



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

16th Sunday after Pentecost

12th September 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

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it.

Mark 8.35

Hymn: God of grace, whose love eternal

Derek Baldwin (b.1944) - tune: Abbots Leigh

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- 1. God of grace, whose love eternal
brings us life in Christ your Son,
help us listen, give us vision,
in your body make us one.
May we grow in true believing,
showing faith by words and deeds,
every day fresh grace receiving -
Lord, through us your will be done.**
- 2. God of mercy, grant forgiveness
when our inward-looking mind,
joyless living, costless giving,
stifle love for humankind.
In his image, Lord, remake us,
who for our sake gave his life;
by your Spirit onward take us,
filled, refreshed and re-aligned.**
- 3. God of power which knows no limit,
may the gospel's changeless sound
now transform us and our mission
to the changing world around.
Come and forge our timid coldness
in the furnace of your love,
into humble, holy boldness -
lives where power and praise abound.**
- 4. God of grace and power and mercy,
holy, blessed Trinity,
in the love of Christ refresh us
as we listen, as we see;
then we'll share salvation's story
in our life together here -
yours the kingdom, power and glory
now and for eternity.**

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.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
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.

God of mercy,

help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,

to trust you, even when hope is failing,

and to take up our cross daily

and follow you in your redeeming work;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the letter of James 2.18–26

Someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and

he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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

Hymn: Take my life and let it be

Frances R Havergal (1836-1879) alt. - tune: Nottingham
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- 1. Take my life and let it be
all you purpose, Lord, for me;
consecrate my passing days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of your love;
take my feet, and let them run
with the news of victory won.**
- 3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, let them proclaim
all the beauty of your name.**
- 4. Take my wealth all I possess,
make me rich in faithfulness;
take my mind that I may use
every power as you shall choose.**
- 5. Take my motives and my will,
all your purpose to fulfil;
take my heart it is your own,
it shall be your royal throne.**
- 6. Take my love my Lord, I pour
at your feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
yours for all eternity.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Mark 8.27-38

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny

themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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 our God, 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: When God almighty came to earth

John L Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule (b.1958)

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- 1. When God Almighty came to earth,
he took the pain of Jesus' birth,
he took the flight of refugee,
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'**
- 2. When God Almighty walked the street,
the critic's curse he had to meet,
the cynic's smile he had to see,
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'**

**3. When God Almighty met the folk,
of peace and truth he gladly spoke
to set the slave and tyrant free,
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'**

**4. When God Almighty took his place
to save the fallen, human race,
he took it boldly on a tree,
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'**

**5. When God Almighty comes again,
he'll meet us incognito as then;
and though no words may voice his plea,
he'll whisper, 'Are you following me?'**

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 & 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: Take up your cross

Charles William Everest (1814-77) alt.

*tune: O Jesu Christ, Meins Lebens Licht - © The Australian
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- 1. 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,
'if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.'**
- 2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**
- 3. Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly ev'ry danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.**
- 4. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**
- 5. To you, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heav'nly life that knows no end.**

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 12th Sep 16th Sunday after Pentecost
10am Eucharist - *live-stream only*
- Mon 13th Sep -
- Tue 14th Sep 5.30pm *community meal: TDRM*
(*St John's team's turn to cook*)
- Wed 15th Sep 5.30pm *community meal: Winter Shelter*
- Thu 16th Sep -
- Fri 17th Sep Vicar's day off
- Sat 18th Sep -
- Sun 19th Sep 17th Sunday after Pentecost
10am Eucharist - *live-stream only*

NOTICES

The Dining Room Mission

It's St John's turn to cook for this coming Tuesday, 14th September. We have left over cakes, tins of fruit and custard which we can use for dessert so we only need to cook the main meal this time - Chow Mein with rice. As usual we will have the foil trays and basic ingredients available for you and will deliver them to your door!

Please bring your food to the church HOT by 4.30pm or let Cathy know and we can arrange to collect it. If you are able to assist please come to the church around 4.30pm. TDRM has several rice cookers - hopefully one of you will know how to use them!

Please let Cathy know ASAP if you are available to help with the cooking and/or the serving this coming Tuesday.

Offertory

Many are struggling with reduced financial circumstances. Sadly, this also impacts our own church finances. Keeping our faith community going, and enabling us to offer hospitality and support to the many community service groups using our facilities, is dependent on your generosity.

So you are invited to consider making a regular offering of money - or of increasing this if you're already doing so. These can be made through the offertory plate at each service, or directly into the parish bank account:

'St John's - general account'

BSB: 033044

Account: 251582

Thanks to all who are ensuring that their financial offerings are getting to us.

Myanmar Prayer Meeting

Myanmar is heading into civil war. Bishop Paul is coordinating a diocesan prayer meeting on zoom on Sunday, 19 September, 5.30pm – 7pm.

The zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979468713?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979468713?pwd=WEIzUm5WeCswc1pxc0ZCeUtIRtJWQT09)

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Any are welcome.