



St John the Divine
Eucharist service
8th Sunday after Pentecost
18th 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

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Sentence

'My sheep hear my voice,' says the Lord. 'I know them and they follow me; and I give them eternal life.'

John 10.27, 28

Hymn: To Christ, the prince of peace

Anon., tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78) alt. - tune: Narenza

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- 1. To Christ, the Prince of peace
and Son of God most high,
the Father of the world to come,
we lift with holy joy.**
- 2. Deep in his heart for us
the wound of love he bore:
that burning he kindles still
in hearts that him adore.**
- 3. O Jesus, victim priest,
what else but love so fine
could move you so to welcome us
into your heart divine?**
- 4. O fount of endless life,
a spring of water clear,
a flame celestial, cleansing all
who will to you draw near,**
- 5. hide us within your heart,
for there we all would be,
to live in grace, and after death
gain immortality.**
- 6. Praise to the Father be,
and sole-begotten Son;
praise, ever holy Paraclete,
while endless ages run.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

My sisters and brothers,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are everlasting.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

O keep my soul and deliver me;
let me not be put to shame,

for I have put my trust in you.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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,

author of our life and end of our pilgrimage:

guide us by your word and Spirit

amid all perils and temptations,

that we may not wander from your way,

but may run our course in safety

until we come to our eternal rest in you;

through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he

went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

A reading from the letter to the church in Ephesus, chapter 2.

Warning Signs on the Wrong Road*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

Grace, Not Works

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Two into One Will Go

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

Unveiling the New Temple

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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')

Sermon

Hymn: In Christ alone my hope is found

Stuart Townend (b.1963) & Keith Getty (b.1974)

tune: In Christ Alone © Thankyou Music, 2001, CCL No 632290

- 1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**
- 2. In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied —
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**
- 3. There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine —
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**
- 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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.**

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.

The altar is prepared.

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

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

As this broken bread was once many grains
which have been gathered together and made one
bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**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 body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful. **Amen.**

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
we thank you that in this sacrament
you assure us of your goodness and love.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and obedience
that we may serve you in the world
and finally be brought to that table
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

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: Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt. - tune: Gopsal

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- 1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore;
let all give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
- 2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
- 3. His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
- 4. He sits at God's right hand,
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

- 5. Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall, Rejoice!**

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

- Sun 18th July 8th Sunday after Pentecost
10am Eucharist - *live-stream only*
- Mon 19th July 7.30pm Parish Council *via Zoom*
- Tue 20th July 5.30pm *community meal: TDRM*
- Note: if the current lockdown extends, the events marked * below will not take place**
- Wed 21st July 10am *Eucharist
5.30pm *community meal: Winter Shelter*
7.30pm *NA meeting
- Thu 22nd July 10.30am *AA meeting
10am *Mingarra communion
7.30pm *AA meeting
- Fri 23rd July Vicar's day off
7.30pm *AI Anon meeting
- Sat 24th July 7am *AA meeting
11am *Focus on Faith & Friendship group
7pm *Lai Christian Church service
- Sun 25th July 9th Sunday after Pentecost
8am *Eucharist
10am Eucharist
8pm *AA meeting

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.

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| 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 |
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| 15 th August | Mary, Mother of our Lord (see notice) | |
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| 22 nd August | Eph 5.21-6.9 | Be subject to each other |
| 29 th August | Eph 6.10-24 | The armour of God |

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. This will be followed by a Statutory Parish Meeting as detailed below. We will then hopefully enjoy a parish luncheon together - details to be advised.

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) 9 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."

Songs for Aria Concert (last Sunday afternoon)

There are some photos on St John's FB page, and a link to the recording of the concert is on the website. Anyone who watches it instead of having come to the concert is encouraged to make a donation to Red Nose in lieu of a ticket.

Sarah & Adrian have written the following:

'Songs for Aria' brought together communities from across Melbourne as they celebrated and remembered the lives of the babies they couldn't have, those they couldn't take home, and those they took home but who couldn't stay. Sadly, 6 babies are stillborn every day in Australia. In October 2019 we became parents to our angel, Aria, twin to Noah.

The mission of 'Songs for Aria' was twofold; to raise awareness of the grief and suffering associated with peri and post natal loss as well as raising funds for Red Nose Australia and SANDS Australia to enable them to continue guiding bereaved parents through this unbearable pain. Featuring local vocalists and musicians, the program was both emotional and uplifting and showcased a mix of classical, contemporary and musical theatre numbers. Our MC, the CEO of Red Nose, Keren Ludski, provided thoughtful insight into the work of Red Nose and SANDS, while the custom made 'children's corner' became a hive of activity for those under 5.

One of the most poignant moments of the concert was the candle lighting ceremony, against a backdrop of violin and piano music, where many members of the audience lit a candle in honour of a lost baby.

'Songs for Aria' was a wonderful success, with over 100 in physical attendance and 20 streaming online, and we raised over \$3000 for Red Nose and SANDS.

A huge thank you to the members of the St John's community who supported the concert by attending or providing invaluable support in preparation for the event. And another heartfelt thank you to Fr John and the leadership committee who donated the space and countless materials to make this event the success it was.

Sarah Cossey-Glaubert & Adrian Glaubert

The Dining Room Mission

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way last Tuesday night. Once again we served up a generous and delicious meal that was well received by the guests.

We were also fortunate to have left over slices and cakes from 'Song's for Aria' which we were able to use for dessert so we are very grateful to the parishioners who helped provide these for the concert.

It was especially good to have some new people from the parish join the team. Many hands make light work and it is a wonderful team to be a part of.

Cathy