



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

21st Sunday after Pentecost

17th October 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

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10.45

Hymn: Church of God, elect and glorious
James Seddon (1915-1983) - 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 is 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.

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
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 unchangeable power,
when the heaven and earth were made,
the morning stars sang together

and the host of heaven shouted for joy:
open our eyes to the wonders of creation

and teach us to use all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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 to the Hebrews 5.1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Hymn: No crown, no throne, no glory
John Campbell - tune: Aurelia
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1. **No crown, no throne, no glory,
to share with eager friends,
no easy public triumph
to which the world attends,
but mocking, spitting, flogging
and shouts of 'Crucify!'
'til naked, cramping, retching,
you hang, alone, to die.**
2. **No cup of celebration,
no feasting through the night,
no show'rs of joy and blessing
shared out as though by right,
but tears of bitter anguish,
of loneliness and pain,
and darkness drenched in sorrow;
this cup was yours to drain.**
3. **No condescending master,
no patronage to share,
no lord, no squire, no owner
with charity to spare,
but God as slave-like servant,
obedient to the last;
your life laid down as ransom,
as rescue from our past.**
4. **Upturning expectations
with selfless sacrifice,
exploding preconceptions
by how you lived and died,
you summon us to follow,
as bearers of your grace,
that we ourselves, absurdly,
may live as in your place.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Mark 10.32-45
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus and the disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.'

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.
cf Colossians 3.15
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

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.*

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: Heaven shall not wait

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

tune: Heaven Shall Not Wait, © WGRG, 1987, CCL No 632290

- 1. Heav'n shall not wait
for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile,
the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord;
he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice
confronts its timely end.**
- 2. Heav'n shall not wait
for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall,
the élite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord;
he has shown the master's privilege –
to kneel and wash
servants' feet before they feast.**
- 3. Heav'n shall not wait
for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion
divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord;
he has married word and action;
his cross and company
make his purpose plain.**
- 4. Heav'n shall not wait
for our legalised obedience,
defined by statute,
to strict conventions bound:
Jesus is Lord;
he has hallmarked true allegiance –
goodness appears
where his grace is sought and found.**
- 5. Heav'n shall not wait
for triumphant hallelujahs,
when earth has passed
and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord
in our present imperfection;
his pow'r and love
are for now and then for evermore.**

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 17 th Oct	<u>21st Sunday after Pentecost</u> 10am Eucharist - <i>live-stream only</i>
Mon 18 th Oct	7.30pm Parish Council (zoom)
Tue 19 th Oct	5.30pm <i>community meal: TDRM</i>
Wed 20 th Oct	5.30pm <i>community meal: Winter Shelter</i>
Thu 21 st Oct	-
Fri 22 nd Oct	<u>Vicar's day off</u> -
Sat 23 rd Oct	-
Sun 24 th Oct	<u>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 10am Eucharist - <i>live-stream only</i>

NOTICES

Newsletter #30 (from 10 October)

The latest newsletter, issue #30, dated for the week of 10 October 2021, has now been produced, and is in the process of being printed and posted for those who don't have email or who have requested a printed copy.

If you have not previously received printed issues, and wish now to do so, kindly make your request known to us. You may also make this request on behalf of someone else - with their permission.

If you wish to have posted to you any previous newsletters, just let us know. The previous few newsletters were published for the following dates:

issue #26	28 March 2021
issue #27	4 April 2021
issue #28	18 April 2021
issue #29	13 June 2021

Revision of Electoral Roll

- refer to the notice of revision on this page.

The electoral roll is subtly different from the parish directory or e/mailling list: the directory lists all who want to be part of our parish life and agree to be listed in it, and the e/mailling list is for all who wish to receive parish communications.

The electoral roll is a list of parishioners who are entitled both to be nominated as office bearers, and to vote for them.

To be on the electoral roll, you need to habitually attend worship at St John's - at least 12 times in the past 12

Notice of Revision of Parish Electoral Roll

Parish of St John the Divine Croydon

The parish electoral roll of this parish will be revised by the parish electoral committee commencing on 17 October 2021.

The *Parish Governance Act 2013* provides that the parish electoral roll is to contain the names of people who are of at least eighteen years of age and who—

- (a) are baptised;
- (b) regularly and habitually attend public worship at a worship centre of the parish;
- (c) have signed an application seeking to be included on the roll and declaring that:
 - (i) they are a member of the Anglican Church of Australia or of a church in communion with the Anglican Church of Australia;
 - (ii) they are not a member of any church which is not in communion with the Anglican Church of Australia; and
 - (iii) they are not on the parish electoral roll of any other parish or any Authorised Anglican Congregation in the Diocese other than a roll from which they wish their name to be removed.

The parish electoral roll as revised, in preparation for the 2021 annual meeting, must be completed by 13 November, and displayed from the next day. A person must be on the parish electoral roll to vote at the annual meeting.

A person may apply to be on the electoral roll at any time, and may obtain an application form from the Parish Office, either by email or by post.

months. This condition has been difficult to achieve in a *measurable* way for both 2020 and 2021, although many people - parishioners, newcomers and visitors - have been viewing the weekly live-streamed services either at the time or later. The Diocese encourages parishes to exercise a very generous interpretation of the condition.

Most parishioners who were on the list last year will remain on the list for this year, unless they indicate otherwise, or there is an appropriate reason to remove them.

For those who weren't on the roll last year, and would be entitled to be on it under non-covid circumstances (e.g. would normally have attended weekly services here over at least the last 3 months), let the parish office know promptly, and we will send you an electoral roll application form.

Roadmap out of lockdown (repeated from last week)

To help with planning to cater both for those who are fully vaccinated but vulnerable, and for those who are unvaccinated (regardless of the reason), we are asking parishioners to respond to the questionnaire on the next page - if you haven't already done so. This will help with planning appropriate opportunities for ALL to worship.

Saturday 9 October

Dear Parishioners

I hope this finds you as well as possible during lockdown 6. We are all looking forward to being able to worship together in our sacred space at St John the Divine again.

In light of the government roadmap released recently, we need to make plans about how best to comply with both Government laws and our Bishop's request that we cater for all.

To do this as well as possible, it would help if you gave us feedback, as per the questionnaire below. Please return the completed survey as soon as possible (office@stjohndivine.org.au / 5 Toorak Ave Croydon 3136), with your name - so that we can be aware of who has not completed the survey. Your replies will be confidential to Fr John and our CovidSafe Officer, Meryl Fisher.

Assuming that we might be able to resume in-person services from Sunday 7 November, with everyone still required to wear masks:

Q1. Will you be fully vaccinated? YES / NO / DON'T WISH TO ANSWER
(*You are not obliged to state your vaccination status*)

Q2a. If you answer YES for Q1, are you prepared to worship with unvaccinated people? YES / NO
(*Those who consider their health to be vulnerable are entitled to say No*)

Q2b. If you answer NO for Q1, are you expecting to remain unvaccinated? YES / NO
(*Your reasons for not being vaccinated will not be questioned*)

We are thinking of using our usual service pattern, but with the mandatory conditions:

- Sunday 8am for those not vaccinated & vaccination status unknown to us maximum 20
(*vaccinated people can choose to attend*)
- Sunday 10am for fully vaccinated people only
- Wednesday 10am for those not vaccinated & vaccination status unknown to us maximum 20
(*vaccinated people can choose to attend*)

Q3. Will this arrangement enable you to attend weekly, if you so choose? YES / NO

If you answer NO for Q3, please say what might work for you. Or use this space to make any helpful comments.

Q4. Do you need to talk with Fr John about any concerns that this survey raises for you? YES / NO

Q5. Do you watch our Sunday live-streamed services, on our Facebook page, linked every week from the parish website? YES / NO

Thank you for filling out this important survey. We will let you know the results before the end of October.

God bless
Fr John