



St John the Divine
Eucharist service
First Sunday in Lent
6th March 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: *Love will be our Lenten calling*

Elizabeth J Smith (b.1956) - tune: Picardy

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**1. Love will be our Lenten calling,
love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit,
stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.**

**2. Peace will be our Lenten living
as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon,
stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful,
with the Church on Easter day.**

**3. Truth will be our Lenten learning:
hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,
images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

Sentence

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.

Luke 4.8

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.**

Hear the commandments which God gave his people Israel.

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods but me.
2. You shall not make an idol of anything and worship it.
3. You shall not make wrong use of the name of the Lord your God.

4. Remember the Lord's day and keep it holy.
5. Honour your father and mother.
6. You shall not commit murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false evidence.
10. You shall not covet the possessions of others.

Lord, have mercy on us: and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Let us pray.

O saving God,

who led your people through the wilderness

and brought them to the promised land:

so guide us that, following our Saviour,

we may walk through the wilderness of this world

and be brought to the glory of the world

which is to come;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

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 Deuteronomy 26.1–11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

May your word live in us,

and bear much fruit to your glory.

- ¹ Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,
- ² **They will say to the Lord**
'You are my refuge and my stronghold:
my God in whom I trust.'
- ⁹ The Lord himself is your refuge:
you have made the Most High your stronghold.
- ¹⁰ **Therefore no harm will befall you:**
nor will any scourge come near your tent.
- ¹¹ For he will command his angels:
to keep you in all your ways.
- ¹² **They will bear you up in their hands:**
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder:
the young lion and the serpent
you will trample under foot.
- ¹⁴ **'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,**
'and therefore I will deliver you:
I will lift you out of danger,
because you have known my name.
- ¹⁵ 'When you call upon me I will answer you:
I will be with you in trouble,
I will rescue you and bring you to honour.
- ¹⁶ **'With long life I will satisfy you:**
and fill you with my salvation.'

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome
10.4–13

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be
righteousness for everyone who believes.
Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes
from the law, that 'the person who does these things will
live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from
faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend
into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who
will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up
from the dead). But what does it say?
'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if
you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe
in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will
be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is
justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is
saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him
will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between
Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is
generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

- 1. Chosen people in the desert,**
by life tempted, tested, tried:
will they triumph in the struggle,
trust in God and stay alive?
They must wait for heav'nly manna
all false gods must be denied.
This the only route to blessing –
trust this God and they'll survive!
- 2. Son of God, baptised in Jordan,**
now is tempted, tested, tried;
starts his lonely, desert struggle,
trusts in God so he'll survive:
now rejects all selfish short cuts;
now stands back from greed and pride;
now, for us, resists the tempter,
God alone keeps him alive!
- 3. Son of Man, betrayed and sentenced,**
once more taunted, tested, tried.
On a cross, for us, he suffers;
for our rescue now he dies;
faithful 'til his final heartbeat,
facing death, eyes open wide,
gives his all that we might ever
trust in God and stay alive.
- 4. We, like Jesus, called and chosen,**
daily tempted, tested, tried,
challenged by relentless struggle,
must trust God so we'll survive.
We, too, know corrupting pressures,
face seductive compromise;
by Christ's death and through his Spirit,
we'll trust God and stay alive!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Luke 4.1–15

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for
forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at
all during those days, and when they were over, he was
famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of
God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.'
Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by
bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant
all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him,
'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it
has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I
please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'
Jesus answered him, 'It is written,
"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on
the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the
Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is
written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you”,
and
“On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’
Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord
your God to the test.” ’ When the devil had finished every
test, he departed from him until an opportune time.
Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to
Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the
surrounding country. He began to teach in their
synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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

Sermon

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
taught us 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 forever. Amen.**

RECONCILIATION WITH GOD

Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have
anything against anyone; so that your heavenly Father
also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Mark 11.25

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our
God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

*Pause to bring to mind times where we have separated
ourselves*

*from God,
from others,
from creation, and
from our inner selves.*

Let us now ask for mercy, 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.**

RECONCILIATION WITH EACH OTHER

Christ has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory hymn: Forty days and forty nights
George Hunt Smyttan (1822-70) & Francis Pott (1832-1909) alt.
tune: Heinlein - © The Australian Hymn Book Company Pty Ltd,
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- 1. Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:**
- 2. Let us your endurance share
and from earthly greed abstain,
with you watching unto prayer,
with you strong to suffer pain.**
- 3. And if Satan on us press
flesh or spirit to assail,
victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fail.**

**4. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.**

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.

He was tempted in every way as we are,
yet he did not sin.

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.

By his grace we are able
to triumph over every evil,
and to walk in the way of his love.

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.**

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.

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

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.
God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

**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: O love how deep, how broad, how high!
Thomas à Kempis (1379-1471) tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-85) alt.
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1. **O love how deep, how broad, how high!
it fills the heart with ecstasy
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortal's sake.**
2. **For us he was baptized, and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.**
3. **For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself but us.**
4. **For us to wicked hands betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.**
5. **For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.**
6. **To him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through his Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.**

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven;
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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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 6 th Mar	<u>1st Sunday in Lent</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 7 th Mar	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 8 th Mar	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM (St John's team to cook)
Wed 9 th Mar	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm Lent course (study #2) 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 10 th Mar	10.30am AA meeting 11am Park Lane Aged Care communion 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 11 th Mar	<u>Vicar's day off</u>
Sat 12 th Mar	7am AA meeting 10am Lent course Zoom (study #3) 12pm Women's AA meeting 7pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 6 th Mar	<u>2nd Sunday in Lent</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting

NOTICES

Fr John back from leave

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.

Some people have kindly asked if I've had a good holiday, but I didn't go away! Phillippa and I have been preparing our cottage in The Basin for us to move into - which we finally did on 28 Feb - and also preparing the vicarage for tenants, which is nearing completion.

I was also actively involved in addressing the structural concerns of our church during the 3rd week of February - breaking my leave to do so.

Lent 2022

Each parish household should by now have a copy of this year's Lent Course, *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 take us to Palm Sunday.

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

- either meeting online via Zoom at 10am on Saturday mornings
- or meeting in person at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings

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

The study sessions are as follows:

March Zoom 10am sermon meeting 7.30pm

study #2 Sat 5th **Sun 6th** Wed 9th

study #3 Sat 12th **Sun 13th** Wed 16th

study #4 Sat 19th **Sun 20th** Wed 2nd

study #5 Sat 26th **Sun 27th** Wed 30th

April

study #6 Sat 2nd **Sun 3rd** Wed 6th

study #7 Sat 9th **Sun 10th** Wed 13th

