



**Patronal Festival
of St John the Divine**

Eucharist service

8th 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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and notices

Hymn: Lord, you have been our dwelling place

Thomas Hornblower Gill (1819-1906) alt. - tune: Luther

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- 1. Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in every generation;
your people have received your grace
and blessed your consolation;
through every age you heard our cry;
through every age we found you nigh,
our strength and our salvation.**
- 2. Persisting sins we long have wept,
your patience long have tested;
but steadfast faith in you we kept,
still to your name devoted:
for you have kept and loved us well,
and granted us in you to dwell
from your love never parted.**
- 3. Lord, nothing from your arms so sure
shall your own people sever;
our helper ever will endure,
God's love will fail us never.
Your people, Lord, have dwelt in you;
and you remain our dwelling true
for ever and for ever.**

Sentence

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.

1 John 1.1

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.

Shed upon your Church, O Lord,
the brightness of your light,
so that we, being illumined by the teaching
of John the evangelist,
may walk in the light of your truth,
and be brought to the fullness of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Proverbs 8.22-31

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

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 John's first letter 1.1-5

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

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

Hymn: John, in the Spirit
Elizabeth J Smith, 1992 - tune: -

Patronal hymn composed for St John the Divine Croydon

- 1. John, in the Spirit, saw the First and Last,
the Living one, the Firstborn of the dead,
and wrote for us of what he saw and heard,
so we, too, by the Spirit might be led.**

- 2. John wrote the words of warning and of hope,
of love, and truth, and riches God will give;
and so we pray for grace to know our need,
to ask God's help, to keep the faith, and live.**
- 3. John saw the new Jerusalem come down
with all tears wiped away, and no more pain,
and so we long for God to dwell with us,
and so we dream this world made whole again.**
- 4. O God, as you gave John the eyes to see
the Lamb enthroned, the holy city's light,
open our eyes and ears and hearts to know
your wisdom, honour, glory, blessing, might.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St John 20.2-8

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

So Mary Magdalene ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.

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

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and
bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**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

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to
you. I do not give as the world gives.'

John 14.27

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory hymn: Your hand, O God, has guided
Edward Hayes Plumtre (1821-91) alt. - tune: Thornbury
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- 1. Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
your faithfulness is written,
on history's open page;
your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 2. Your heralds brought the gospel
to greatest and to least;
they summoned men and women
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 3. And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored:
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**
- 4. Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then by earth and heaven,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem,
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

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 because
you have called us into the fellowship of St John
and all your saints,
and set before us the example of their witness
and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.

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.
God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with St John and all your saints
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

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: Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him
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- 1. Praise the Lord! you heavens adore him;
praise him angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken,
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, that never shall be broken,
for their guidance he has made.**
- 2. Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious:
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high his power proclaim:
heaven and earth, and all creation,
praise and glorify his name.**

God give you grace to follow St John and all the saints
in faith and hope and love;
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.

Thanks be to God.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 8 th May	<u>Patronal Festival</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 9 th May	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 10 th May	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM
Wed 11 th May	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 12 th May	10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 13 th May	-
Sat 14 th May	7am AA meeting 10am Kinder working bee 12pm Women's AA meeting 6pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 15 th May	<u>5th Sunday of Easter</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 8pm AA meeting

NOTICES

Fr John on leave

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

Sad News

Joy Stanley died last Saturday. Those of you from Mooroolbark may especially remember her and her late husband the Rev'd Frank Stanley. In a few weeks' time there will be a Memorial Service honouring her life.

Please remember Joy and her family in your prayers, giving thanks for her faithful life and witness.

St John's Kindergarten

The parish's new Mission Action Plan is particularly focused on growing and developing the relationship between the parish and our own kindergarten. In this we take Jesus as our model for mission. Jesus did not sit around in a synagogue on the Sabbath and wait for people to come to him: rather, he went to where people were and connected with them in their daily lives. And so we have opportunities to do the same with our own kindergarten community:

- **Sat 14 May - Working Bee** at our kindergarten, in the morning
- **Sat 21 May - Open Day** (for prospective 2023 families) with proposed cake stall in car park, in the morning

Parishioners are invited to follow Jesus' model, and help strengthen the relationship with our own kindergarten by sharing in these activities

Parish Code of Conduct

Following on from the Safe Ministry Training recently undertaken by all parish volunteers, the Parish Council is looking at adopting our own Code of Conduct for the parish. This includes a revised version of the Dispute Resolution Process that the parish agreed to in 2019 - still displayed on the Fellowship Room notice board. The proposed Code of Conduct has been circulated via email for people to provide feedback.

Cooking for TDRM Tuesday 10th May

The St John's team is cooking for the Dining Room Mission again this coming Tuesday and this time we will be serving Chow Mein served with rice.

The basic ingredients for the Chow Mein are available for cooks to collect today.

The meal is being served as take away at 5.30pm so please bring your Chow Mein to the church HOT by 5pm, alternatively we can arrange to collect it.

Cooks and helpers are always needed so if you can help by cooking the Chow Mein in your home beforehand or can come along on Tuesday afternoon to assist with cooking the rice and serving the meals, please let Cathy know.

Aumbry Key

The Key to the Aumbry (where we keep the Reserved Sacrament) is missing. If you know where it may have been placed, please tell a Warden or Rev'd Wendy. The key has a very large decorative tag attached to it and is usually kept in the Sanctuary.

Parish Directory

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BSB: 033044 Account: 251582*

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