



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

### Pentecost Sunday

23<sup>rd</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: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Michael Lindsay Forster (b.1946) - tune: *Diademata*  
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- 1. Come, Holy Spirit, come!**  
in flame our souls with love,  
transforming every heart and home  
with wisdom from above.  
O let us not despise  
the humble path Christ trod,  
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,  
the foolishness of God.
- 2. All-knowing Spirit, prove**  
the poverty of pride,  
by knowledge of the Father's love  
in Jesus crucified.  
And grant us faith to know  
the glory of that sign,  
and in our very lives to show  
the marks of love divine.
- 3. Come with the gift to heal**  
the wounds of guilt and fear,  
and to oppression's face reveal  
the kingdom drawing near.  
Where chaos longs to reign,  
descend, O holy dove,  
and free us all to work again  
the miracles of love.
- 4. Give us the tongues to speak,**  
in every time and place,  
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,  
the word of love and grace.  
Enable us to hear  
the words that others bring,  
interpreting with open ear  
the special song they sing.
- 5. Come, Holy Spirit, dance**  
within our hearts today,  
our earth-bound spirits to entrance,  
our mortal fears allay;  
and teach us to desire  
all other things above,  
that self-consuming holy fire,  
the perfect gift of love.

#### Sentence

'A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,' says the Lord God; 'I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.'

*Ezekiel 36.26; 37.14*

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.

Almighty God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love, joy, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Genesis 11.1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, 'Look, they are one

people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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

Psalm 2

- <sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in tumult:  
and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?
- <sup>2</sup> **The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers conspire together:  
against the Lord and against his anointed,  
saying,**
- <sup>3</sup> 'Let us break their bonds asunder:  
let us throw off their chains from us.'
- <sup>4</sup> **He that dwells in heaven  
shall laugh them to scorn:  
the Lord will hold them in derision.**
- <sup>5</sup> Then will he speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury:  
'I, the Lord, have set up my king  
on Zion my holy hill.'
- <sup>6</sup> **I will announce the Lord's decree,  
that which he has spoken:  
'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.**
- <sup>7</sup> 'Ask of me,  
and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:  
the uttermost parts of the earth  
for your possession.
- <sup>8</sup> **'You may break them with a rod of iron:  
and shatter them in pieces  
like a potter's vessel.'**
- <sup>9</sup> Now therefore be wise, O kings:  
be advised, you that are judges of the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> **Serve the Lord with awe,  
and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:  
lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.**
- <sup>11</sup> For his wrath is quickly kindled:  
blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2.1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under

heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Hymn: Come, Holy Spirit, our souls inspire  
*anon. Latin 9th cent., tr John Cosin (1594-1672) alt.*  
*tune: Veni, Creator Spiritus - © The Australian Hymn Book*  
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- 1. Come, Holy Spirit, our souls inspire  
and lighten with your heavenly fire:  
you the anointing Spirit are,  
on us your seven-fold gifts you pour.**
- 2. Your blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight;**
- 3. anoint and cheer our mortal face  
with the abundance of your grace;  
keep far our foes; give peace at home;  
where you are guide no ill can come.**
- 4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and you with both to be but one,  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song:**  
**Praise to your eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 15.26–27; 16.4b–15

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

*Sermon*

#### NICENE CREED

- 1. We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**
- 2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**
- 3. We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
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

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement.

Let us then open our hearts and confess our sins 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

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

*cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory hymn: There's a Spirit in the air

*Brian Arthur Wren (b.1936) - tune: Lauds*

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- 1. There's a Spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world."**
- 2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.**
- 3. When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.**

4. **Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.**
5. **When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.**
6. **May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.**
7. **There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.'**

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.

Today we give you thanks that  
in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.

You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

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.  
Giver of life and love,  
we thank you that in this heavenly banquet  
you invigorate and renew us.  
Living in the unity of the Spirit,  
may we boldly use your gifts  
to continue your work in 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: Great God, your Spirit, like the wind  
*Alan Gaunt (b.1935) - tune: Jerusalem*  
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- 1. Great God, your Spirit, like the wind –  
unseen but shaking things we see –  
will never leave us undisturbed,  
fulfil our dreams, or set us free,  
until we turn from faithless fear  
and prove the promise of your grace,  
in justice, peace and daily bread,  
with joy for all the human race.**
- 2. Lord, shake us with the force of love,  
to rouse us from our dreadful sleep;  
remove our hearts of stone, and give  
new hearts of flesh, to break and weep  
for all your children in distress  
and dying for the wealth we keep.  
Help us prevent, while we have time,  
the blighted harvest greed must reap.**
- 3. And then, in your compassion, give  
your Spirit like the gentle rain,  
creating fertile ground from which  
your peace and justice spring like grain;  
until your love is satisfied,  
with all creation freed from pain,  
and all your children live to praise  
your will fulfilled, your presence plain.**

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit  
that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord  
and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel  
wherever you may be;  
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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### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<u>Pentecost Sunday</u>
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist
8pm	AA meeting
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am AI Anon meeting
7.30pm	Parish Council meeting
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> May	1pm AA meeting
5.30pm	community meal: TDRM
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10am Eucharist
5.30pm	community meal: Winter Shelter
7.30pm	NA meeting
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am AA meeting
7.30pm	AA meeting
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>Vicar's day off</u>
7.30pm	AI Anon meeting
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> May	7am AA meeting
11am	Focus on Faith & Friendship group
7pm	Lai Christian Church service
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>Trinity Sunday</u>
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist
8pm	AA meeting

## NOTICES

### Parish lunch last Sunday

Thanks to all who helped make this so successful. It has been our first social event since the covid lockdown started in March 2020. Thanks go in particular to Meryl and her friend Jan for the catering. Although this wasn't prioritised as a fundraiser, \$300 was nevertheless raised.

### Evacuation drill

Also well done to everyone who found themselves participating in a regulation evacuation drill last Sunday, between the service and the lunch.

### TDRM thanks

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the meal for The Dining Room Mission last Tuesday – whether it was cooking, serving, clearing up afterwards or holding the team in your prayers, your support is invaluable. This time we prepared a delicious meal & dessert for more than 70 guests at quite short notice. It is great to be part of such a willing & compassionate team.

Our team will now be cooking for The Dining Room Mission on a monthly basis and our next turn will be on June 8th.

Many hands make light work so please encourage other parishioners to take part in this rewarding mission.

People can help in many ways:

- Cooking the meal or dessert in their own home – the recipe and main ingredients will be provided (note, if necessary the cooking can be done earlier than Tuesday and transport & reheating will be arranged);
- Helping with serving, setting up or cleaning up afterwards;
- Providing friendship and support for the guests by sitting with them and listening to their story;
- Donating money towards the cost of the ingredients for the St John's team;
- Donating ingredients such as pasta, rice, long life custard, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, and other items as requested.

Cathy

### 'Songs for Aria' concert - 11 July at 3pm

Advertising for this has now been launched and it is being advertised widely within the community. An event has been created on the St John's FB page and will be promoted over the coming weeks. Tickets go on sale on Thursday through TryBooking.

Cath & Stephen's son-in-law Adrian did an interview which featured on page 3 of the Australian last Monday – in print and online – in which the concert at St John's was promoted. A printed copy is on the noticeboard. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with the wider community.