



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

16th January 2022

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: Jesus, come! for we invite you
Christopher Idle (b.1938) - tune: Unser Herrscher
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- 1. Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.**
- 2. Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.**
- 3. Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples
come, our first and greatest Sign!**
- 4. Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!**

Sentence

Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

John 2.11

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.

Bountiful God,
whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee:
help us to believe and obey,
so that, as our Saviour promised,
we may be filled with the wine of new life
and show forth his joy and love;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 62.1–5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

Psalm 36.5–10

- Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens:
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- Your righteousness is like the strong mountains:
and your justice as the great deep;
you, O Lord, save both man and beast.**

- 7 How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness:
the children of Adam shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 **They shall be satisfied
with the good things of your house:
and you will give them drink
from the river of your delights.**
- 9 For with you is the well of life:
and in your light shall we see light.
- 10 **O continue your merciful kindness
toward these who know you:
and your righteous dealing
to those that are true of heart.**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth
12.1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, sisters and brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

Hymn: Love is his word, love is his way
Luke Connaughton (1917-79) alt. - tune: Creswell
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1. **Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with friends, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.**
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*
2. **Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood',
love, only love, is his news.**
Richer than gold ...
3. **Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, cousins and kin.**
Love, only love, is his name.
Richer than gold ...

4. **Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.**
Love, only love, is his word.
Richer than gold ...

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St John 2.1-11

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Sermon

NICENE CREED

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

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: beyond, everything has
become new.

2 Corinthians 5.17

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

Offertory hymn: Christ Jesus lived and gave his love
Brian Wren (b.1936) alt. - tune: Sussex Carol
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- 1. Christ Jesus lived and gave his love
to make our life and loving new;
so celebrate with him today and drink
the joy he offers you,
that makes the simple moment shine
and changes water into wine.**
- 2. Now Jesus died to live again,
so praise the love that, come what may,
can bring the dawn and clear the skies,
and waits to wipe all tears away;
and let us hope for what shall be,
believing where we can not see.**
- 3. Then spread the table, open the doors,
and celebrate till Kingdom come;
let peace go deep between us all
and joy be shared by everyone;
laugh and make merry with your friends,
and praise the love that never ends.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

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.**

Merciful 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.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in
darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth. **Amen.**

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 is our joy! transforming wedding guest!](#)

Leith Fisher (1941-2009) - tune: Woodlands

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- 1. Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was
blessed.
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
as your disciples did in Galilee.**
- 2. Christ is our love! baptised that we may know
the love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see you in the light of heaven's embrace.**
- 3. Christ is our light! the bright and morning star
covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
into our hearts, into our world today.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be among 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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NOTICES

Covid case from last Sunday

Many of those who were able to attend Sunday's service on 9th January expressed appreciation for the lively music, and enjoyed supporting delightful Hazel with her baptism. However, some members of Sunday's congregation later tested positive for covid.

The current National Protocol 4 applies (see below), which says that:

"You should monitor for symptoms and have a RAT self-test if these occur." (If then found to test positive, follow Protocol 1.) "Wear a mask when leaving the home and avoid visiting high-risk settings for at least 14 days."

All necessary arrangements have been made for the Wednesday 10am and Sunday 9am services to continue as usual.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 16 th Jan	<u>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 17 th Jan	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 18 th Jan	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM
Wed 19 th Jan	10am Eucharist 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 20 th Jan	10.30am AA meeting 11am BUPA communion - TBC 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 21 st Jan	<u>Vicar's day off</u>
Sat 22 nd Jan	7am AA meeting 12pm Women's AA meeting 7pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 23 rd Jan	<u>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting

The Dining Room Mission - thanks

Thanks to St John's TDRM Team for cooking last Tuesday. This remains a vital service not only for the guests, but also for those *they* are helping to look out for, especially during this tough season of the Omicron variant.

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COVID-19 Test and Isolate National Protocols

PROTOCOL 1
COVID-19 confirmed by a positive RAT or PCR test

- 1 Isolate at home for at least 7 days from the day you had your test.
If you have symptoms at **Day 6**, you can return to normal living and leave your home. You do not need a further test.
- 2 Notify your household, school or employer that you have tested positive.
- 3 If you have **no symptoms** at **Day 7**, you can return to normal living and leave your home. You do not need a further test.

Wear a mask when leaving the home and avoid visiting high-risk settings for at least 7 days following negative test or end of symptoms.

Always seek medical help if you become very unwell.

PROTOCOL 2
Close Contact and have symptoms

- 1 Stay home for 7 days since you last had contact with the person who has COVID-19.
- 2 Take a RAT self-test or PCR test and stay at home while waiting for the test result.
If you test **positive** for COVID-19 follow **Protocol 1**. If you test **negative**, continue to stay at home.
- 3 On **Day 6** of isolation, take a RAT self-test.
If you test **positive** for COVID-19 follow **Protocol 1**.
If your Day 6 test is **negative**, you can leave home and return to normal living after completing the 7 days of home isolation.

Wear a mask when leaving the home and avoid visiting high-risk settings for at least 14 days following exposure to the person with COVID-19.

Always seek medical help if you become very unwell.

PROTOCOL 3
Close Contact with no symptoms

- 1 Monitor for symptoms and take a RAT self-test or PCR test if they develop.
If **positive**, follow **Protocol 1**.
If **negative**, continue to stay at home for 7 days, monitor for symptoms and follow **Protocol 2** if they develop.
- 2 On **Day 6** of isolation, take another RAT self-test.
If your Day 6 self-test is **positive**, follow **Protocol 1** – you do **NOT** need a PCR test for confirmation.
If your Day 6 self-test is **negative** and you have **no symptoms**, you can leave home and return to normal living after completing the 7 days of home isolation.

Wear a mask when leaving the home and avoid visiting high-risk settings for at least 14 days following exposure to the person with COVID-19.

PROTOCOL 4
Other contacts

If you have had less contact with someone with COVID-19, such as contact in a social, shopping, education or workplace setting.

- 1 You should monitor for symptoms and have a RAT self-test if these occur.
If **positive**, follow **Protocol 1** and stay at home until you no longer have symptoms.

Wear a mask when leaving the home and avoid visiting high-risk settings for at least 14 days following exposure to the person with COVID-19.

*WA, SA, NT & TAS residents should check their state or territory requirements and timelines

You are a **Close Contact** if you are living with someone who has COVID-19, or have spent 4 hours or longer with someone in a home or health or aged care environment since they developed COVID-19.

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