



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

### Christ the King

21<sup>st</sup> November 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](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au)*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Welcome and notices*

Hymn: All hail the power of Jesus' name  
*Edward Perronet (1726-92) alt. - tune: Miles Lane*  
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1. **All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**
2. **Crown him, you martyrs of our God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain you trod,  
and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**
3. **As heirs of Israel's chosen race  
and ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**
4. **Let every tribe and every tongue  
responsive to his call,  
now shout in universal song  
and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**

#### Sentence

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

*Revelation 5.12*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

## 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.  
Everlasting God,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King:  
grant that the people of earth,  
now divided and enslaved by sin,  
may be freed and brought together under his gentle  
and loving rule;  
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 prophecy of Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood  
attending him.

The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

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

Psalm 132.1-12

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, remember David and all his trouble:  
how he swore an oath to the Lord,  
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob;
- <sup>2</sup> **'I will not enter the shelter of my house:  
nor climb into the comfort of my bed;**
- <sup>3</sup> 'I will not give sleep to my eyes:  
or slumber to my eyelids,
- <sup>4</sup> **'Till I find out a place for the ark of the Lord:  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.'**
- <sup>5</sup> Lo, we heard of it at Ephrathah:  
we found it in the fields of Ja-ar.
- <sup>6</sup> **Let us go to the place of his dwelling:  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.**
- <sup>7</sup> Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place:  
you, and the ark of your might.
- <sup>8</sup> **Let your priests be clothed with righteousness:  
and let your faithful ones shout for joy.**
- <sup>9</sup> For the sake of David your servant:  
do not turn away the face of your anointed.
- <sup>10</sup> **The Lord has sworn to David:  
an oath which he will not break;**
- <sup>11</sup> 'One who is the fruit of your body:  
I will set upon your throne.
- <sup>12</sup> **'If your children will keep my covenant  
and the commands which I teach them:  
their children also shall sit upon your throne  
for ever.'**

A reading from the Revelation to John 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was  
and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are  
before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful  
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the  
kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his  
blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his  
God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever  
and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.  
'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who  
is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Hymn: Glory be to God the Father

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- 1. Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to God the Son,  
glory be to God the Spirit,  
God almighty, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, glory, glory  
while eternal ages run.**

- 2. Glory be to him who loved us,  
washed us from each spot and stain;  
glory be to him who bought us,  
made us kings with him to reign;  
glory, glory, glory, glory  
to the Lamb that once was slain.**
- 3. Glory to the king of angels,  
glory to the church's king,  
glory to the king of nations,  
heaven and earth, your praises bring;  
glory, glory, glory, glory  
to the King of Glory bring.**
- 4. 'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'  
thus the choir of angels sings;  
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'  
thus its praise creation brings;  
glory, glory, glory, glory,  
glory to the King of Kings!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St John 18.33-37

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned  
Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'  
Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did  
others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew,  
am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed  
you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered,  
'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were  
from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep  
me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my  
kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are  
a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For  
this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to  
testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth  
listens to my voice.'

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

*Sermon*

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Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Jesus says, 'Repent,  
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*cf Matthew 4.17*

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness  
to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*Colossians 3.14, 15*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Offertory hymn: The kingdom of God is justice and joy  
Bryn Rees (1973) - tune: *Hanover*  
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- 1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**
- 2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**
- 3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**
- 4. God's kingdom is come: the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.**

Blessed be God,  
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.  
May we feed upon the bread of God  
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

#### 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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with the oil of gladness  
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.  
As priest, he offered himself once for all  
upon the altar of the cross  
and redeemed the human race  
by this perfect sacrifice of peace.  
As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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 by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

**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 gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and  
blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and  
feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## 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: Let all the world in every corner sing

*George Herbert (1593-1633) - tune: Luckington*

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### 1. Let all the world in every corner sing:

**My God and King!**

**The heavens are not too high,**

**his praise may thither fly;**

**the earth is not too low,**

**his praises there may grow.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing:**

**My God and King!**

### 2. Let all the world in every corner sing:

**My God and King!**

**The church with psalms must shout,**

**no door can keep them out;**

**but, above all, the heart**

**must bear the longest part.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing:**

**My God and King!**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong  
to do his will,

that you may reign with him in glory;

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 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<u>Christ the King</u>
8am	Eucharist ( <i>fully vaxxed only</i> )
10am	Eucharist ( <i>fully vaxxed only</i> ) ( <i>also live-streamed</i> )
8pm	AA meeting
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	10.30am <i>Al Anon meeting</i>
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm <i>community meal: TDRM</i>
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am Eucharist ( <i>fully vaxxed only</i> ) 5.30pm <i>community meal: Winter Shelter</i> 7.30pm NA meeting 7.30pm Leadership study course ( <i>in All Saints &amp; All Souls chapel</i> )
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 7.30pm <i>Al Anon meeting</i>
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7am AA meeting 5pm Eucharist ( <i>no vax status req'd</i> ) ( <i>in All Saints &amp; All Souls chapel</i> ) 7pm <i>Lai Christian Church</i>
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<u>Advent Sunday</u> 10am Eucharist ( <i>fully vaxxed only</i> ) ( <i>also live-streamed</i> ) 11.30am Annual Meeting 12.30pm Parish lunch 8pm AA meeting

### NOTICES

#### Church services

All services are only for people with proof of being fully vaccinated. The exception is for Saturday 5pm in the All Saints & All Souls Chapel (downstairs) where vaccination status is not requested, but masks must be worn.

#### Latest Covid restriction updates

- There are now no attendance limits or density rule for fully vaccinated church services, groups or meetings in the church facilities. Masks do not need to be worn, though we recommend good ventilation.
- Masks are encouraged in high-risk settings for fully vaccinated services and gatherings. A high-risk setting includes full church buildings, people less than 1.5m apart, and indoors for 2 hours or more. Parishes should enforce masks if the risk is high.

- Any groups or meetings in church facilities are for vaccinated people only, and only fully vaccinated people can work in the church premises.
- The vaccination status now applies to those aged 12+. Anyone under 12 is regarded as fully vaccinated.
- People serving refreshments or food before or after services, including fully vaccinated services, must wear masks. Self-service food is not allowed.

#### Leadership study course

Our Mission Action Team have called for a short course to train leaders for Bible Study or Lent courses. So there will be a 4-session Bible study course in the downstairs chapel on Wednesdays at 7.30pm, from 24 Nov to 15 Dec. All are invited - and will benefit, even if you don't wish to be a leader!

#### Notice of annual meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of St John the Divine Anglican Church Croydon will commence at 11.30am on Sunday 28th November 2021, in the church.

This will take place after the 10am service - the 8am service is cancelled.

Only those on the electoral roll and clergy may attend the annual meeting - others are welcome, but must be given leave to do so by the meeting.

Note that there will be a vote on the proposal to change the number on the parish council (other than wardens) from 9 to 6. Even if the meeting decides on 6, this cannot be put into immediate effect, therefore there will still be 9 positions (6 elected + 3 appointed) to fill at this meeting.

#### Call for nominations

Only those on the electoral roll may nominate and be nominated. Completed nomination forms for 2 churchwardens, 6 other members of the parish council, and 2 members of the incumbency committee must be given to the vicar in writing before 11.30am on Wednesday 24th November. These will be displayed in the foyer at least 48 hours before the annual meeting.

Please pray for wise discernment if nominating or being nominated. And also, if there are any elections, remember that it is inappropriate to tell others how to vote. We are not party political, but God political - meaning that each of us is responsible for praying and seeking God's desire. This is what the apostles did, when they prayed for God's guidance to choose between two candidates to be the replacement twelfth apostle - see Acts 1.23-26.

#### Parish lunch

After the Annual Meeting on Sun 28 Nov, there will be a light finger food lunch (BYO drinks). Please enter your name/s on the list provided, and Jenny Heath, Meryl Fisher, or Lyn Lynch will collect payment.

Note that those who have already paid for the cancelled lunch in August will not need to pay again.

## Rosters

We are now in the process of creating rosters for the Sunday morning services for the period November 14th – December 19th. Sign-up sheets are available at the services in the foyer.

We are looking for people for the following roles for both the 8am and 10am services:

~ Welcomers                      ~ Intercessors  
~ Liturgical assistants      ~ Morning Tea (currently only  
after the 10am service)  
~ Readers                      ~ Counters (after the 10am  
service)

We are also in need of more people to be on the church cleaning roster.

Please note that evidence of vaccination status is required for all church volunteers.

Many hands make light work and it is always refreshing to have new people to take on different roles. If you are interested in being on a roster or just assisting on a one-off basis, please let Cathy know.

# Parish Lunch

Celebrating Being Together Again  
and following our  
Annual Parish Meeting

## Sunday 28th November

The cost will be \$15, for a finger food lunch.  
BYO drinks

Please enter your name or names on the list provided  
Jenny Heath or Meryl Fisher will collect payment  
Covid conditions apply.