

St John the Divine

Eucharist service

5th Sunday after Pentecost

27th 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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and notices

Hymn: Lord, we come to ask your healing Jean Holloway (b.1939) - tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos © Kevin Mayhew Ltd, 1995, CCL No 632290

1. Lord, we come to ask your healing, teach us of love;

all unspoken shame revealing, teach us of love.

Take our selfish thoughts and actions, petty feuds, divisive factions, hear us now to you appealing,

near us now to you appealing, teach us of love.

2. Soothe away our pain and sorrow, hold us in love;

grace we cannot buy or borrow, hold us in love.

Though we see but dark and danger, though we spurn both friend and stranger,

though we often dread tomorrow, hold us in love.

3. When the bread is raised and broken, fill us with love:

words of consecration spoken, fill us with love.

As our grateful prayers continue, make the faith that we have in you

more than just an empty token, fill us with love.

4. Help us live for one another, bind us in love;

stranger, neighbour, father, mother - bind us in love.

All are equal at your table, through your Spirit make us able

to embrace as sister, brother, bind us in love.

Sentence

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3.22-23

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.

O Christ for whom we search,
our help when help has failed:
give us courage to expose our need
and ask to be made whole,
that, being touched by you,

we may be raised to new life in the power of your name. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Lamentations 3.22-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for one to bear the voke in youth.

to sit alone in silence

when the Lord has imposed it,

to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),

to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not reject for ever.

Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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

Psalm 30

- I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up from the depths: and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.
- O Lord my God, I cried to you: and you have made me whole.
- You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence: you saved my life from among those that go down to the Pit.
- Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones: and give thanks to his holy name.
- For if in his anger is havoc, in his good favour is life: heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
- In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved: your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'
- Then you hid your face from me: and I was greatly dismayed.
- 8 I cried to you, O God: and made my petition humbly to my Lord.
- ⁹ 'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit: can the dust give you thanks, or declare your faithfulness?
- ¹⁰ 'Hear, O Lord, and be merciful: O Lord, be my helper.'
- You have turned my lamentation into dancing: you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,
- That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

A reading from Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth 8.7–15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is

appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

May your word live in us,

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn: Your words to me are life and health George Currie Martin (1865-1937) alt. - tune: Capel © The Australian Hymn Book Company Pty Ltd, 1999, CCL No 632290

- Your words to me are life and health; pour strength into my soul; enable, guide, and teach my heart to reach its perfect goal.
- Your words to me are light and truth; from day to day they show their wisdom, passing human thought, as in their truth I grow.
- 3. Your words to me are full of joy, of beauty, peace, and grace; from them I learn your blessed will, through them I see your face.
- 4. Your words are perfected in One, yourself, the living Word; within my heart your image print in clearest lines, O Lord.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark 5.21–43

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his

disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" 'He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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: Lay your healing hand upon us Alan Gaunt (b.1935) - tune: Servant Song © Stainer & Bell Ltd, 1997, CCL No 632290

 Lay your healing hand upon us, Jesus, when we cry with pain; bind our wounds with your compassion; bring us back to health again.

- 2. Hold us like a gentle mother, heal the hurt we feel inside. set us on our feet and make us strong to take life in our stride.
- 3. With the confidence you give us, give us your compassion too, so that we may offer others comfort, healing, strength from you.
- 4. Then, whatever grief awaits us, as we learn your gentle ways we will share your joyful Spirit and for ever sing God's praise.

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.

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,

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;

and when he had given you thanks

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

in remembrance of me.'

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: Sing of the Lord's goodness Ernest Sands (b.1949) - tune: The Lord's Goodness © The Australian Hymn Book Company Pty Ltd. 1999. CCL No 632290

1. Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.

Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever, faithful to the end of days.

Come then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

2. Power he has wielded, honour is his garment, risen from the snares of death.

His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all.

refrain

3. Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high; solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendour of the living God.

refrain

4. Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet, praise God with the lute and harp, praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days.

refrain

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.

Liturgical Assistants Workshop - 27 June, 9am

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.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 27th June 5th Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist

9am Liturgical Assistants workshop

10am Eucharist 8pm AA meeting

Mon 28th June 10.30am Al Anon meeting

Tue 29th June 1pm AA meeting

5.30pm community meal: TDRM

7.30pm Vestry meeting

Wed 30th June 10am Eucharist

5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter

7.30pm NA meeting

Thu 1st July 10.30am AA meeting

7.30pm AA meeting

Fri 2nd July Vicar's day off

7.30pm Al Anon meeting

Sat 3rd July 7am AA meeting

> 11am Focus on Faith &

> > Friendship group

Lai Christian Church service 7pm

Sun 4th July 6th Sunday after Pentecost

> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist

8pm AA meeting



St John's TDRM Team

Thank you to everyone who helped with the meal on Tuesday, 15th June – we used our left over apple crumbles for dessert which are delicious and always well received, and the quiches provided by Luther College were a nice change! Thank you the people who came along to help on the night, and to everyone who was involved in providing this meal in any way.

I also want to update you with our rostered dates for the rest of the year so that we can plan ahead. They are:

- ► 13th July
- 10th or 17th August (TBA − our original date was the 17th but we will not be required to do both!)
- → 14th September
- 12th October
- ▶ 9th November
- 14th December

There is a group from another church who are interested in joining TDRM so we may not be required for all these dates, but please put them in your diaries just in case. I will keep you updated!

Cathy

Progress with Vicarage maintenance

The embankment above the vicarage has been mulched and planted with 80 native plants, shrubs and small trees - and a drip irrigation system installed. Thanks to Judy Carter for overseeing the project. This good stewardship of part of our parish property now establishes this area as part of the vicarage garden.

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://www.stjohndivine.org.au/event/songs-for-aria/

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 <u>from 6.30pm to 8.15pm</u>.

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

