



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

17th Sunday after Pentecost

19th 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

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Mark 9.35

Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace

Sebastian Temple (b.1928) - tune: Channel of Peace

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1. Make me a channel of your peace.

**Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

***O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.***

2. Make me a channel of your peace.

**Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

***O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.***

3. Make me a channel of your peace.

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

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 and Father of all,

you have taught us through your Son

that the last shall be first, and

have made a little child the measure of your kingdom:

give us the wisdom from above,

so that we may understand that in your sight

the one who serves is the greatest of all.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the letter of James 3.1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my sisters and brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth

come blessing and cursing. My sisters and brothers, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my sisters and brothers, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Hymn: Lord, you are the light of life to me
Brian Richard Hoare (b.1935) - tune: Fairmead
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- 1. Lord, you are the light of life to me;
when darkness hides my path, you help me see.
Shine on me, O Lord, that now and all my days
your light may lead me on, guiding my ways.**
- 2. Lord, you are the rock on which I stand,
stable and strong in you, held by your hand;
keep me safe, O Lord, in weakness let there be
your loving, firm embrace upholding me.**
- 3. Lord, you are the truth that sets me free;
only in you is found true liberty.
Teach me then, O Lord, in all things to pursue
your good and perfect will, growing like you.**
- 4. Lord, you are the Lamb of God who died,
suffering for love of me, scorned, crucified.
Love me still, O Lord, let others daily see
your selfless, serving love flowing through me.**
- 5. Lord, you are the King who ever reigns;
earth's rulers rise and fall: your throne remains.
Rule my life, O Lord, I yield myself anew
your name to glorify, living for you.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Mark 9.30-37

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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: Jesus, in your life we see you
Basil E Bridge (b.1927) - tune: Gaelic Air
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- 1. Jesus, in your life we see you
making God's compassion known,
'surely you have borne our sorrows,
surely made our pain your own!'
See your touch bring hope and healing,
see your word set captives free,
see you suffer, mocked, rejected,
dying on the shameful tree.**
- 2. Risen Lord, you reign in glory;
but your wounds and scars remain;
you can share the outcast's suff'ring,
sound the depths of human pain,
know where greed exploits the helpless,
hear the addict's lonely cry,
grieve at so much waste and heartbreak,
feel for all who question 'why?'**
- 3. Risen Lord, you bear their sorrow,
know how much they need your peace;
as you once healed broken bodies,
offered captive souls release,
take us, use us in your service;
we would follow where you lead;
only your divine compassion
meets the depths of human need.**

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: Christ's is the world in which we move

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

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- 1. Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.
To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.**
- 2. Feel for the people we most avoid
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.
To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.**
- 3. Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.
To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.**
- 4. Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.
To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.**

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 19th Sep 17th Sunday after Pentecost
10am Eucharist - *live-stream only*
- Mon 20th Sep -
- Tue 21st Sep 5.30pm *community meal: TDRM*
- Wed 22nd Sep 5.30pm *community meal: Winter Shelter*
7.30pm Mission Action Team
- Thu 23rd Sep -
- Fri 24th Sep Vicar's day off
- Sat 25th Sep -
- Sun 26th Sep 18th Sunday after Pentecost
10am Eucharist - *live-stream only*

NOTICES

The Dining Room Mission

Dear St John's TDRM Team,

Thank you to everyone who helped with cooking and serving the meal at The Dining Room Mission last Tuesday. It was another wonderful effort from everyone. We served up 60 desserts and more than 80 meals of Chow Mein and rice which were very much appreciated. Once again we were complimented on our generous and tasty meal, as well as our terrific team.

I know I say this a lot, but it is a real blessing to work alongside such a great team from St John's!

Our next date is October 12th.

Cathy

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?pwd=WEIzUm5WeCswc1pxc0ZCeUtIRTJWQT09>
Meeting ID: 879 7946 8713 Passcode: 318550

Any are welcome.

Buubaay-Juul Ngalan - 'Little Spark'

I'm sharing a painting that I have, by a pastor-colleague and Wiradjuri man, Marromarra - Darren Wighton. On the back he has written:

Artwork depicts an ancient truth that works on various levels. "It only takes a spark to cause a huge FIRE"

Obviously this ties in with today's reading from James' letter, 3.5. The painting might also be seen as symbolic of the Pentecost event, in which the first disciples, inspired by the fire of the Holy Spirit, 'gossiped the Gospel'.

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.

