



## St John the Divine

Commemoration  
of the death of Christ

**Good Friday**

15<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)*

### THE GATHERING

Almighty Father,  
look with mercy on this your family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be  
betrayed  
and given up into the hands of sinners  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: A time to watch, a time to pray  
*John Mason Neale (1818-1866) - tune: Breslau*  
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- 1. A time to watch, a time to pray,  
a day of wonders is today:  
the saddest, yet the gladdest too,  
that earth or heaven ever knew.**
- 2. The saddest, for our Saviour bore  
his death, that we might die no more:  
the agony, the scourge, the fear,  
the crown of thorns, the cross, the spear.**
- 3. And yet the gladdest, for today  
our load of sin was borne away:  
and hopes of joy that never dies  
hang on our Saviour's sacrifice.**
- 4. O Saviour, how we bless your name!  
Yours is the glory, ours the shame;  
by all the pain your love endured  
let all our many sins be cured.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12

See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.  
Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human  
semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—  
so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall  
contemplate.  
Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.  
Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many  
righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Psalm 22.1-11

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:  
why are you so far from helping me  
and from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup> **My God, I cry to you by day,  
but you do not answer:  
and by night also I take no rest.**
- <sup>3</sup> But you continue holy:  
you that are the praise of Israel.

- 4 **In you our forebears trusted:  
they trusted, and you delivered them;**
- 5 To you they cried and they were saved:  
they put their trust in you  
and were not confounded.
- 6 **But as for me, I am a worm and no man:  
the scorn of all and despised by the people.**
- 7 Those that see me laugh me to scorn:  
they shoot out their lips at me  
and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 **'He trusted in the Lord—let him deliver him:  
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'**
- 9 But you are he that took me out of the womb:  
that brought me to lie at peace  
on my mother's breast.
- 10 **On you have I been cast since my birth:  
you are my God, even from my mother's womb.**
- 11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:  
and there is none to help.

*Hebrews 10.16-25*

'This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds',  
he also adds,  
'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no  
more.'  
Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer  
any offering for sin.  
Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter  
the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and  
living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that  
is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest  
over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart  
in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean  
from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with  
pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope  
without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.  
And let us consider how to provoke one another to love  
and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is  
the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all  
the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Hymn: When you prayed beneath the trees  
*Christopher Idle - tune: Kelvingrove*  
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1. **When you prayed beneath the trees,  
it was for me, O Lord;  
when you cried upon your knees,  
how could it be, O Lord?  
When in blood and sweat and tears  
you dismissed your final fears,  
when you faced the soldiers' spears,  
you stood for me, O Lord.**

2. **When their triumph looked complete,  
it was for me, O Lord,  
when it seemed like your defeat,  
they could not see, O Lord!  
When you faced the mob alone  
you were silent as a stone,  
and a tree became your throne;  
you came for me, O Lord.**
3. **When you stumbled up the road,  
you walked for me, O Lord,  
when you took your deadly load,  
that heavy tree, O Lord;  
When they lifted you on high,  
and they nailed you up to die,  
and when darkness filled the sky,  
it was for me, O Lord.**
4. **When you spoke with kingly power,  
it was for me, O Lord,  
in that dread and destined hour,  
you made me free, O Lord;  
earth and heaven heard you shout,  
death and hell were put to rout,  
for the grave could not hold out;  
you are for me, O Lord.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
(*John 18.1 - 19.37*)

Sermon

Hymn: O sacred head surrounded  
*Paulus Gerhardt (1607-76) tr. James W Alexander (1804-59) &  
Henry W Baker (1821-77) - Passion Chorale*  
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1. **O sacred head surrounded  
by crown of piercing thorn;  
O royal head so wounded,  
reviled and put to scorn:  
death's shadows rise before you,  
the glow of life decays,  
yet angel hosts adore you  
and tremble as they gaze!**
2. **Your youthfulness and vigour  
are spent, your strength is gone,  
and in your tortured figure  
I see death drawing on:  
what agony of dying,  
what love, to sinners free!  
My Lord, all grace supplying,  
O turn your face on me!**
3. **Your sinless soul's oppression  
was all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but yours the deadly pain:  
I bow my head, my Saviour,  
for I deserve your place;  
O grant to me your favour,  
and heal me by your grace.**

4. What language shall I borrow  
to thank you, dearest Friend,  
for this your dying sorrow,  
your mercy without end?  
Lord, make me yours for ever:  
your servant let me be;  
and may I never, never  
betray your love for me.

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

The cross of Christ.

**The cross on which  
the Saviour of the world was hung.**

#### Anthem 1

*After each part, respond with*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

#### Anthem 2

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,  
and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and nation;  
you have made them to be a kingdom  
and priests serving our God.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.**

To him who loves us  
and has freed us from our sins by his blood,  
and made us a kingdom of priests  
to stand and serve before our God;  
**to him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: When I survey the wondrous cross

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748) - tune: Rockingham*

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1. When I survey the wondrous cross,  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

#### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God sent his Son into the world,  
not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.  
Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father  
for people everywhere according to their needs.

*Intercessions are made:*

- for the Church;
- for the nations;
- for the Jewish people;
- for unbelievers;
- for those who suffer;
- for ourselves.

*Between each bidding and collect:*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

Hymn: Glory be to Jesus

*anon. tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78) alt. - tune: Caswall*  
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1. **Glory be to Jesus,  
who in bitter pains,  
poured for me the life blood  
from his sacred veins.**
2. **Grace and life eternal  
in that blood I find;  
blest be his compassion,  
infinitely kind.**
3. **Blessed through endless ages  
be the precious stream,  
which from endless torment  
doth the world redeem.**
4. **Abel's blood for vengeance  
pleaded to the skies;  
but the blood of Jesus  
for our pardon cries.**
5. **Oft as it is sprinkled  
on our guilty hearts,  
Satan in confusion  
terror-struck departs.**

6. **Oft as earth exulting  
wafts its praise on high,  
angel hosts rejoicing  
make their glad reply.**
7. **Let us lift our voices,  
swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder  
praise the precious blood.**

#### THE CONCLUSION

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus  
Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### John 19.38-42

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a  
disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his  
fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the  
body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came  
and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first  
come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of  
myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds.  
They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the  
spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of  
the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he  
was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in  
which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was  
the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby,  
they laid Jesus there.

*The service ends here*

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Holy Saturday

16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm - Vigil & Service of Light  
(Part A: anticipating the resurrection - no  
eucharist)

### Easter Day

17<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am - Renewal of baptismal  
vows & Eucharist  
(Part B: celebrating the resurrection)

Note that it is intended that these services  
will be live-streamed, all accessed by  
clicking on the link on the parish website:

[www.stjohndivine.org.au](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au)