



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

11th Sunday after Pentecost

8th 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

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Sentence

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Ephesians 5.1-2

Hymn: Church of God, elect and glorious

James Seddon (1915-83) - tune: Lux Eoi

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- 1. Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds;
tell of love which knows no limits,
grace which meets all human needs.**
- 2. God has called you out of darkness
into his most marvellous light;
brought his truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name be glorified;
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.**
- 3. Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love;
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heaven above.
Let his love flow out to others,
let them feel a Father's care;
that they too may know his welcome
and his countless blessings share.**
- 4. Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends;
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends:
royal priests, fulfil your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service –
sing his praise, his love declare.**

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.

Grant, O Lord,

that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need,

and may turn from every false satisfaction

to feed on the true and living bread

that you have given us in Jesus Christ;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for 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 John 6.35, 41-51

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

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.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he
said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They

were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. 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.'

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

Hymn: Jesus, Lord, we look to thee
Charles Wesley (1707-88) - tune: Vienna
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- 1. Jesus, Lord, we look to thee;
let us in thy name agree;
show thyself the Prince of Peace,
bid all strife for ever cease.**
- 2. Make us of one heart and mind,
courteous, merciful, and kind,
lowly, meek, in thought and word,
altogether like our Lord.**
- 3. Let us for each other care,
each the other's burdens bear;
to thy Church the pattern give,
show how true believers live.**
- 4. Free from anger and from pride,
let us thus in God abide;
all the depths of love express,
all the heights of holiness.**

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians 4.25 - 5.20

The Kindness that Imitates God Himself *

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Darkness and Light in Matters of Sex

But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

Light and Darkness

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.'

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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.

Hymn: Peace with the Father

James Quinn (1919-2010) - tune: Song 47

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- 1. Peace with the Father, peace with Christ his Son,
peace with the Spirit, keep us ever one.**
- 2. Love of the Father, love of Christ his Son,
love of the Spirit, make all Christians one.**
- 3. Sin has divided those whom Christ made one;
Father, forgive us through your loving Son.**
- 4. Send forth your Spirit, Father, from above
on us, your children, one with Christ in love.**
- 5. Christians, forgive each other from your heart;
Christ be among us, nevermore to part.**

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: Let all the world in every corner sing
George Herbert (1593-1633) - tune: Luckington
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- 1. Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!**
- 2. Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!**

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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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 8 th Aug	<u>11th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 10am Eucharist - <i>live-stream only</i>
Mon 9 th Aug	-
Tue 10 th Aug	5.30pm <i>community meal: TDRM</i> (<i>St John's team to cook</i>)
Wed 11 th Aug	5.30pm <i>community meal: Winter Shelter</i> 7.30pm MAT meeting <i>via Zoom</i>
Thu 12 th Aug	-
Note: if the current lockdown extends, the events marked * below will not take place	
Fri 13 th Aug	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 7.30pm *AI Anon meeting
Sat 14 th Aug	7am *AA meeting 7pm *Lai Christian Church service
Sun 15 th Aug	<u>Mary, Mother of our Lord</u> 8am *Eucharist 10am Eucharist 8pm *AA meeting

NOTICES

The Dining Room Mission

St John's TDRM Team will be cooking for The Dining Room Mission again this coming Tuesday, 10th August. Please note that we will NOT be cooking on August 17th.

This time we will be serving corned beef with mashed potatoes, vegetables and 'special sauce', followed by Meryl's apple/pear crumble and custard.

15 August: Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord

We will continue with our usual lockdown program until the lockdown ends, and then immediately resume in-person services - dependent on the specific regulations.

Regardless of how short this lockdown is, it unfortunately disrupts the planning for Sunday 15 August. So - if allowed - we will only have our usual 8am and 10am services, still celebrating the Feast of Mary, but NO statutory meeting or parish luncheon.

Once this lockdown has ended we will look for a new date to be able to gather both for the statutory meeting and a luncheon. For those parishioners who haven't picked up what the statutory meeting is about: it's simply to decide whether the size of the parish council continues as is, or is officially reduced by 3 from the November annual meeting onwards. We are currently functioning with 3 vacant positions, but it is for the whole parish to determine the official size we should be working with.

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	

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