



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

**Easter Day**

4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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

### WELCOMING THE EASTER CANDLE

Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him,  
and all ages;

**to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever. Amen.**

*The lit Easter candle is brought to the sanctuary*

Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today

*Anon. from Lyra Davidica (1708) alt. - tune: Easter Hymn  
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- 1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
who so lately on the cross alleluia!  
suffered to redeem our loss, alleluia!**
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly king, alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. alleluia!**
- 3. But the pain that he endured alleluia!  
our salvation has procured; alleluia!  
now exalted he is king, alleluia!  
and the angels ever sing: alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### GLORIA AND COLLECT

Peruvian Gloria

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory  
in the highest / to Christ Jesus / to the Spirit.**

**To God be glory for ever.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

Let us pray.

Glorious Lord of life,  
by the mighty resurrection of your Son  
you overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, who celebrate with joy  
Christ's rising from the dead  
may be raised from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness;  
through him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines  
strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

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

May your word live in us,

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

Hymn to the Risen Christ

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,

**Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:**

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.

**In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the firstfruits of those who sleep.**

For as by one man came death:  
by another has come also resurrection of the dead;

**For as in Adam all die:**

**even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed

him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

May your word live in us,

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

Hymn: He is risen, he is risen!

*Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-95) alt. - tune: Unser Herrscher*

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**1. He is risen, he is risen!**

**Tell it with a joyful voice:**

**he has burst his three days' prison,  
let the whole wide earth rejoice.**

**Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.**

**2. Come, with high and holy gladness,**

**sing our Lord's triumphant song:**

**not one touch of twilight sadness  
dims his resurrection morn;  
brightly dawns the radiant east,  
brighter far our Easter feast.**

**3. He is risen, he is risen!**

**He has opened heaven's gate:**

**we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;**

**soon a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 20.1-18

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to

her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon*

BLESSING OF WATER AND  
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us ask God to bless it and to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

Father, we give you thanks for your gift of life-giving water. Through the waters of the Red Sea you brought your people out of slavery in Egypt, and in the waters of Jordan your Son was anointed with the Holy Spirit. As he hung on the cross, water and blood flowed from his side. Through the waters of baptism you delivered us from sin and raised us to newness of life. We ask you now to bless this water to our use. May it remind us of our baptism that, renewed by your Spirit, we may rejoice with all who are baptized this Easter.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in his baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us reaffirm the promises made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?

**I do.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I do.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I do.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

**I will with God's help.**

I now ask you to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe in one God:**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*People may be sprinkled with water as a sign of renewal.*

#### 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

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: At the dawning of salvation

*Jock Curle (b.1919) - tune: Nettleton*

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- 1. At the dawning of salvation;  
in the morning of the world,  
Christ is raised, a living banner  
by the love of God unfurled.  
Through the daylight, through the darkness,  
Christ leads on his great array:  
all the saints and all the sinners  
he has gathered on his way.**
- 2. He is risen in the morning,  
he is risen from the dead;  
he is laughter after sadness,  
he is light when night has fled.  
He has suffered, he has triumphed,  
life is his alone to give:**

**as he gave it once he gives it  
evermore, that we may live.**

- 3. For the glory of salvation  
in the dawn of Easter day  
we will praise you, loving Father;  
we rejoice to sing and pray  
with the Son and with the Spirit.  
Lead us on, your great array,  
saints and sinners celebrating  
your triumphant love today.**

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.**

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

#### 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.**

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.  
Most glorious Lord of life,  
we thank you that you nourish us  
in these Easter mysteries.  
Fill us with the Spirit of love  
and unite us in faith,  
that we may witness to the resurrection  
and show your glory to all the world.

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: Yours be the glory  
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- 1. Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory over death you've won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes,  
where your body lay.  
*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory over death you've won.***
- 2. See, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord is living, death has lost its sting.  
*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory over death you've won.***
- 3. No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without you: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through your  
deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.  
*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory over death you've won.***

The blessing of the Living God,  
who brings light out of darkness,  
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ,  
who sends you as apostles into all the world,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit,  
who fills the church with joy and praise,  
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God,  
the holy and glorious Trinity,  
be upon you and remain with you now, and forever.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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*Fr John will be taking a week's break, and will be contactable again from Tuesday 13 April.*

*During the Easter season, from 18 April (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter) through to 16 May (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter) we will have a Stewardship Program. We will hopefully be able to celebrate our patronal festival on Sunday 16 May (postponed from 6 May.)*