



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist &*

*Renewal of Baptism vows*

**Easter Sunday**

17<sup>th</sup> April 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)*

### WELCOMING THE EASTER CANDLE

Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him,  
and all ages;  
**to him be glory and power,**  
**through every age and for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn: *Jesus Christ is risen today*

*anon. from Lyra Davidica (1708) alt. - tune: Easter Hymn*

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- 1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
who so lately on the cross alleluia!  
suffered to redeem our loss, alleluia!**
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly king, alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. alleluia!**
- 3. But the pain that he endured alleluia!  
our salvation has procured; alleluia!  
now exalted he is king, alleluia!  
and the angels ever sing: alleluia!**

### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life from him  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### GLORIA AND COLLECT

*Peruvian Gloria*

**Glorify to God, glory to God, glory  
in the highest / to Christ Jesus / to the Spirit.  
To God be glory for ever.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

Let us pray.

Glorious Lord of life,

by the mighty resurrection of your Son  
you overcame the old order of sin and death

to make all things new in him:

grant that we, who celebrate with joy

Christ's rising from the dead

may be raised from the death of sin

to the life of righteousness;

through him 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 Isaiah 65.17-25

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice for ever  
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it

an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says the Lord.

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

#### Hymn to the Risen Christ

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,

**Not with the old leaven of corruption and  
wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and  
truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.

**In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the firstfruits of those who sleep.**

For as by one man came death:  
by another has come also resurrection of the dead;

**For as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those present: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Hymn: He is risen, he is risen!

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95) alt. - tune: Unser Herrscher*  
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- 1. He is risen, he is risen!**  
**Tell it with a joyful voice:**  
**he has burst his three days' prison,**  
**let the whole wide earth rejoice.**  
**Death is conquered, we are free,**  
**Christ has won the victory.**
- 2. Come, with high and holy gladness,**  
**sing our Lord's triumphant song:**  
**not one touch of twilight sadness**  
**dims his resurrection morn;**  
**brightly dawns the radiant east,**  
**brighter far our Easter feast.**
- 3. He is risen, he is risen!**  
**He has opened heaven's gate:**  
**we are free from sin's dark prison,**  
**risen to a holier state;**  
**soon a brighter Easter beam**  
**on our longing eyes shall stream.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St Luke 24.1-12

#### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

*Sermon*

#### **BLESSING OF WATER & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us ask God to bless it and to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

Father, we give you thanks for your gift of life-giving water. Through the waters of the Red Sea you brought your people out of slavery in Egypt, and in the waters of

Jordan your Son was anointed with the Holy Spirit. As he hung on the cross, water and blood flowed from his side. Through the waters of baptism you delivered us from sin and raised us to newness of life. We ask you now to bless this water to our use. May it remind us of our baptism that, renewed by your Spirit, we may rejoice with all who are baptized this Easter. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in his baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us reaffirm the promises made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?

**I do.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I do.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I do.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

**I will with God's help.**

I now ask you to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe in one God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*People may be sprinkled with water as a sign of renewal.*

#### 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.**

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**And also with you. Alleluia.**

Offertory hymn: Christ is alive with joy we sing

*Pamela Stotter (b.1944) - tune: Vulpius*

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- 1. Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
we celebrate our risen Lord,  
praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- 2. He is the grain of wheat that died,  
sown in distress and reaped in joy,  
yielding a harvest of new life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- 3. He is the sun which brings the dawn:  
he is the light of all the world,  
setting us free from death and sin.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- 4. He is the vine set in the earth,  
sharing our life, from birth to death,  
that we might share in God's own life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- 5. He is the bread that comes from God,  
broken to feed us in our need,  
given to bring eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- 6. Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
we celebrate our risen Lord,  
praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Creator of all,

you wash away our sins,

you give us new birth by the Spirit,

and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection,

renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

**Amen.**

#### 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.  
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.  
And now we give you thanks  
that you raised him to life triumphant,  
and exalted him in glory.  
By his victory over death,  
the reign of sin is ended,  
a new day has dawned,  
a broken world is restored  
and we are made whole once more.  
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

As this broken bread was once many grains  
which have been gathered together and made one  
bread:

**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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.

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Let us pray.  
Most glorious Lord of life,  
we thank you that you nourish us  
in these Easter mysteries.  
Fill us with the Spirit of love  
and unite us in faith,  
that we may witness to the resurrection  
and show your glory to all the 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: Glory to Jesus

*Edmond Budry (1854-1932) tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939) alt.  
Jubilate Hymns - tune: Maccabaeus  
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- 1. Glory to Jesus! risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory over death you won;  
angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where your body lay:  
Glory to Jesus! risen conquering Son:  
endless is the victory over death you won.**

2. See Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb,  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing  
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting:  
**Glory to Jesus! risen conquering Son:  
endless is the victory over death you won.**
3. No more we doubt you, glorious prince of life:  
what is life without you? aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through your  
deathless love,  
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above:  
**Glory to Jesus! risen conquering Son:  
endless is the victory over death you won.**

#### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The blessing of the Living God,  
who brings light out of darkness,  
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ,  
who sends you as apostles into all the world,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit,  
who fills the church with joy and praise,  
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God,  
the holy and glorious Trinity,  
be upon you and remain with you now, and forever.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<u>Easter Sunday</u> 9.30am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm Mission Action Team 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	10.30am AA meeting 10.45am BUPA communion 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	-
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	7am AA meeting 12pm Women's AA meeting 7pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<u>2nd Sunday of Easter</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 11.30am Parish Council 8pm AA meeting

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