



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

7th Sunday of Easter

29th 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: The head that once was crowned with thorns

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855) - tune: St Magnus

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- 1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.**
- 2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light;**
- 3. the joy all of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.**
- 4. To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given;
their name an everlasting name;
their joy the joy of heaven.**
- 5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.**
- 6. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.**

Sentence

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

Acts 16.31

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.

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son before his passion
prayed for his disciples that they might be one,
as you and he are one:
grant that your Church,
being bound together in love and obedience to you,
may be united in one body by the one Spirit,
that the world may believe in him whom you have sent,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Acts 16.16–34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:
 let the multitude of islands be glad.
- 2 **Clouds and darkness are round about him:
 righteousness and justice
 are the foundation of his throne.**
- 3 Fire goes before him:
 and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 **His lightnings light the world:
 the earth sees it and quakes.**
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before his face:
 from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 **The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:
 and all peoples have seen his glory.**
- 7 They are ashamed, all those who serve idols
 and glory in mere nothings:
 all gods bow down before him.
- 8 **Zion heard and was glad,
 and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:
 because of your judgements, O God.**
- 9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:
 you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 **The Lord loves those that hate evil:
 the Lord guards the life of the faithful,
 and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**
- 11 Light dawns for the righteous:
 and joy for the true of heart.
- 12 **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
 and give thanks to his holy name.**

A reading from Revelation 22.12-22

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood.

'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

Hymn: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt. - tune: Truro

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1. **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
 does his successive journeys run;
 his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
 till moons shall rise and set no more.**
2. **People and realms of every tongue
 declare his love in sweetest song,
 and infant voices shall proclaim
 their early blessings on his name.**
3. **Blessings abound where Jesus reigns
 the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
 the weary find eternal rest,
 and all who suffer want are blessed.**
4. **To him shall endless prayer be made,
 and princes throng to crown his head;
 his name like incense shall arise
 with every morning sacrifice.**
5. **Let all creation rise and bring
 distinctive honours to our King;
 angels descend with songs again
 and earth repeat the loud 'Amen!'**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
 St John 17.20-26

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus prayed: 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their

word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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: Jesus calls us here to meet him
John Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule (b.1958) - tune: Gaelic Air
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- 1. Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.**
- 2. Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of All,
sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.**

**3. Jesus calls us to each other:
vastly different though we are;
race and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.**

**4. Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.**

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.

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: Rejoice, the Lord is King

Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt. - tune: Gopsal
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- 1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore;
let all give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
- 2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
- 3. His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
- 4. He sits at God's right hand,
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
- 5. Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!**

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 29 th May	<u>7th Sunday of Easter</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 30 th May	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 31 st May	1pm Joy Stanley's memorial service 1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM
Wed 1 st June	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 2 nd June	10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 3 rd June	-
Sat 4 th June	7am AA meeting 12pm Women's AA meeting 6pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 5 th June	<u>Pentecost Sunday</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 8pm AA meeting

NOTICES

Thanks

particularly to Rev'd Wendy Pullin for filling in for me during my leave. I am also very grateful for her attending to the extra pastoral care that has been needed at this time.

Thanks also to all who have helped not only with maintaining the momentum of our church life, but also with anticipating further opportunities to grow our community.

And thanks to those who have extended hospitality to guests, visitors, and other parishioners for the exceptional services and at other opportunities, such as our Kindergarten's working bee and Open Day.

Fr John

The family of Patricia Hutton would like to thank the parish for their prayers and support for the recent funeral of Patricia. Your wonderful assistance and kindness made this time very special for us all.

Ken

Joy Stanley's memorial service

This will be held at 1pm on Tuesday 31 May.

Pentecost Sunday

In keeping with the 'tongues of fire', you are invited to wear flame-coloured clothing: red, yellow and orange!

Rosters & working bee sign-up sheets

Kindly add your names where relevant to the service rosters for June and July, and for the parish working bee on Saturday 18 June, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

St John's Kindergarten

Under my direction, our Kindergarten Committee of Management has appointed a new Director, Rebecca Vernall. Bec's first day is on Monday, and she takes over from Chelley who recently left to work with a local NDIS organisation.

We give thanks to God for providing our Kindergarten with dedicated and competent staff, amidst the general shortage of kindergarten teachers. We look forward to growing further the missional relationship between the church community and our kinder community.