



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au)*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

### Sentence

Jesus said, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.'

*John 6.56*

Hymn: From heaven you came, helpless babe

*Graham Kendrick (b.1950) - tune: Servant King*

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- 1. From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served, but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.  
*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.***
- 2. There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours', he said.  
*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.***
- 3. Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.  
*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.***
- 4. So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.  
*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.***

### 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.

Everliving God,

your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as living bread  
for the life of the world:

give us such a knowledge of his presence  
that we may be strengthened and sustained

by his risen life to serve you continually;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in unity with 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 John 6.51–58

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said: '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.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians 5.18c, 20 - 6.9 (DLNT\*)

Be filled with *the Spirit* ... giving-thanks always for all *things* in *the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father*, subjecting yourselves *to one another in reverence of Christ*—

#### Wives

wives— *to your own husbands*, as *to the Lord*. Because a husband is *the head of his wife* as also *Christ is the head of the church*, *He being the Savior of the body*. Nevertheless, as the church is subject *to Christ*, in this manner also *let the wives be to their husbands* in everything.

#### Husbands

Husbands, be loving *your wives* just-as *Christ also loved the church* and handed Himself over for her in order that He might sanctify her, having cleansed *her with the washing of water by the word*, in order that He might present the church *to Himself as glorious*— not having spot or wrinkle or any *of such things*, but that she might be holy and without-blemish. In this manner, husbands ought also to be loving their wives as their *own bodies*. The *one* loving his wife is loving himself. For no one ever hated his *own flesh*, but he nourishes and cherishes it, just as *Christ also does the church*, because we are *body-parts of His body*. "For this *cause a man shall leave-behind his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh*" [Gen 2:24]. This mystery is great, but I am speaking with reference to *Christ and with reference to the church*. Nevertheless, you also individually, let each in this manner be loving his wife as himself. And *let the wife see that she be respecting her husband*.

#### Children

Children, be obeying your parents in *the Lord*, for this is right. "Be honoring your father and mother"— which is *the first commandment with a promise*— "in order that it may be well *with you* and you may be long-lived upon the earth" [Deut 5:16].

#### Fathers

And fathers, do not be provoking your children to anger, but be nourishing them in *the discipline and instruction of the Lord*.

#### Slaves

Slaves, be obeying *your masters* according-to *the flesh* with fear and trembling, in *the sincerity of your heart*, as *to Christ*— not by way of eye-service as people-pleasers, but as slaves *of Christ*, doing the will *of God from the soul*, serving with good-will as *to the Lord* and not *to people*, knowing that each *one*, if he does anything good, will receive this back from *the Lord*, whether slave or free.

#### Masters:

And masters, be doing the same *things* to them, giving-up the threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in *the heavens*, and there is no respect-of-persons with Him.

May your word live in us,

**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

(\* *Disciples' Literal New Testament*, published by Wycliffe Bible Translators)

#### Sermon

Hymn: Happy the home that welcomes you, Lord Jesus  
Karl J P Spitta (1801-59), tr. Honor M Thwaites (1914-93) alt.  
tune: Welwyn - © The Australian Hymn Book Company Pty Ltd,  
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- 1. Happy the home that welcomes you, Lord Jesus, truest of friends, most honoured guest of all, where hearts and eyes are bright with joy to greet you, your lightest wishes eager to fulfil.**
- 2. Happy the home where man and wife together are of one mind believing in your love: through love and pain, prosperity and hardship, through good and evil days your care they prove.**
- 3. Happy the home, O loving Friend of children, where they are giv'n to you with hands of prayer, where at your feet they early learn to listen to your own words, and thank you for your care.**
- 4. Happy the home where work is done to please you, in tasks both great and small, that you may see your servants doing all as you would wish them as members of your household, glad and free.**
- 5. Happy the home that knows your healing comfort, where, unforgotten, every joy you share, until they all, their work on earth completed, come to your Father's house to meet you there.**

#### 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: *Lord, we thank you for the promise*  
*Martin Leckebusch (b.1962) - tune: Blaenwern*  
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- 1. Lord, we thank you for the promise  
seen in ev'ry human birth:  
you have planned each new beginning;  
who could hope for greater worth?  
Hear our pray'r for those we cherish;  
claim our children as your own:  
in the fertile ground of childhood  
may eternal seed be sown.**
- 2. Lord, we thank you for the vigour  
burning in the years of youth:  
strength to face tomorrow's challenge,  
zest for life and zeal for truth.  
In the choice of friends and partners,  
when ideas and values form,  
may the message of your kingdom  
be the guide, the goal, the norm.**
- 3. Lord, we thank you for the harvest  
of the settled, middle years:  
times when work and home can prosper  
when life's richest fruit appears;  
but when illness, stress and hardship  
fill so many days with dread,  
may your love renew the vision  
of a clearer road ahead.**
- 4. Lord, we thank you for the beauty  
of a heart at last mature:  
crowned with peace and rich in wisdom,  
well-respected and secure;  
but to those who face the twilight  
frail, bewildered, lacking friends,  
Lord, confirm your gracious offer:  
perfect life which never ends.**

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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#### 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Eph 1	God chooses us
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Eph 2	One in Christ
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Eph 3	The grace of the Gospel
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Eph 4.1-24	Unity in the body
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Eph 4.25-5.20	Rules for the new life
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15 <sup>th</sup> August	Mary, Mother of our Lord	
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22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Eph 5.21-6.9	Be subject to each other
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Eph 6.10-24	The armour of God

*Also note that due to observing the feast day of Mary, the set collect and readings are now one week behind. This will be brought back in line on Sunday 12 September.*

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 13th Sunday after Pentecost  
10am Eucharist - *live-stream only*

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug -

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 5.30pm *community meal: TDRM*  
7pm *Kindergarten Committee (Zoom)*

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 5.30pm *community meal: Winter Shelter*  
7.30pm *Mission Action Team (Zoom)*

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Aug -

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Aug Vicar's day off  
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Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Aug -

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 14th Sunday after Pentecost  
10am Eucharist - *live-stream only*

### A prayer for Afghanistan

*For those who are fleeing: sanctuary*

*For those who are staying: safety*

*For those who are fighting: peace*

*For those whose hearts are breaking: peace*

*For those who see no future: hope*

### NOTICES

#### TDRM AGM 2021 - postponed

*Due to the restrictions we will postpone the AGM that had been scheduled for next Tuesday August 24. We will re-schedule the meeting later in September if restrictions are relaxed by then. I will keep you posted.*

*In the meantime it would be great to have some new members on the committee so have a chat to anyone who may be interested.*

*Ann Phillips*

#### Current Covid restrictions

*All face-to-face meetings, groups and services are prohibited. Five people can live stream or video a service, and you can travel more than 5km to do so. However, it must be the same five people each time.*

*Funerals are limited to ten mourners, plus those leading the service.*

*No weddings can occur, other than for end-of-life or deportation emergencies.*

*Masks must be worn, other than the one person speaking/singing to camera. Church offices cannot be used as workplaces, other than by clergy who live directly onsite. Visits to aged care facilities and hospitals are not generally allowed other than for end of life. Care visits are allowed, including beyond 5km, which could include pastoral visits where essential. Essential food provisions must be takeaway or delivery only.*

*QR codes must be used by anyone attending to broadcast a service or for a funeral.*

*Work permits are required for volunteers and are to be signed by the Vicar.*

*Only permitted work activity can be done on-site. Therefore, church offices cannot be open for general work. Only clergy living directly on-site can work in the church facilities. Collecting mail from an external letterbox and security checks are permitted.*