



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

31st 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

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

Mark 10.29–31

Hymn: We turn to Christ anew

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) - tune: Leoni

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- 1. We turn to Christ anew**
who hear his call today,
his way to walk, his will pursue,
his word obey.
To serve him as our King
and of his kingdom learn,
from sin and every evil thing
to him we turn.
- 2. We trust in Christ to save;**
in him new life begins:
who by his cross a ransom gave
from all our sins.
Our spirits' strength and stay
who when all flesh is dust
will keep us in that final day,
in him we trust.
- 3. We would be true to him**
till earthly journeys end,
whose love no passing years can dim,
our changeless friend.
May we who bear his name
our faith and love renew,
to follow Christ our single aim,
and find him true.

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 peace, you taught us

that in returning and rest we shall be saved,
in quietness and confidence shall be our strength:
by the power of your Spirit lift us to your presence,
where we may be still and know that you are God;
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 Deuteronomy 6.1–9

Moses said: Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and

when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

Psalm 119.1-8

- ¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless:
who walk in the law of the Lord.
- ² Blessed are those who keep his commands:
and seek him with their whole heart;
- ³ Those who do no wrong:
but walk in the ways of our God.
- ⁴ For you, Lord, have commanded us:
to persevere in all your precepts.
- ⁵ If only my ways were unerring:
towards the keeping of your statutes!
- ⁶ Then I should not be ashamed:
when I looked on all your commandments.
- ⁷ I will praise you with sincerity of heart:
as I learn your righteous judgements.
- ⁸ I will keep your statutes:
O forsake me not utterly.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9.11-15

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

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

Hymn: True love exceeds in greatness
Brian Black (b.1926) - tune: Kingsfold
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- 1. True love exceeds in greatness all that faith and hope can be;
it's gentle, kind, delights in truth,
it serves unselfishly;
it does not envy, does not boast,
it suffers patiently;
it is not proud, nor is it rude,
its mark: humility.**

- 2. True love exceeds in greatness all that faith and hope can be;
it trusts, protects and perseveres
and hopes continually:
the love God gives will never fail -
it lasts eternally,
for love exceeds in greatness all that faith and hope can be.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark 12.13-17, 28-34

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then they sent to Jesus some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?' But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.' And they brought one. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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: 'This is my will, my one command'

James Quinn (b. 1919) - tune: Suantrai

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- 1. 'This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
as I have shown that I love you.**
- 2. No greater love can be than this:
to choose to die to save one's friends.
You are my friends if you obey
what I command that you should do.**
- 3. I call you now no longer slaves;
no slave knows all his master does.
I call you friends, for all I hear
my Father say you hear from me.**
- 4. You chose not me, but I chose you,
that you should go and bear much fruit.
I chose you out that you in me
should bear much fruit that will abide.**
- 5. All that you ask my Father dear
for my name's sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell in each, in all.'**

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: In Christ alone my hope is found
Stuart Townend (b.1963) & Keith Getty (b.1974)
tune: In Christ Alone
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- 1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**
- 2. In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied —
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**
- 3. There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine —
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**
- 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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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NOTICES

Sad news re Clive Goodenough

Clive has spent a large part of this year in hospital due to some operations, which were successful. For the last month he was in respite at Regis Aged Care, but was taken to emergency on Wednesday, and passed away on the same day - his birthday. He was 81.

For those who might not recognise his name, he was the elderly man who would step out of the pew at the Gospel procession during the Sunday 10am service, and hold the Gospels book for the reader.

His funeral will be at St John's, at 2pm on Thursday 4th November. Only fully vaccinated people may attend, so we will also be live-streaming the service for any not able or permitted to attend. The Facebook video link will be on the parish website, as per the Sunday services.

May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Resuming in-person Church services

From Sunday 7th November, the usual schedule of services will resume:

- Sunday 8am and 10am, and Wednesday 10am. These are for fully vaccinated people only, and evidence will need to be provided when signing in using the digital QR code upon entry.
- For those who are not fully vaccinated, Fr John will lead a Eucharist service in the All Saints & All Souls Chapel (downstairs) at 5pm every Saturday - from Saturday 6th November.
- Note that morning tea will be served by rostered people only after the 10am Sunday service.
- Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors apart from the one person speaking/leading/preaching at the time.
- Some details have been newly clarified:
 - Fully vaccinated groups of all kinds can meet at church, subject to the 4sqm rule in each space.
 - Unvaccinated/mixed groups can meet either for religious activities, or essential support groups such as AA or community meals - but only up to a maximum of 30 people.

All Souls' remembrance on All Saints Sunday

At our 10am All Saints Sunday service (7 November) we will include the remembrance of those who have died over the last twelve or so months, and those we still miss and mourn, even after many years.

Kindly send names of those you wish to have read out during that remembrance, to the office.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 31 st Oct	<u>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 10am Eucharist - <i>live-stream only</i>
Mon 1 st Nov	-
Tue 2 nd Nov	<i>public holiday</i> 1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM
Wed 3 rd Nov	5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter
Thu 4 th Nov	10.30am AA meeting 11am Tarralla Aged Care communion 2pm Clive Goodenough's funeral 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 5 th Nov	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 7.30pm AI Anon meeting
Sat 6 th Nov	7am AA meeting 5pm Eucharist (no vax status req'd) (in All Saints & All Souls chapel)
Sun 7 th Nov	<u>All Saints Sunday</u> 8am Eucharist (fully vaxxed only) 10am Eucharist (fully vaxxed only) (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 8 th Nov	10.30am AI Anon meeting

Resumption of essential service meetings

From Tue 2 Nov, most of the essential service groups will resume meeting at St John's, as shown above. They are subject to the restrictions described under 'Resuming in-person Church services' above.

Weekly aged care services are also starting to resume.

Revision of Electoral Roll (repeated from last week)

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 must be 18 or older, baptised, and formally a member of no other church community except St John's.

You also need to habitually attend worship at St John's - at least 12 times in the past 12 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 obvious reason to remove them.

For anyone who wasn'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.

This revision must be completed by 13 November.