



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

7th Sunday after Pentecost

11th July 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.

Hymn: Jesus comes with all his grace

*Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt. - tune: *Orientis Partibus*
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- 1. Jesus comes with all his grace,
comes to save a fallen race,
object of our glorious hope,
Jesus comes to lift us up.**
- 2. Let the living stones cry out,
every child of Abraham shout;
praise we all our lowly king,
give him thanks, rejoice and sing.**
- 3. He has our salvation wrought,
he our captive souls has bought,
he has reconciled to God,
he has washed us in his blood.**
- 4. We are now his lawful right,
walk as children of the light;
we shall soon obtain the grace,
pure in heart, to see his face.**
- 5. We shall gain our calling's prize;
after God we all shall rise,
filled with joy, and love, and peace,
perfected in holiness.**

Sentence

Who shall stand in the Lord's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false.

Psalms 24.3-4

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.

Eternal God,
open our eyes to see your hand at work
in the splendour of creation
and in the beauty of human life.
Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,
to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers,
and to experience the joy of life in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus,
chapter 1.

Blessings on the Sovereign God*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ
Jesus:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places,

The Choice and the Plan

just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the
world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He
destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus
Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the
praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us
in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his
blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to
the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all
wisdom and insight he has made known to us the
mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that
he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to
gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things
on earth.

The Inheritance and the Spirit

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having
been destined according to the purpose of him who

accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Knowing the Power of the King

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

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

Hymn: The great love of God

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1. **The great love of God
is revealed in the Son,
who came to this earth
to redeem every one.**
2. **That love, like a stream
flowing clear to the sea,
makes clean every heart
that from sin would be free.**
3. **It binds the whole world,
every barrier it breaks,
the hills it lays low,
and the mountains it shakes.**
4. **It's yours, it is ours,
O how lavishly giv'n!
the pearl of great price,
and the treasure of heav'n.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Mark 6.14-29

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

King Herod heard of [the ministry of Jesus' disciples], for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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: Father in heaven

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- 1. Father in heaven,
grant to your children
mercy and blessing,
songs never ceasing,
love to unite us,
grace to redeem us –
Father in heaven,
Father our God.**
- 2. Jesus, Redeemer,
may we remember
your gracious passion,
your resurrection.
Worship we bring you,
praise, we shall sing you –
Jesus, Redeemer,
Jesus our Lord.**
- 3. Spirit descending
whose is the blessing,
strength for the weary,
help for the needy;
make us your temple,
born a new people –
Spirit descending,
Spirit adored.**

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: This is the truth we hold
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- 1. This is the truth we hold,
source of the joy we share,
hope that can make us bold
trusting the name we bear:
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**
- 2. This is the song of praise
echoing down the years,
true for the present days,
through all our doubts and fears:
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**
- 3. Christ is the living bread,
Christ is the word to speak,
Christ is the way to tread,
Christ is the goal to seek;
for 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**

**4. One in the faith we share,
out in his name we go;
Jesus awaits us there,
longing that all should know
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**

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

Sermon series: Ephesians

Today we start going through the letter to the Ephesians. As we will be going through the entire text, rather than just select passages, we will be 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.

Songs for Aria Concert TODAY

Tickets

This is promising to be a wonderful concert that will feature inspiring and uplifting songs, sung by some incredible singers. Tickets are available through TryBooking and we encourage you to book online:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=763763&>

or via the church website:

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

Tickets will also be available at the door but please arrive early to avoid delays or disappointment. If you are having any problems or need some help booking your ticket, please see Cathy Cossey, or contact Sarah Cossey on 0407 279 931.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 11 th July	<u>7th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 3pm Songs for Aria concert 8pm AA meeting
Mon 12 th July	10.30am Al Anon meeting
Tue 13 th July	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM (St John's team cooking) 7.30pm Vestry meeting
Wed 14 th July	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm MAT meeting 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 15 th July	10.30am AA meeting 11am BUPA communion 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 16 th July	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 7.30pm Al Anon meeting
Sat 17 th July	7am AA meeting 11am Focus on Faith & Friendship group 7pm Lai Christian Church service
Sun 18 th July	<u>8th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 8pm AA meeting

The Dining Room Mission

Cooks needed for Tuesday 13th July

The St John's team will be providing the meal for TDRM on Tuesday 13th July and more cooks are always welcome! If you can help please see Cathy or Meryl, or email the Parish Office. Ingredients are available after the service today.

Donations towards ingredients

Money or donations of ingredients for the St John's TDRM team are always needed:

Monetary donations towards the cost of the ingredients can be made directly into the St John's bank account – please show TDRM in the description.

Alternatively ingredients such as pasta, rice, long life custard, tinned tomatoes, tinned apple pie fruit and other tinned fruit and vegetables are always needed. Please see Cathy or Meryl, or contact the Parish Office if you can help.

15 August: Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord

We are combining some activities on this Sunday. There will be one Parish Service at 10am.

Followed by a Statutory Parish Meeting for the parish to debate and vote on a variable aspect of the parish council: should our parish council have 6 or 9 members (in addition to the vicar and wardens)?

We will then enjoy a parish luncheon together.