



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

**6th Sunday after Epiphany**

13<sup>th</sup> February 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](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au)*

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hymn: O changeless Christ, for ever new

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) - tune: St Botolph*

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- O changeless Christ, for ever new,  
who walked our earthly ways,  
still draw our hearts as once you drew  
the hearts of other days.**
- As once you spoke by plain and hill  
or taught by shore and sea,  
so be today our teacher still,  
O Christ of Galilee.**
- As wind and storm their Master heard  
and his command fulfilled,  
may troubled hearts receive your word,  
the tempest-tossed be stilled.**
- And as of old to all who prayed  
your healing hand was shown,  
so be your touch upon us laid,  
unseen but not unknown.**
- In broken bread, in wine outpoured,  
your new and living way  
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,  
O Christ of this our day.**
- O changeless Christ, till life is past  
your blessing still be given;  
then bring us home, to taste at last  
the timeless joys of heaven.**

### Sentence

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

*Luke 6.23*

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.

Righteous God,

you challenge the powers that rule this world  
and you show favour to the oppressed:  
instil in us a true sense of justice,  
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom  
and strive for right to prevail;  
for the sake of 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 prophecy of Jeremiah 17.5–10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.  
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.  
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.  
The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?  
I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.  
May your word live in us,  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

## Psalm 1

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed are they  
who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:  
nor followed the way of sinners,  
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.
- <sup>2</sup> **But their delight is in the law of the Lord:  
and on that law will they ponder day and night.**
- <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted beside streams of water:  
that yield their fruit in due season.
- <sup>4</sup> **Their leaves also shall not wither:  
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**
- <sup>5</sup> As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.
- <sup>6</sup> **Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up  
at the judgement:  
nor sinners in the congregation of the  
righteous.**
- <sup>7</sup> For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth  
15.12–20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Hymn: *In great thanksgiving*

*Melchizedek M Solis (b.1966) - tune: Malate*

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- 1. In great thanksgiving,  
O Love divine,  
who from our sorrow  
redeemed us all,  
cleansed of regretting,  
relieved of fear,  
we come rejoicing  
for new life here.**

- 2. In celebration  
of power bestowed,  
we who were sinners  
are followers bold,  
forgiving enemies  
we sing your praise,  
with jubilation  
love's banner raise.**
- 3. In dedication  
we give our lives  
to heed your bidding  
to seek the lost,  
to all the hungry  
bring food for feasts,  
to fear-bound people  
strength for life's tests.**
- 4. In exaltation  
of Christ our Lord,  
who for the faithful  
true life ensured,  
we laud him Saviour,  
we teach his way  
of peace with justice,  
hope for today.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St Luke 6.17–26

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.’

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: Give thanks with a grateful heart  
*Henry Smith (b.1952) - tune: Give Thanks*  
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*Sing twice:*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ his Son.**

*repeat*

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong",  
let the poor say, "I am rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us."**

*repeat*

*At end:*

**Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.**

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: Sent forth by God's blessing  
*Omer Westendorf (b.1916) alt. - tune: The Ash Grove*  
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**1. Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God  
from his table take leave.  
The supper is ended:  
may now be extended  
the fruits of his service  
in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching,  
our hungry souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action  
for all humankind.**

**His grace shall incite us,  
his love shall unite us  
to work for his kingdom,  
his purpose to find.**

**2. With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living  
the tasks of our everyday  
life we will face,  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing as neighbours  
all those of each race.  
One feast that has fed us,  
one light that has led us,  
unite us as one  
in his life that we share.  
Then may all the living,  
with praise and thanksgiving,  
give honour to Christ  
and his name that we bear.**

#### 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

##### Fr John on leave for February

Rev'd Wendy Pullin is the locum vicar in charge during this time, and is leading all the scheduled services.

##### Lent 2022

Ash Wednesday services, with imposition of ashes, will be at 10am and 7.30pm on 2 March.

Plans are being made to enable each parish household to receive a copy of ABM's new Lenten Study for 2022, *Repairing the Breach*, during February.

The Lenten study examines what it means to be people of healing in a broken world. The seven studies in it will take us from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday.

There will be Saturday morning Zoom sessions, and Wednesday evening in-person sessions throughout Lent.

#### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<u>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 11.20am Parish Council meeting 8pm AA meeting
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM 7pm Kindergarten Committee
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	-
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7am AA meeting 12pm Women's AA meeting 7pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<u>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting

