



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

10th Sunday after Pentecost

1st August 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: Living God, your word has called us

Jan Berry (b.1953) - tune: Blaenwern

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- 1. Living God, your word has called us,
summoned us to live by grace,
make us one in hope and vision,
as we gather in this place.
Take our searching, take our praising,
take the silence of our prayer,
offered up in joyful worship,
springing from the love we share.**
- 2. Living God, your love has called us
in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body,
by your Spirit making one.
Working, laughing, learning, growing,
old and young and black and white,
gifts and skills together sharing,
in your service all unite.**
- 3. Living God, your hope has called us
to the world that you have made,
teaching us to live for others,
humble, joyful, unafraid.
Give us eyes to see your presence,
joy in laughter, hope in pain.
In our loving, in our living,
give us strength that Christ may reign.**

Sentence

'I am the living bread that came down from heaven,' says the Lord. 'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

John 6.51

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.

Gracious God,

you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth: grant that, believing in the one whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven and the food of eternal life,

Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be glory and honour for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians 4.1-24

Live Up to Your Calling! *

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high

he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

Grown-Up Christianity

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of

Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Off with the Old, On with the New

Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practise every kind of impurity. That is not the way you learned Christ! For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

May your word live in us,

and bear much fruit to your glory.

(* The section titles are those given by Bishop Tom Wright in 'Paul for Everyone: The prison letters - Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon')

Hymn: All praise to our redeeming Lord

Charles Wesley (1707-88) - tune: Newington

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1. **All praise to our redeeming Lord,
who joins us by his grace,
and bids us, each to each restored,
together seek his face.**
2. **He bids us build each other up;
and gathered into one,
to our high calling's glorious hope
we hand in hand go on.**
3. **The gift which he on one bestows
we all delight to prove;
the grace through every vessel flows,
in purest streams of love.**
4. **Even now we think and speak the same,
and cordially agree;
concentred all, through Jesus' name,
in perfect harmony.**
5. **We all partake the joy of one,
the common peace we feel,
a peace to sensual minds unknown,
a joy unspeakable.**
6. **And if our fellowship below
in Jesus be so sweet,
what heights of rapture shall we know
when round his throne we meet.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 6.24-35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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.

Hymn: Christ is the heavenly food
Timothy Rees (1874-1939) - tune: Jackson
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- 1. Christ is the heavenly food that gives
to every famished soul
new life and strength, new joy and hope,
and faith to make them whole.**
- 2. We all are made for God alone,
without him we are dead;
no food suffices for the soul
but Christ, the living bread.**
- 3. Christ is the unity that binds
in one the near and far;
for we who share his life divine,
his living body are.**
- 4. On earth and in the realms beyond
one fellowship are we;
and at his table we are knit
in mystic unity.**

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: Your hand, O God, has guided
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- 1. Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 2. Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all a-like proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 3. Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

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

15 August: Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord

- ~~8am~~ **no** service
- 10am Parish Eucharist
- 11.15am Statutory Parish Meeting - details below
- 12 noon Parish luncheon

Write your names on the list for the light luncheon, cost \$15 for tickets from Jenny Heath. The numbers must be in by Wed 11 Aug.

The Parish Governance Act (2013) (PGA) provides the regulations for each parish to be governed. Schedule 1 of the PGA provides the Parish Rules for Meetings and Officers.

The default option for rule 10 currently applies to St John's parish council, namely:

10. Parish council
 - 10.1 The parish council consists of—
 - (a) the vicar;
 - (b) three churchwardens; and
 - (c) 2 other persons, one-third nominated by the vicar and two-thirds elected by the parishioners.

Our parish council has decided to put the following permitted alternative to a Statutory Parish Meeting for a decision through debate and a vote:

- G.2 Alternative to rule 10.1 (b) and (c)
 - (b) three churchwardens; and
 - (c) 6 other persons, one-third nominated by the vicar and two-thirds elected by the parishioners.

Note that no parish council can formally change its own numbers. Since the parish council is the legislated representative body of the whole parish, it is the whole parish (or quorum thereof) that must decide.

The motion to be voted on is that:

“The parish adopts the G.2 alternative in Schedule 1 of the Parish Governance Act, changing the number of ‘other persons’ on the parish council from nine to six.”

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 1 st Aug	<u>10th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 8pm AA meeting
Mon 2 nd Aug	10.30am Al Anon meeting
Tue 3 rd Aug	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM 7.30pm Vestry
Wed 4 th Aug	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 5 th Aug	10.30am AA meeting 10am Taralla aged care visit 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 6 th Aug	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 7.30pm Al Anon meeting
Sat 7 th Aug	7am AA meeting 11am Focus on Faith & Friendship group 7pm Lai Christian Church service
Sun 8 th Aug	<u>11th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 8pm AA meeting

Maintenance updates

Reminder: the vestry/sacristy door has been re-secured temporarily with a new lock. For practical reasons this has a different key to the previous lock, and so those who need access to the vestry/sacristy need to arrange to sign the key register and receive the new key.

The high-up (under the church eaves) outside light for the steps from the carpark is working again.

Sermon Series: Ephesians

As we are engaging with the entire text, rather than just select passages, we are omitting the usual Old Testament and Psalm readings during this time.

It is traditional that the Gospel reading is never omitted, and so this will remain, even though it won't be addressed in the sermons.

11 th July	Eph 1	God chooses us
18 th July	Eph 2	One in Christ
25 th July	Eph 3	The grace of the Gospel
1 st August	Eph 4.1-24	Unity in the body
8 th August	Eph 4.25-5.20	Rules for the new life

15 th August	Mary, Mother of our Lord (see notice)	

22 nd August	Eph 5.21-6.9	Be subject to each other
29 th August	Eph 6.10-24	The armour of God