



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

**Palm Sunday**

10<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 Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

As we hold up our palm crosses, let us pray.  
God our Saviour,  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;  
let these palm crosses be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King,  
and follow him in the way of eternal life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke 19.28-40

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**'Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!'**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

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

Hymn: All glory praise and honour  
*Theodulph of Orleans (d.821), tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66), adapted Jubilate Hymns - tune: St Theodulph*  
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**All glory, praise and honour  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1. You are the king of Israel,  
great David's greater son;  
you ride in lowly triumph,  
the Lord's anointed one!  
All glory, praise ...**
- 2. The company of angels  
are praising you on high,  
and we with all creation  
together make reply:  
All glory, praise ...**
- 3. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present.  
All glory, praise ...**
- 4. To you before your passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.  
All glory, praise ...**
- 5. As you received their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
for you delight in goodness  
O good and gracious king!  
All glory, praise ...**

### THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Let us pray.

God of all,  
you gave your only-begotten Son  
to take the form of a servant,  
and to be obedient even to death on a cross:  
give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus  
that, sharing in his humility,  
we may come to be with him in his glory,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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

#### Psalm 31.9-18

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:  
my eye wastes away for grief,  
my throat also and my inward parts.

<sup>10</sup> **For my life wears out in sorrow,  
and my years with sighing:  
my strength fails me in my affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup> I am become the scorn of all my enemies:  
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

<sup>12</sup> **I am a thing of horror to my friends:  
and those that see me in the street  
shrink from me.**

<sup>13</sup> I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:  
I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>14</sup> **For I hear the whispering of many:  
and fear is on every side;**

<sup>15</sup> While they plot together against me:  
and scheme to take away my life.

<sup>16</sup> **But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:  
I have said 'You are my God.'**

<sup>17</sup> All my days are in your hand:  
O deliver me from the power of my enemies  
and from my persecutors.

<sup>18</sup> **Make your face to shine upon your servant:  
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi 2.5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

May your word live in us

**And bear much fruit to your glory.**

Offertory hymn: *A donkey brought you into sight*

*John Campbell (b.1962) - tune: Winchester New*

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- 1. A donkey brought you into sight,  
confronting wrong, exalting right;  
devoid of legions, pomp or pow'r,  
you made an ass of Roman might.**
- 2. Into Jerusalem you came,  
to root out wrong, exalt God's name;  
to overthrow the temple's ways,  
to challenge priests, provoke and shame.**
- 3. Then daily, in the broad daylight,  
debating wrong, exalting right,  
you bettered every trick and trap,  
provoking them to turn and fight.**
- 4. Exposed by what you'd say and do,  
they plotted wrong, exalting you  
to die upon a cross of shame,  
their heartless failure showing through.**
- 5. But priestly pow'r and Roman might,  
combined in wrong, must lose this fight,  
for God's own kingdom, come in Christ,  
will outdo death, raise up the right.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St Luke 22.14 - 23.56

*(After Luke 22.14-23.12 is read, Luke 23.13 onwards  
continues here)*

... Pilate then called together the chief priests, the  
leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought  
me this man as one who was perverting the people; and  
here I have examined him in your presence and have not  
found this man guilty of any of your charges against him.  
Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he  
has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have  
him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together, '**Away with this  
fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**' (This was a man who  
had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken  
place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to  
release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept  
shouting, '**Crucify, crucify him!**' A third time he said to  
them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him  
no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have

him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

*Please stand if able to*

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last.

*Pause for silent reflection*

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

*There is a short silence. There is no sermon.*

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray, we stand with Christ in his suffering.

*Response:*

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus  
we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory hymn: Praise to the Holiest in the height  
*John Henry Newman (1801-90) alt. - tune: Gerontius*  
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- 1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!**
- 2. O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.**
- 3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive, and should prevail;**
- 4. and that the highest gift of grace  
should flesh and blood refine:  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine;**
- 5. and in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.**

**6. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!**

Jesus, true vine and the bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love.

**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 became obedient unto death, even death on a  
cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;  
where life was lost, there life has been restored.

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

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 forever. Amen.**

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.**

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 our help and strength,  
through these holy mysteries  
confirm our faith  
that by the death and resurrection of your Son  
we may walk in the way of salvation.

**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: My song is love unknown

Samuel Crossman (1624-84) alt. - tune: Love Unknown  
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1. **My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?**
2. **He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow:  
but all made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O my friend!  
my friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend.**
3. **Sometimes they strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
is all their breath  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.**
4. **They rise and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save;  
the Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.**
5. **Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.**

May the Father,  
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
bring you by faith to his eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ,  
who accepted the cup of sacrifice  
in obedience to the Father's will,  
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his  
cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ  
that we may share his glory,  
set your minds of life and peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Maundy Thursday

14<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm - Jesus washes disciples' feet at the Last Supper

### Good Friday

15<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am - Commemoration of the death of Christ

### 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)



## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<u>Palm/Passion Sunday</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 10.30am Al Anon meeting
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM (St John's team to cook)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm Lent course (study #7) 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<u>Maundy Thursday</u> 10.30am AA meeting 11am Park Lane communion 7.30pm Eucharist 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<u>Good Friday</u> 9.30pm Good Friday liturgy
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7am AA meeting 12pm Women's AA meeting 7.30pm Easter Vigil service
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<u>Easter Sunday</u> 9.30am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting

## NOTICES

### 2022 Lectionaries

Although we are already well into 2022, lectionaries for this year are available in the foyer at \$15 each.

### St John's TDRM team

It is our turn to do the cooking for The Dining Room again this coming Tuesday 12th April. We will be using up some of the extra TDRM food that is in the freezer. The menu this time is therefore Turkey Roast with mashed potato, vegetables and gravy.

We will cook the mashed potato, vegetables and gravy at TDRM on Tuesday, so if you are able to assist with the cooking or serving of the meal this coming Tuesday please let Cathy know.

## Mission Action Plan: 2022-2025

*Our parish's next Mission Action Plan (MAP) has been produced by our Mission Action Team, as part of the Diocesan Parish Renewal Program, and adopted by the Parish Council on 20/3/2022.*

<b>Parish Vision</b>	Enabling the growth of God's Kingdom in Croydon through intentional discipleship that serves both St John's and the wider community.
<b>Parish Mission</b>	Facilitate making God's Kingdom tangible and relevant to all who come to the parish site.
<b>Parish Values</b>	Belonging through fellowship and service; enacting Jesus' teaching; practising good liturgy.

### Strategy Plan

Goal #1: Family-oriented church

Outcome: Help families who are in touch with the church community to be able to belong

Strategies:

- create child-parent space in church (INITIATED ✓)
- install nappy-change facilities
- update website and advertise
- initiate family services

Goal #2: Connect with parents (particularly Kindergarten parents)

Outcome: Help potential contacts become in touch with the church community

Strategies:

- discern and act on appropriate ways of connecting with kindergarten parents
- meeting with parents over coffee
- facilitate parishioners actively engaging with and supporting Kinder community activities

All the actions listed support the mission strategy of proactively connecting broadly with our own kindergarten community.