



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

5th Sunday of Easter

15th May 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Welcome and notices

Hymn: Love divine

*Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt. - tune: Stainer 'Love Divine'
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- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**
- 2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**
- 3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Sentence

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.

1 John 4.16b

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.**

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.

We behold your glory, O God,
in the love shown by your Son,
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:
be glorified anew in the love
we have for one another
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Acts 11.1–18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the

man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? 'When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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

Psalm 148

- ¹ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.
- ² **Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.**
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.
- ⁴ **Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.**
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.
- ⁶ **He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**
- ⁷ O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ **Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ **Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;**
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² **Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.**
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.
- ¹⁴ **His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**
- ¹⁵ Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him.
Praise the Lord.

A reading from Revelation 21.1–16

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new

Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.'

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The angel who talked to me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

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

Hymn: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem
*St Fulbert of Chartres (c.1028) tr. Robert Campbell (1814-68) -
tune: St Fulbert*
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- 1. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.**
- 2. For Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domain,
the long-imprisoned dead.**
- 3. From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.**

4. **Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all:
earth, heav'n and hell before him bow
and at his footstool fall.**
5. **While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.**
6. **All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 13.31b–35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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 our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a
sincere and a true heart.

**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

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: *Come down, O love divine*
Bianca de Siena (d.1434) tr. Richard Littledale (1833-90) alt. -
tune: Down Ampney
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1. **Come down, O love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**
2. **There let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path
illuminating.**
3. **Let holy charity
my outer garment be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and for its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.**
4. **And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

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.

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

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.

*Please come forward to receive communion or a
blessing.*

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.
Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation.

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: All hail the power of Jesus' name
Edward Perronet (1726-92) alt. - tune: Miles Lane
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- 1. All hail the power of Jesus 'name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.**
- 2. Crown him, you martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,
and crown him Lord of all.**
- 3. As heirs of Israel's chosen race
and ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.**
- 4. Sinners, whose love cannot forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your treasures at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.**
- 5. Let every tribe and every tongue
responsive to his call,
now shout in universal song
and crown him Lord of all.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Almighty God,
who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,
who raised us to newness of life
through the waters of baptism,
and has brought us out of slavery
into everlasting freedom,
give you joy and peace in faith
and bring you to your eternal inheritance;
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 15 th May	<u>5th Sunday of Easter</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 11.30am Parish Council 8pm AA meeting
Mon 16 th May	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 17 th May	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM
Wed 18 th May	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 19 th May	10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 20 th May	-
Sat 21 st May	7am AA meeting 10am Kinder Open Day - see flyer 12pm Women's AA meeting 6pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 22 nd May	<u>6th Sunday of Easter</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 8pm AA meeting

NOTICES

Fr John on leave

Kindly contact Rev'd Wendy Pullin for any pastoral concerns, until Fr John returns for Sunday 29 May.

Sad News

Patricia Hutton died on Friday morning.

As you thank God for her long and faithful life I know that you will also hold Ken and the family in your prayers.

Patricia's funeral service will be at St John's on Monday 23 May 2022 at 2.30pm.

St John's Kindergarten

Working Bee Saturday 14th May

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Kindergarten Working Bee yesterday by either coming along to work, helping with morning tea, or supporting the kindergarten in other ways.

The new Mission Action Plan is focused on developing the relationship between the parish and our own kindergarten, and we can do this by offering our assistance for events such as these.

Open Day & Cake Stall Saturday 21st May

As part of their Open Day, St John's Kindergarten will be holding a cake stall next Saturday 21st May. Donations of cakes can be dropped off at the Kindergarten either on Friday 20 May between 11am-12noon or on Saturday 21 May between 10am-12noon. The cakes must be labelled with the name of the cook, date on which goods were made and a list of ingredients.

For further information please contact Anne Campbell on 9725 8873 or speak to a member of the Mission Action Team.

St John's TDRM Team – Thank You

Thank you again for another great effort last Tuesday evening with cooking and serving the meal for The Dining Room Mission. Our team served up more than 70 meals of Chow Mein with rice and it is wonderful for our happy team to be able to regularly take part in this significant mission.

Jack also passed on his thanks to everyone for being 'great team players' and noting that 'the whole team did a sterling job'.

Our next turn to cook will be on Tuesday 14th June, so please put that date into your diaries!



The poster for St John's Kindergarten 2022 Open Day features the kindergarten's logo at the top left, which includes illustrations of children. To the right, the text 'Please join us for our' is followed by '2022' in large orange numbers and 'OPEN DAY' in large blue numbers. Below this, there are three photographs showing children engaged in various activities: one child is painting, another is playing in a sandpit, and a third is working at a table. The bottom section of the poster has a dark blue background. On the left, the MIKA logo (Maroondah Integrated Kindergarten Association) is displayed. In the center, the date and time 'SATURDAY, 21ST MAY 10AM - 12PM' are written in white. On the right, the address 'ST. JOHN'S KINDERGARTEN 9 TOORAK AVE, CROYDON' is listed. Below the address, a quote reads: 'Providing a warm, caring environment where children feel safe, worthwhile and important. For more information please visit our website'. At the bottom, the website 'www.stjohnskindergartencroydon.org.au' is provided. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states: 'In the spirit of reconciliation St. John's Kindergarten acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.' Below the disclaimer are the flags of Australia, Germany, and Hungary.

St John's
KINDERGARTEN

Please join us for our
2022
OPEN DAY



MIKA
Maroondah Integrated Kindergarten Association

SATURDAY, 21ST MAY
10AM - 12PM

ST. JOHN'S KINDERGARTEN
9 TOORAK AVE, CROYDON

Enrolments through the
Maroondah Integrated
Kindergarten Association
are now open.
www.mika.org.au

Providing a warm, caring environment where
children feel safe, worthwhile and important.
For more information please visit our website

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*Westpac account: St John's - general account
BSB: 033044 Account: 251582*

Kindly email notices to Parish Office by Wednesday 2pm