



**St John the Divine**  
*Eucharist service*  
**6th Sunday of Easter**  
22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au)*

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Welcome and notices*

Hymn: *Praise with joy the world's Creator*

*John Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule (b.1958) - tune: Praise, My Soul*

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- 1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,  
God of justice, love and peace,  
source and end of human knowledge,  
force of greatness without cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory,  
power to rescue and release.**
- 2. Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,  
frees the captive, finds the lost,  
heals the sick, upsets religion,  
fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence –  
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.**
- 3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
liberating truth from pride,  
forging bonds where race or gender,  
age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure –  
foolishness none dare deride.**
- 4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,  
one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody  
oneness and diversity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe, when  
shown Christ's vibrant unity.**

Sentence

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,' says the Lord.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

*John 14.27*

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.

Great and loving God,  
your will for us in your Son Jesus  
is the peace which the world cannot give,  
your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised.  
Calm all troubled hearts,  
dispel every fear,  
and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
who lives with you now and always  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

A reading from Acts 16.9–15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside

the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

#### Psalm 67

- <sup>1</sup> Let God be gracious to us and bless us:  
and make his face shine upon us,
- <sup>2</sup> **That your ways may be known on earth:  
your liberating power among all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God:  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and sing:  
for you judge the peoples with integrity,  
and govern the nations upon earth.**
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God:  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> **Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:  
and God, our God, will bless us.**
- <sup>7</sup> God shall bless us:  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

A reading from Revelation 21.10–14, 22–22.5

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.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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

Hymn: Lord, you are the light of life to me  
*Brian Richard Hoare (b.1935) - tune: Fairmead*  
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- 1. Lord, you are the light of life to me;  
when darkness hides my path, you help me see.**  
Shine on me, O Lord, that now and all my days  
your light may lead me on, guiding my ways.
- 2. Lord, you are the rock on which I stand,  
stable and strong in you, held by your hand;  
keep me safe, O Lord, in weakness let there be  
your loving, firm embrace upholding me.**
- 3. Lord, you are the truth that sets me free;  
only in you is found true liberty.**  
Teach me then, O Lord, in all things to pursue  
your good and perfect will, growing like you.
- 4. Lord, you are the Lamb of God who died,  
suffering for love of me, scorned, crucified.**  
Love me still, O Lord, let others daily see  
your selfless, serving love flowing through  
me.
- 5. Lord, you are the King who ever reigns;  
earth's rulers rise and fall: your throne  
remains.**  
Rule my life, O Lord, I yield myself anew  
your name to glorify, living for you.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 14.23–29

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

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the

Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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: Peace with the Father  
James Quinn (b.1919) - tune: Song 47

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- 1. Peace with the Father, peace with Christ his Son,  
peace with the Spirit, keep us ever one.**
- 2. Love of the Father, love of Christ his Son,  
love of the Spirit, make all Christians one.**
- 3. Sin has divided those whom Christ made one;  
Father, forgive us through your loving Son.**
- 4. Send forth your Spirit, Father, from above  
on us, your children, one with Christ in love.**
- 5. Christians, forgive each other from your heart;  
Christ be among us, nevermore to part.**

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: Shout for joy!

John L Bell (b. 1949) - tune: Lansdowne

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1. **Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;  
heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;  
Christ's own peace is shared again on earth;  
God the Spirit fill us with new worth.**
2. **No more doubting, no more senseless dread:  
God's good self has graced our wine and  
bread;  
all the wonder heaven has kept in store  
now is ours to keep for evermore.**
3. **Celebrate with saints who dine on high,  
witnesses that love can never die.  
'Hallelujah! – 'thus their voices ring:  
nothing less in gratitude we bring.**
4. **Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son,  
praise the Spirit – three yet ever one;  
praise the God whose food and friends avow  
heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons  
now!**

#### 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<u>6th Sunday of Easter</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist ( <i>also live-streamed</i> ) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.30am AI Anon meeting 2.30pm Patricia Hutton's Funeral Service
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> May	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> May	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May	-
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> May	7am AA meeting 12pm Women's AA meeting 6pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>7th 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.

##### Farewell to two faithful members of our Parish:

The Funeral Service for **Patricia Hutton** will be at St John's on Monday 23 May at 2.30pm.

The Memorial Service for **Joy Stanley** will be at St John's on Tuesday 31 May at 1.00pm

##### St John's Kindergarten – Open Day

Thank you to everyone who supported St John's Kindergarten this week by cooking for their Open Day Cake Stall.

##### Parish Network Meeting

There will be a short meeting for the ongoing Parish Network Team immediately following the 10am service TODAY

##### Congratulations

Warm congratulations to Iris Nicholson who became an Australian Citizen last week.

## Parish Directory

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

*Kindly email notices to Parish Office by Wednesday 2pm*