



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

4th Sunday after Pentecost

20th 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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and notices

Hymn: Praise the one who breaks the darkness
Rusty Edwards (b.1955) - tune: Nettleton
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- 1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.**
Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- 2. Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.**
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.
- 3. Praise the one true love incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.**
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the One redeeming glory.
Praise the One who makes us one.

Sentence

Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Mark 4.41

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans 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.

O God our defender,
storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid:
rescue your people from despair,
deliver your daughters and sons from fear,
and preserve us all from unbelief;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Job 38.1–11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
'Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?

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

Psalm 107.1–3, 23–32

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.

2 **Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed
from the hand of the enemy,**

3 And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.

23 **Those who go down to the sea in ships:
and follow their trade on great waters,**

24 They have seen the works of God:
and his wonders in the deep.

25 **For he spoke, and raised the storm-wind:
and it lifted high the waves of the sea.**

26 They go up to the sky, and down again to the depths:
their courage melts away in the face of disaster.

27 **They reel and stagger like drunkards:
and are at their wits' end.**

28 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.

29 **He calmed the storm to a silence:
and the waves of the sea were stilled.**

30 Then they were glad because they were quiet:
and he brought them to the haven they longed for.

31 **Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;**

32 Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people:
and praise him in the council of elders.

A reading from Paul's second letter to the church in
Corinth 6.1–13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to
accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of
salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so
that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as
servants of God we have commended ourselves in every
way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships,
calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours,
sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience,
kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech,
and the power of God; with the weapons of
righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in
honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We
are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown,
and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive;
as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always
rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having
nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is
wide open to you. There is no restriction in our
affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to
children—open wide your hearts also.

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

Hymn: O changeless Christ, for ever new
Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) - tune: Westminster
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1. **O changeless Christ, for ever new,
who walked our earthly ways,
still draw our hearts as once you drew
the hearts of other days.**

2. **As once you spoke by plain and hill
or taught by shore and sea,
so be today our teacher still,
O Christ of Galilee.**

3. **As wind and storm their Master heard
and his command fulfilled,
may troubled hearts receive your word,
the tempest-tossed be stilled.**

4. **In broken bread, in wine outpoured,
your new and living way
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,
O Christ of this our day.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Mark 4.35–41

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to
them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving
the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat,
just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale
arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat
was already being swamped. But he was in the stern,
asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to
him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He
woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,
'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a
dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have
you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe
and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the
wind and the sea obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

NICENE CREED

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: Dear Father, Lord of humankind
John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92) alt. - tune: Repton
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- 1. Dear Father, Lord of humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise -
in deeper reverence, praise.**
- 2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee -
rise up and follow thee.**
- 3. O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love -
interpreted by love!**
- 4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace -
the beauty of thy peace.**
- 5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm -
O still small voice of calm.**

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: Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him
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1. **Praise the Lord! you heavens adore him;
praise him angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken,
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, that never shall be broken,
for their guidance he has made.**
2. **Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious:
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high his power proclaim:
heaven and earth, and all creation,
praise and glorify his name.**
3. **Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer as our gift.
Young and old, your praise expressing,
our glad songs to you we lift.
All the saints in heaven adore you;
we would join their glad acclaim;
as your angels serve before you,
so on earth we praise your name.**

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 20 th June	<u>4th Sunday after Pentecost</u>
8am	Eucharist
9am	Welcomers workshop
10am	Eucharist
8pm	AA meeting
Mon 21 st June	10.30am <i>Al Anon meeting</i>
	7.30pm Parish Council meeting
Tue 22 nd June	1pm <i>AA meeting</i>
	5.30pm <i>community meal: TDRM</i>
	7pm <i>Kindergarten Committee</i>
Wed 23 rd June	10am Eucharist
	5.30pm <i>community meal: Winter Shelter</i>
	7.30pm <i>NA meeting</i>
Thu 24 th June	10.30am <i>AA meeting</i>
	7.30pm <i>AA meeting</i>
Fri 25 th June	<u>Vicar's day off</u>
	7.30pm <i>Al Anon meeting</i>
Sat 26 th June	7am <i>AA meeting</i>
	11am Focus on Faith & Friendship group
	7pm <i>Lai Christian Church service</i>
Sun 27 th June	<u>5th Sunday after Pentecost</u>
8am	Eucharist
9am	Liturgical Assistants workshop
10am	Eucharist
8pm	AA meeting

Welcomers Workshop - 20 June, 9am

This workshop 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.

Fr John on retreat

I will be away on my annual spiritual retreat from Monday to Friday - 21st to 25th June.

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.

STORM DEVASTATION - from Bishop Paul

On Wednesday I spent a few hours with the Rev'd Andrew Smith in Kalorama visiting local people, the CFA and church and seeing some of the devastation caused by last week's storm. Many houses and cars are destroyed or badly damaged, and the power is likely to be out for a further three weeks. Massive trees lie all over the place and while most roads are passable, the extent of the damage is evident and vast. People remain in shock, some without hot water.

St Michael's Kalorama is offering free lunches, food, access to wifi, and other basic needs. There are many needs:

- Dry firewood
- Generators
- Underwear, socks
- Non-perishable food
- Blankets
- Batteries of all sizes, including large DD for torches
- Meals (a local curry house is supplying food one night this week for many people)
- any offers of counsellors to visit and be available in the next few weeks may also be very useful.
- there may be need to help locals fill in forms for claiming assistance.

Obviously please pray.

Andrew has had numerous wonderful opportunities for care, hospitality and good conversations. Do pray for his stamina. Please email any offers of help: bandasmiths@gmail.com. The Rev'd Leroy Coote at Croydon Hills is also collecting items for Kalorama and offering to drive carloads up the mountain.

I also visited Janice O'Gorman at Kilsyth/Montrose. There is evident damage in nearby roads and her church has a drop-in centre for food, wood and other items. Again, any offers of the above are welcome to Janice, and she is also in communication with Leroy and Andrew to transport things where needed.

EfM: Exploring Faith Matters (Education for Ministry)

On Sunday 11 April Fr Greg Davies led the services. He is the Director of EfM and is about to commence a new year of EfM with two groups.

The first one is a face to face gathering on Wednesday evenings at St Peter's Eastern Hill from 6.30pm to 8.15pm.

The other group is an on-line zoom group which will meet each Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Both groups will commence in July.

If you are interested in exploring your faith at a deep level without the demands of essays and exams and might be interested, let me know and I can advise you further. There is also a short introductory video on the EfM website - www.efmaustralia.org

Songs for Aria Concert

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://](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au/event/songs-for-aria/)

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