



St John the Divine
Eucharist service
Feast Day of
Mary, Mother of our Lord
15th 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

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as God's children.

Galatians 4.4-5

Hymn: God of Eve and God of Mary

Fred Kaan (1929-2009) - tune: Love Divine

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- 1. God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.**
- 2. As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.**
- 3. Thank you that the Church, our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.**
- 4. Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.**
- 5. God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

We have done what is wrong in the Lord's sight
and chosen what displeases him.
Yet as a mother comforts her child,
so shall the Lord comfort us.
So let us come to him who knows
our every deed and thought.

Silence is kept.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

We confess to you our fear and failure
in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
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.
Heavenly Father,
who chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
fill us with your grace,
that in all things we may accept your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name

that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Hymn: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
by Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) - tune: Woodlands
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- 1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**
- 2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.**
- 3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**
- 4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

A reading from the letter to the Galatians 4.4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem
those who were under the law, so that we might receive
adoption as children. And because you are children, God
has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,
'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child,
and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Luke 2.1-7

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus
that all the world should be registered. This was the first
registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor
of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.
Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to
Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he
was descended from the house and family of David. He
went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was
engaged and who was expecting a child. While they
were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.
And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him
in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because
there was no place for them in the inn.

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

Sermon

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: For Mary, mother of our Lord
by John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971) - tune: St Botolph
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- 1. For Mary, mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised,
who first the Son of God adored
as on her child she gazed.**
- 2. The angel Gabriel brought the word
she should Christ's mother be;
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
made answer willingly.**
- 3. The heav'nly call she thus obeyed,
and so God's will was done;
the second Eve love's answer made
which our redemption won.**
- 4. She gave her body for God's shrine,
her heart to piercing pain,
and knew the cost of love divine
when Jesus Christ was slain.**
- 5. Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee,
there comes a joy and holiness
to ev'ry family.**
- 6. Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
blest in your Son, whom your embrace
in birth and death confessed.**

The altar is prepared.

God our Father,
your handmaid Mary nourished your Son with her body.
Nourish us with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
almighty Father, ever-living God,
to give you thanks and praise
for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary.
For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit
she conceived and bore the Word made flesh.
At the cross she kept her vigil, and saw the saving work
of your Son brought to its perfection.

She rejoiced in his resurrection,
and joining her prayers with those of the apostles,
was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit.

In her you show us the greatness of your love,
and the wonderful purpose
you intend for all your children.

Therefore we join our voice with hers,
and all the company of heaven,
as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

**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.

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary
the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

by John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)

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1. **Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
raise the glad strain: alleluia!**
**Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
alleluia, alleluia!**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu-ia!
2. **O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: alleluia!**
**Thou bearer of the Eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
alleluia, alleluia!**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu-ia!
3. **Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
alleluia, alleluia!**
**Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song,
alleluia, alleluia!**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu-ia!
4. **O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing:
alleluia, alleluia!**
**To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
alleluia, alleluia!**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu-ia!

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises
and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and those whom you love and pray for,
now and 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 15th Aug Mary, Mother of our Lord
10am Eucharist - *live-stream only*
- Mon 16th Aug 7.30pm Parish Council via Zoom
- Tue 17th Aug 5.30pm *community meal: TDRM*
- Wed 18th Aug 5.30pm *community meal: Winter Shelter*
- Thu 19th Aug -
- Note: if the current lockdown extends, the events marked * below will not take place**
- Fri 20th Aug Vicar's day off
7.30pm *AI Anon meeting
- Sat 21st Aug 7am *AA meeting
7pm *Lai Christian Church service
- Sun 22nd Aug 13th 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 | |
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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 |

NOTICES

The Dining Room Mission

Once again thank you to St John's TDRM Team who helped with cooking and serving the meal last Tuesday. It was another terrific effort and very much appreciated.

Jack asked me to forward the following message from him:

"Please pass on our sincere thanks to your group for the lovely meals and all the effort that went into doing that. 5 stars once again!"

It is a blessing to have such a wonderful team from St John's, and to be a part of TDRM and the other community groups that serve the most vulnerable in our area.

Cathy

Prayer during the pandemic

Giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5.20

His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London, President of Bible Society has written the following prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We give thanks to you on every occasion, in every condition and for all things.

We ask you to accept unto yourself your children who have departed from this world and comfort those grieving their loss. We also ask your healing hand upon those who are still ill, recovering, or having to live with the effects of this illness for years to come.

We ask your blessing, our True Physician, upon those who have served selflessly and tirelessly throughout the pandemic; that you may reward them.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

