



**Patronal Festival  
of St John the Divine**

*Eucharist service*

16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au)*

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Welcome and notices*

Hymn: The Church of God, elect and glorious

*James Seddon (1915-83) - tune: Lux Eoi*

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- 1. Church of God, elect and glorious,**  
holy nation, chosen race;  
called as God's own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all his mighty deeds;  
tell of love which knows no limits,  
grace which meets all human needs.
- 2. God has called you out of darkness**  
into his most marvellous light;  
brought his truth to life within you,  
turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
that God's name be glorified;  
and all find fresh hope and purpose  
in Christ Jesus crucified.
- 3. Once you were an alien people,**  
strangers to God's heart of love;  
but he brought you home in mercy,  
citizens of heaven above.  
Let his love flow out to others,  
let them feel a Father's care;  
that they too may know his welcome  
and his countless blessings share.
- 4. Church of God, elect and holy,**  
be the people he intends;  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your master sends:  
royal priests, fulfil your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service –  
sing his praise, his love declare.

Sentence

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.

*1 John 1.1*

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.

Shed upon your Church, O Lord,  
the brightness of your light,  
so that we, being illumined by the teaching  
of John the evangelist,  
may walk in the light of your truth,  
and be brought to the fullness of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

A reading from Proverbs 8.22-31

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth –  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

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

Psalm 97

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:  
let the multitude of islands be glad.
- <sup>2</sup> **Clouds and darkness are round about him:  
righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of his throne.**
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him:  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- <sup>4</sup> **His lightnings light the world:  
the earth sees it and quakes.**
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before his face:  
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> **The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:  
and all peoples have seen his glory.**
- <sup>7</sup> They are ashamed, all those who serve idols  
and glory in mere nothings:  
all gods bow down before him.
- <sup>8</sup> **Zion heard and was glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:  
because of your judgements, O God.**
- <sup>9</sup> For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- <sup>10</sup> **The Lord loves those that hate evil:  
the Lord guards the life of the faithful,  
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**
- <sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous:  
and joy for the true of heart.
- <sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:  
and give thanks to his holy name.**

A reading from John's first letter 1.1-5

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

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

Hymn: Word of God, renew your people  
*Bernadette Farrell (b.1957) - tune: Word Of God*  
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- 1. Word of God, renew your people,  
make us now your living sign.  
Recreate us for your purpose  
in this place and in this time.**
- 2. Word of hope and Word of healing,  
make us now your living sign.  
Recreate us for your purpose  
in this place and in this time.**
- 3. Word of peace and Word of justice,  
make us now your living sign.  
Recreate us for your purpose  
in this place and in this time.**
- 4. God alone the power we trust in,  
make us now your living sign.  
Recreate us for your purpose  
in this place and in this time.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St John 20.2-8

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

So Mary Magdalene 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.

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

*Sermon*

### Nicene Creed (metrical version)

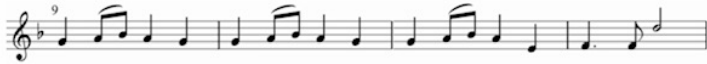
Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith; the movement is based on Brahms's Symphony No. 1



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

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.  
Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and  
bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**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

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to  
you. I do not give as the world gives.'

*John 14.27*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offertory hymn: Your hand, O God, has guided  
*Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-91) alt. - tune: Thornbury*  
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- 1. Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock from age to age;  
your faithfulness is written,  
on history's open page;  
your people owned your goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness;  
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 2. Your heralds brought the gospel  
to greatest and to least;  
they summoned men and women  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 3. And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so; in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored:  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**
- 4. Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then by earth and heaven,  
your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be our anthem;  
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

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 because  
you have called us into the fellowship of St John  
and all your saints,  
and set before us the example of their witness  
and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.  
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.  
God, the source of all holiness:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims on earth  
be welcomed with St John and all your saints  
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

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: Great is your faithfulness  
*Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960) alt. - tune: Faithfulness*  
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**1. Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,  
in you no shadow of turning we see;  
you never fail and your love is unchanging:  
as you have been you for ever will be.  
Great is your faithfulness,  
great is your faithfulness,  
morning by morning new mercies we see;  
all we have needed your hand has provided:  
great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.**

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
 sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
 join with all nature in unspoken witness  
 to your great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
*Great is your faithfulness,  
 great is your faithfulness,  
 morning by morning new mercies we see;  
 all we have needed your hand has provided:  
 great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,  
 your living presence to cheer and to guide,  
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –  
 these are the blessings your love will provide.  
*Great is your faithfulness,  
 great is your faithfulness,  
 morning by morning new mercies we see;  
 all we have needed your hand has provided:  
 great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.*

God give you grace to follow St John and all the saints  
 in faith and hope and love;  
 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

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#### NOTICES

##### Stewardship Program

During the Easter season we have been conducting a Stewardship Program. This program has been 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.

##### Fr John's health

I have been frustratingly sick with a cold/cough/flu. I've been cleared of having covid or RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) - it's 'only' the usual rhinovirus - but I've been struggling to get well again, and have had to cancel/postpone many things.

I've been grateful to Rev'd Robyn Boyd last Sunday, and Rev'd John Capper this Sunday, for stepping up at the last moment to conduct the services.

Thanks for your prayers.

#### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>Patronal Festival</u> 8am — Eucharist <i>no service</i> 10am Eucharist 11.30am Parish luncheon 8pm AA meeting
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am <i>Al Anon meeting</i> 7.30pm Parish Council meeting
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> May	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm <i>community meal: TDRM</i>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10am Eucharist 5.30pm <i>community meal: Winter Shelter</i> 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am AA meeting 10.45am BUPA aged care communion 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 7.30pm <i>Al Anon meeting</i>
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	7am AA meeting 11am Focus on Faith & Friendship group 7pm <i>Lai Christian Church service</i>
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<u>Pentecost Sunday</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 8pm AA meeting

##### Disappearing trees!

*If the carpark-side of the church is looking a little bare, it's because we've had many self-sown privet trees taken out, as well as the tortured willow, which has started needing too much maintenance.*

*This also starts to pave the way for the drainage renovation - which includes replacing the retaining wall which is falling over.*

*In the fullness of time we will be able to plant appropriate trees in the right places, and it will look more attractive again.*