



St John the Divine
Eucharist service
4th Sunday of Easter
25th 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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and notices

Our prayer for Anzac Day:

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms many enjoy in this land and for those who committed their lives to defend them:

We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may receive your grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Here in this place*

Marty Haugen (b.1950) - tune: Gather Us In

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- 1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3. Here we will take of the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt of the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
- 4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.**

**Gather us in, and hold us for ever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sentence

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.'

John 10.14

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.

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold:
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4.5-12

The next day [after imprisoning Peter and John] their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do

this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

A reading from John's first letter 3.16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a sister or brother in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Hymn: [The Lord my shepherd rules my life](#)

Christopher Idle (b.1977) - tune: Brother James' Air

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1. **The Lord my shepherd rules my life
and gives me all I need;
he leads me by refreshing streams,
in pastures green I feed;
he leads me by refreshing streams,
in pastures green I feed.**
2. **The Lord revives my failing strength,
he makes my joy complete;
and in right paths, for his name's sake,
he guides my faltering feet;
and in right paths, for his name's sake,
he guides my faltering feet.**
3. **Though in a valley dark as death,
no evil makes me fear;
your shepherd's staff protects my way,
for you are with me there;
your shepherd's staff protects my way,
for you are with me there.**

4. **While all my enemies look on
you spread a royal feast;
you fill my cup, anoint my head,
and treat me as your guest;
you fill my cup, anoint my head,
and treat me as your guest.**
5. **Your goodness and your gracious love
pursue me all my days;
your house, O Lord, shall be my home
your name, my endless praise;
your house, O Lord, shall be my home
your name, my endless praise.**
6. **To Father, Son and Spirit, praise!
to God, whom we adore,
be worship, glory, power and love,
both now and evermore;
be worship, glory, power and love,
both now and evermore!**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St John 10.11-18

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

Address

Nicene Creed (metrical version)

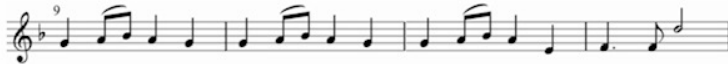
Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith; the movement is based on Brahms's Symphony No. 1



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: Love divine, all loves excelling
Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt. - tune: *Blaenwern*
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- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
pure, unbounded love impart;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**
- 2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temples leave.
We would always give you blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
pray, and praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.**
- 3. Finish then your new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see your great salvation,
perfect in eternity:
Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
there to sing salvation's story
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

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.**

Hymn: I will sing the wondrous story
Francis Harold Rowley (1854-1952) - tune: Hyfrydol
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- 1. I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me —
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**
- 2. I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.**

**3. He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me –
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you what is pleasing in his sight;
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!

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon 26 th Apr	12.30am	AI Anon meeting
Tue 27 th Apr	1pm	AA meeting
	5.30pm	community meal: TDRM
	7pm	Kindergarten Committee
	7.30pm	Vestry (vicar + wardens)
Wed 28 th Apr	10am	Eucharist
	5.30pm	community meal: Winter Shelter
	7.30pm	NA meeting
	7.30pm	MAT meeting
Thu 29 th Apr	10.30am	AA meeting
	7.30pm	AA meeting
Fri 30 th Apr		<u>Vicar's day off</u>
	7.30pm	AI Anon meeting
Sat 1 st May	7am	AA meeting
	11am	Focus on Faith & Friendship group
	7pm	Lai Christian Church service
Sun 2 nd May		<u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u>
	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Sung Eucharist
	8pm	AA meeting

NOTICES

Stewardship Program

During the Easter season, until 16 May (7th Sunday of Easter) we are conducting a Stewardship Program. We will celebrate our patronal festival on Sunday 16 May - one combined 10am service.

This program 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.

Parish Lunch

Save the date: We are planning to have a catered lunch on Sunday 16 May: main + sweet, BYO drinks.

Parish Newsletter

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