



St John the Divine
Eucharist service
6th Sunday of Easter
9th May 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

Hymn: Love is his word

Luke Connaughton (1917-79) alt. - tune: Creswell
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1. Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with friends, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.
**Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.**
2. Love is his way, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood',
love, only love, is his sign.
**Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.**
3. Love is his sign, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.
**Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.**
4. Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law.
**Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.**
5. Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.
**Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sentence

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

John 15.16

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.

Loving God,
your Son has chosen us
and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments,
to love one another,
and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine,
the source of all our life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10.44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;
- 2 **His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance
in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.
- 6 **Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.**
- 7 With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.
- 8 **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together
before the Lord;
- 10 **For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

A reading from John's first letter 5.1–12

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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

Hymn: This is my will, my one command

James Quinn (b.1919) - tune: Suantrai

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1. **'This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
as I have shown that I love you.**
2. **No greater love can be than this:
to choose to die to save one's friends.
You are my friends if you obey
what I command that you should do.**
3. **I call you now no longer slaves;
no slave knows all his master does.
I call you friends, for all I hear
my Father say you hear from me.**
4. **You chose not me, but I chose you,
that you should go and bear much fruit.
I chose you out that you in me
should bear much fruit that will abide.**
5. **All that you ask my Father dear
for my name's sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell in each, in all.'**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St John 15.9–17

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

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: Come as you are

Deirdre Brown (b.1936) - tune: *Come As You Are*
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1. 'Come as you are:
that's how I want you.

**Come as you are;
feel quite at home,
close to my heart,
loved and forgiven.**

**Come as you are:
why stand alone?**

2. 'No need to fear,
love sets no limits;

**no need to fear,
love never ends;
don't run away
shamed and disheartened,
rest in my love,
trust me again.**

3. 'I came to call sinners,
not just the righteous;

**I came to bring peace,
not to condemn.
Each time you fail
to live by my promise,
why do you think
I'd love you the less?**

4. 'Come as you are:
that's how I love you;

**come as you are,
trust me again.
Nothing can change
the love that I bear you;
all will be well,
just come as you are.'**

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.

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.

So 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.**

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: Joyful, joyful we adore you
Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933) alt. - tune: Ode To Joy
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**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

2. All your works with joy surround you,
 earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
 stars and angels sing around you,
 centre of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 singing bird and flowing fountain,
 call to praise you joyfully.

3. You are giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 well-spring of the joy of living,
 ocean-depth of happy rest.
 You our Father, Christ our brother,
 all are yours who live in love;
 teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to your joy above.

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

Patronal Festival Lunch: 16 May

Book your tickets for our catered lunch on Sunday 16

May - see flyer 

Due to Covid restrictions seats are limited.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 9 th May	<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist 8pm AA meeting
Mon 10 th May	10.30am <i>Al Anon meeting</i>
Tue 11 th May	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM 7.30pm Vestry meeting
Wed 12 th May	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting 7.30pm MAT meeting
Thu 13 th May	10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 14 th May	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 7.30pm <i>Al Anon meeting</i>
Sat 15 th May	7am AA meeting 11am Focus on Faith & Friendship group 7pm <i>Lai Christian Church service</i>
Sun 16 th May	<u>Patronal Festival</u> 8am Eucharist no service 10am Sung Eucharist 11.30am Parish luncheon 8pm AA meeting

Patronal Festival

of Saint John the Divine



Celebratory Lunch

Sunday 16th May

Cost \$20 per head
 BYO Drinks

Please enter your name or names on the list provided
 and you will be allocated a ticket
 Jenny Heath will collect payment and issue tickets.
 Numbers are limited by Covid restrictions.