

St John the Divine

Eucharist service

Trinity Sunday

30th 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

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Sentence

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

Isaiah 6.3

Hymn: <u>Father God, the great Creator</u>

Derek Baldwin (b. 1944) - tune: Hyfrydol

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- Father God, the great Creator, who, before the world began, chose to make us in your image such was your eternal plan.
 When we turned our backs toward you, still you loved the world you made; always for us, not against us, sent a Saviour - Son of Man.
- 2. Jesus Christ, who in your mercy gave your life to set us free, bore the pain of sin and sorrow on the cross at Calvary.

 There you showed the Father's favour: endless love so freely given here among us, now and always with us for eternity.
- Holy Spirit, sent to bring us faith and wisdom, joy and peace; fill our lives with strength and purpose, all your gifts in us release.
 God who's for us, with us, in us, Holy, Blessed Trinity: now we praise you and adore you worship which will never cease.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

cf Ephesians 4.30,32

Silence is kept.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you: Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins: Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Spirit, you give us life and peace: Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.
Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

May your word live in us,

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 29

- Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
- Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
- The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.
- The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes them skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry 'Glory.'
- The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood: the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
- The Lord will give strength to his people: the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome 8.12-17

So then, sisters and brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

May your word live in us,

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn: <u>Father, Lord of earth and heaven</u>
James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010) alt. - tune: Stuttgart
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- Father, Lord of earth and heaven, King to whom all gifts belong, give your greatest gift, your Spirit, God the holy, God the strong.
- 2. Son of God, enthroned in glory, send your promised gift of grace; make your Church your holy temple, God the Spirit's dwelling-place.
- 3. Spirit, come in peace descending as at Jordan, heavenly dove;

- seal your Church as God's anointed, set our hearts on fire with love.
- 4. Stay among us, God the Father, stay among us, God the Son, stay among us, Holy Spirit: dwell within us, make us one.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 3.1-17

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it. but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our

testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Sermon

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.

This is our faith, the faith of the Church: We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you and also with you.

Offertory hymn: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty
Reginald Heber (1783-1826) alt. - tune: Nicea
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- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty, early in the morning to you our praise shall be; holy, holy! merciful and mighty God in three persons, blessèd Trinity.
- 2. Holy, holy! all the saints adore you, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before you, God everlasting through eternity.

3. Holy, holy! though the darkness hide you, though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,

you alone are holy, there is none beside you perfect in power, in love and purity.

 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty, all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea;

holy, holy! merciful and mighty God in three persons, blessèd Trinity.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, give us the bread of everlasting life, and make us branches of the true vine. **Amen.**

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,

Hosanna in the highest.

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Through him, you have revealed to us your glory in the community of your love, three persons, one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

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.

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

As this broken bread was once many grains which have been gathered together and made one bread:

so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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 body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful. **Amen.**

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy
Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,

now and for ever: **Amen.**

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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.

who are three Persons yet one God,

Hymn: <u>Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem</u>

Job Hupton (1763-1849) & John Mason Neale (1818-66) alt.
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- Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem, cleave the skies with shouts of praise; sing to him who found the ransom, Ancient of eternal Days, God of God, the Word incarnate, whom the heav'n of heav'n obeys.
- Ere he raised the lofty mountains, formed the seas, or built the sky, love eternal, free, and boundless, moved the Lord of life to die, fore-ordained the Prince of princes for the throne of Calvary.
- 3. There, for us and our redemption, see him all his life-blood pour!
 There he wins our full salvation, dies that we may die no more; then, arising, lives for ever, reigning where he was before.
- Bring your harps, and bring your incense, sweep the string and pour the lay; let the earth proclaim his wonders, King of that celestial day; he the Lamb once slain is worthy, who was dead, and lives for ay.
- 5. Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in all truth and peace; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord: In the name of Christ. Amen

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH		
Sun 30 th May	8am	<u>unday</u> Eucharist cancelled Eucharist - live-stream only
Mon 31st May -		
Tue 1st June	•	community meal: TDRM Kindergarten Committee mtg
Wed 2 nd June		Eucharist cancelled community meal: Winter Shelter
Thu 3 rd June	6pm	Finance Committee meeting
Fri 4 th June	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 7.30pm Al Anon meeting	
Sat 5 th June		AA meeting Focus on Faith & Friendship group
	7pm	Lai Christian Church service
Sun 6 th June	2nd Sun 8am	day after Pentecost Eucharist

NOTICES

Eucharist

AA meeting

Welcomers workshop

Rosters

Sunday Worship Services: June & July

9am

10am

8pm

Rosters for the Sunday morning worship services for the period June 6th – July 25th are currently being prepared. We presume that those people who have already offered to be on the rosters are happy to continue, but please let us know ASAP if this is not the case.

It is good to have new people to take on different roles so if you are interested in any of the following duties, please email the parish office or speak to Fr John.

We need the following:

- Liturgical assistants* (8am & 10am)
- Readers (8am & 10am)
- Intercessors (8am & 10am)
- Welcomers (8am & 10am)
- Counters (following 10am)

* Liturgical assistants: for the present time we need to move away from the more traditionally defined roles of acolyte, eucharistic assistant, lay reader, and so on. As we re-establish our Sunday liturgy in a hopefully soon to be post-covid regulatory world, we need to start with the basics again. So we are looking for volunteers to assist Fr John, and any locum when he's away, generally before, during and after the services. Such assistants will be given direction and training as needed.

Welcomers Workshop

The planned Sunday 9am workshop has been postponed to the first Sunday that we are back on site after the lockdown ends. This is for anyone who wants to continue as an usher, or for any person new to this role - and even for new parishioners.

Songs for Aria

This is a musical event designed to raise funds and awareness for the combined non-for-profit charities SANDS (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Support) and Red Nose. The concept and name was created by Aria's parents who, as musicians, wished to celebrate and remember the short life of their daughter who was stillborn. 'Songs for Aria' will celebrate and honour all families whose lives have been forever changed by miscarriage, stillbirth, neo-natal death, or infertility.

'Songs for Aria' will showcase a number of musicians and vocalists, including Aria's father Adrian Glaubert, an acclaimed opera and music theatre performer. The CEO of Red Nose will be our keynote speaker, using the platform to help educate the community about the purpose and mission of Red Nose, and to provide support and comfort for those grieving.

The concert will take place on Sunday the 11th of July, 2021, at 3.00pm in the afternoon at the Anglican church of St John the Divine in Croydon.

Tickets are \$30, under 15 enter free.

People can directly access the TryBooking page here: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=763763&

or via the church website: http://www.stjohndivine.org.au/event/songs-for-aria/

