



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

Transfiguration Sunday

27th 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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: Heaven is open wide
Michael Forster (b.1946) - tune: Diademata
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- 1. Heaven is open wide,
and Christ in glory stands,
with all authority endowed
and set at God's right hand.
Above the world of noise
extends his reign of peace,
and all the blood of martyrs calls
our angry ways to cease.**
- 2. Heaven is open wide,
and perfect love we see
in God's eternal self revealed:
the blessed Trinity.
Christ for the Church has prayed,
that we may all be one,
and share the triune grace whereby
creation was begun.**
- 3. Heaven is open wide,
and Christ in glory stands:
the Source and End, the First and Last,
with justice in his hands.
Let all the thirsty come
where life is flowing free,
and Christ, in splendour yet unknown,
our morning star will be.**

Sentence

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1.14

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans 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.

O God, glorious and faithful,
you reveal the beauty of your face
to those who seek you with a sincere heart:
strengthen us in faith
to embrace the mystery of the cross,
and open our hearts to its transforming power,
so that, clinging in love to your will for us,
we may walk as followers of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Exodus 34.29–35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

May your word live in us,

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 99

- 1 The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake.
- 2 **The Lord is great in Zion:
he is high above all nations.**
- 3 Let them praise your great and terrible name:
for holy is the Lord.
- 4 **The Mighty One is king and loves justice:
you have established equity,
you have dealt righteousness and justice
in Jacob.**
- 5 O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name:
they called to the Lord and he answered.**
- 7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:
they kept to his teachings
and the law that he gave them.
- 8 **You answered them, O Lord our God:
you were a forgiving God to them,
and pardoned their wrongdoing.**
- 9 O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down towards his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy.

A reading from Paul's second letter to the church in
Corinth 3.12–4.2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

Hymn: Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt. - tune: Heathlands
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- 1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph over shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be near;
day-star, in my heart appear.**
- 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
if you seem not close to me;
joyless is the day's return,
till your mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**
- 3. Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more yourself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Luke 9.28–36

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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: Lift up your hearts!
Henry Montagu Butler (1833-1918) alt. - tune: Woodlands
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- 1. 'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;
here at thy feet none other may we see:
'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,
we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.**
- 2. Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
the deeds, the thoughts,
that honour may not name,
the halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,
O Lord of truth, lift every human soul.**
- 3. Lift every gift that thou thyself hast giv'n:
low lies the best till lifted up to heav'n;
low lie the pounding heart, the teeming brain,
till, sent from God, they mount to God again.**
- 4. Then, as the trumpet-call, in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,
still shall those hearts respond, with full accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'**

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: Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) alt. - tune: St Denio
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- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**
- 2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness
and love.**
- 3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,
In all life now living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
Then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.**

4. **Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
Of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart –
Take the veil from our faces, the veil from our
heart.**
5. **All praises we would render: reveal to our sight
What hides you is only the splendour of light;
And so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
Through Christ in the story, your Christ to the
heart.**

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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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 27 th Feb	<u>Transfiguration</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 28 th Feb	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 1 st Mar	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM
Wed 2 nd Mar	<u>Ash Wednesday</u> 10am Eucharist & imposition of ashes 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm Eucharist & imposition of ashes 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 3 rd Mar	10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 4 th Mar	<u>Vicar's day off</u>
Sat 5 th Mar	7am AA meeting 10am Lent course Zoom (study #2) 12pm Women's AA meeting 7pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 6 th Mar	<u>1st Sunday in Lent</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 12 noon Kindergarten Welcome BBQ 8pm AA meeting

NOTICES

Fr John back on 1st March

We appreciate Rev'd Wendy Pullin for filling in as locum vicar during Fr John's leave, and give thanks for her ministry among us.

Lent 2022

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

Each parish household should by now have received a copy of ABM's new Lenten Study for 2022, *Repairing the Breach*. If you haven't, please contact the Parish Office so that we can get one to you.

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.

You are invited to participate in either of the weekly study sessions:

- the first will meet online via Zoom at 10am on Saturday mornings
- the second will meet in person at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings

You are welcome to join either session, and even change between them.

Everyone is encouraged to work through the 1st study (focused on Ash Wednesday readings) during the week of 27 February either by themselves or at the Ash Wednesday services.

Thereafter the rest of the study sessions will take place as follows:

<u>March</u>	<u>Zoom 10am</u>	<u>sermon</u>	<u>meeting 7.30pm</u>
study #2	Sat 5th	Sun 6th	Wed 9th
study #3	Sat 12th	Sun 13th	Wed 16th
study #4	Sat 19th	Sun 20th	Wed 2rd
study #5	Sat 26th	Sun 27th	Wed 30th
<u>April</u>			
study #6	Sat 2nd	Sun 3rd	Wed 6th
study #7	Sat 9th	Sun 10th	Wed 13th

Kindly write your name on the list in the foyer, or email your intention to attend to the office, to assist with arrangements

