4. When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us
back to life again –
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

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
that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,
the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned,
a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

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

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.

**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 gifts of God for the 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.

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.
Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation.

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.**

NOTICES

Hymn: Jesus lives! your terrors now
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- 1. Jesus lives! your terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
now the grave cannot enthrall us.
*Hallelujah!***
- 2. Jesus lives! for us he died;
then may we, for Jesus living,
pure in heart, in him abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
*Hallelujah!***
- 3. Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever:
fame, or hurt, or powers of hell
tear us from his keeping never.
*Hallelujah!***
- 4. Jesus lives! henceforth is death
not for us a gloomy portal
when we take our final breath,
but the gate to life immortal.
*Hallelujah!***
- 5. Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given;
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
*Hallelujah!***

Almighty God,
who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,
who raised us to newness of life
through the waters of baptism,
and has brought us out of slavery
into everlasting freedom,
give you joy and peace in faith
and bring you to your eternal inheritance;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Parish Newsletter is published most weeks, and emailed to all who wish to receive it. Printed copies are also posted to those who prefer it.

Due to Fr John having a break, there was no newsletter published last week.

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During the Easter season, from 18 April (Easter 3) through to 16 May (Easter 7) we will have a Stewardship Program. We will hopefully be able to celebrate our patronal festival on Sunday 16 May (postponed from 6 May - the feast day of St John.)

It will be an opportunity to review how we offer our 'time, talents and treasure' to the Lord through our church community. We will celebrate the blessings of the past and present, and look at what God is calling us to be and do - now and going forwards.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon 19 th Apr	10.30am	AI Anon meeting
	7.30pm	Parish Council
Tue 20 th Apr	1pm	AA meeting
	5.30pm	community meal: TDRM
Wed 21 st Apr	10am	Eucharist
	5.30pm	community meal: Winter Shelter
	7.30pm	NA meeting
	7.30pm	Lent course group
Thu 22 nd Apr	10.15am	Mingarra aged care service
	10.30am	AA meeting
	7.30pm	AA meeting
Fri 23 rd Apr	<u>Vicar's day off</u>	
	7.30pm	AI Anon meeting
Sat 24 th Apr	7am	AA meeting
	11am	Focus on Faith & Friendship group
	6.30pm	Lai Christian Church service
Sun 25 th Apr	<u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>	
	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Sung Eucharist
	8pm	AA meeting

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