



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

13<sup>th</sup> June 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: For the fruits of all creation

*Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000) - tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos*

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- 1. For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for his gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God.**
- 2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour  
God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**
- 3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.**

### Sentence

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

*2 Corinthians 5.19*

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,

without you we are unable to please you:  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Ezekiel 17.22-24

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

May your word live in us,

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

### Psalm 92.1-4, 12-15

<sup>1</sup> How good to give thanks to the Lord:  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

2 **To declare your love in the morning:  
and at night to sing of your faithfulness,**

3 Upon the lute, upon the lute of ten strings:  
and to the melody of the lyre.

4 **For in all you have done, O Lord,  
you have made me glad:  
I will sing for joy  
because of the works of your hands.**

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:  
they shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon;

13 **For they are planted in the house of the Lord:  
and flourish in the courts of our God.**

14 In old age they shall be full of sap:  
they shall be sturdy and laden with branches;

15 **And they will say that the Lord is just:  
the Lord my rock,  
in whom is no unrighteousness.**

A reading from Paul's second letter to the church in  
Corinth 5.6–10, 14–17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Hymn: Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking

*HCA Gaunt (1902-1983) - tune: Sussex*

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1. **Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,  
as the gospel words unfold;  
we, in all our age-long seeking,  
find no firmer truth to hold.**

2. **Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,  
heard by simple folk and wise,  
word of freedom, word of duty,  
word of life beyond our eyes.**

3. **Word of God's forgiveness granted  
to the wild or guilty soul,  
word of love that works undaunted,  
changes, heals, and makes us whole.**

4. **Speak to us, O Lord, believing,  
as we hear the sower sows:  
may our heart, your word receiving,  
be the good ground where it grows.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St Mark 4.26–34

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

*Sermon*

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Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Offertory hymn: Lord Jesus, plant a seed of faith  
*Martin E Leckebusch (b.1962) - tune: St Botolph*  
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**1. Lord Jesus, plant a seed of faith  
and let it grow in me,  
to bear a harvest shown by deeds  
of lasting quality.**

- 2. Grant me a gentle, humble heart  
where love alone holds sway,  
till selfless servanthood becomes  
my habit day by day.**
- 3. Give me a deeper, richer hope,  
a vision sure and clear,  
to strengthen me until the day  
when you at last appear.**
- 4. I have no faith but what you give;  
your love has made me new;  
my hope is found in no one else -  
Lord, give me more of you!**

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 thanks and praise, glory and honour,  
be yours at all times, in every place,  
holy and loving Father, true and living God.  
We praise you that through your eternal Word  
you brought the universe into being  
and made us in your own image.

You have given us this earth to care for and delight in,  
and with its bounty you preserve our life.

We thank you that you bound yourself to the human race  
with the promises of a gracious covenant  
and called us to serve you in love and peace.

Above all, we give you thanks for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ:

born as one of us, he lived our common life  
and offered his life to you in perfect obedience  
and trust.

By his death he delivered us from sin,  
brought us new life,  
and reconciled us to you and to one another.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
with apostles, and prophets,  
with holy women and men of every age,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name:

**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.**

Holy God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,  
and we pray that we who eat and drink them  
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may be partakers of his body and blood,  
and be made one with him and with each other  
in peace and love.

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.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,  
renew us by your Spirit  
that we may be united in the body of your Son  
and serve you as a royal priesthood  
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you 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.  
Living God,  
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys you promise.

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: God has spoken to his people  
*Willard Francis Jabusch (b.1930) - tune: Song Of Good News*  
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***God has spoken to his people, hallelujah!  
and his words are words of wisdom, hallelujah!***

- 1. Open your ears, O Christian people,  
open your ears and hear good news.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,  
God has come to you,  
God has come to you.**

***God has spoken to his people, hallelujah!  
and his words are words of wisdom, hallelujah!***

- 2. They who have ears to hear his message,  
they who have ears, now let them hear;  
they who would learn the way of wisdom,  
let them hear God's word,  
let them hear God's word.**

***God has spoken to his people, hallelujah!  
and his words are words of wisdom, hallelujah!***

- 3. Israel comes to greet the Saviour,  
Judah is glad to see his day;  
from east and west the peoples travel:  
he will show the way,  
he will show the way.**

***God has spoken to his people, hallelujah!  
and his words are words of wisdom, hallelujah!***

The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God,  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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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## NOTICES

### Current Covid regulations

Everyone must sign in, but only electronic sign-in is permitted, using the QR code. If you are unable to sign in electronically yourself, then you must ask for assistance - which is being arranged.

Masks must be worn during the whole service - except for the person leading, and at the time of receiving communion.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> June 3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
8am Eucharist  
10am Eucharist (also live-streamed)  
8pm AA meeting
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am *Al Anon meeting*
- Tue 15<sup>th</sup> June 1pm AA meeting  
5.30pm community meal: TDRM  
(St John's team cooking - again!)  
7.30pm Vestry meeting
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June 10am Eucharist  
5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter  
7.30pm NA meeting
- Thu 17<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am AA meeting  
7.30pm AA meeting
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> June Vicar's day off  
7.30pm *Al Anon meeting*
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> June 7am AA meeting  
11am Focus on Faith & Friendship group  
7pm *Lai Christian Church service*
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June 4th Sunday after Pentecost  
8am Eucharist  
9am Welcomers workshop  
10am Eucharist  
8pm AA meeting

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### Welcomers Workshop - 20 June, 9am

This 9am workshop has been postponed to Sunday 20 June, and is for anyone who wants to continue as an usher, or for any person new to this role - and even for new parishioners.

A roster for welcomers will be drawn up after the workshop.

### Liturgical Assistants Workshop - 27 June, 9am

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.

There will be a 9am workshop on Sunday 27 June. A roster for liturgical assistants will be drawn up after the workshop.