



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

26<sup>th</sup> June 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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hymn: I, the Lord of sea and sky

*Daniel L Schutte (b.1947), from Isaiah 6 - tune: Here I Am, Lord  
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1. **I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord;  
is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go, Lord,  
if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***
2. **I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain;  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts of love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord ...***
3. **I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame;  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord ...***

### Sentence

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

*Matthew 10.39*

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.

O God,  
the light of the minds that know you,  
the life of the souls that love you,  
the strength of the thoughts that seek you:  
help us so to know you that we may truly love you,  
and so to love you that we may fully serve you,  
whose service is perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the second book of Kings 2.1-2, 6-14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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

Psalm 77.1–2, 11–20

<sup>1</sup> I call to my God, I cry out toward him:  
I call to my God, and surely he will answer.

<sup>2</sup> **In the day of my distress I seek the Lord,  
I stretch out my hands to him by night:  
my soul is poured out without ceasing,  
it refuses all comfort.**

<sup>11</sup> I will declare the mighty acts of the Lord:  
I will call to mind your wonders of old.

<sup>12</sup> **I will think on all that you have done:  
and meditate upon your works.**

<sup>13</sup> Your way, O God, is holy:  
who is so great a god as our God?

<sup>14</sup> **You are the God that works wonders:  
you made known your power among the nations;**

<sup>15</sup> By your mighty arm you redeemed your people:  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

<sup>16</sup> **The waters saw you, O God,  
the waters saw you and were afraid:  
the depths also were troubled.**

<sup>17</sup> The clouds poured out water, the heavens spoke:  
and your arrows darted forth.

<sup>18</sup> **The voice of your thunder  
was heard in the whirlwind:  
your lightnings lit the world,  
the earth shuddered and quaked.**

<sup>19</sup> Your way was in the sea,  
your path in the great waters:  
and your footsteps were not seen.

<sup>20</sup> **You led your people like sheep:  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Galatia 5.1,  
13–25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

Hymn: May we, O Holy Spirit, bear your fruit  
*Paul Wigmore (b.1925) - tune: Woodlands*  
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- 1. May we, O Holy Spirit, bear your fruit —  
your joy and peace pervade each word we say;  
may love become of life the very root,  
and grow more deep and strong with every day.**
- 2. May patience stem the harmful word and deed,  
and kindness seek the good among the wrong;  
may goodness far beyond our lips proceed,  
as manifest in action as in song.**
- 3. May faithfulness endure, yet as we grow  
may gentleness lend courage to the weak;  
and in our self-restraint help us to know  
the grace that made the King of Heaven meek.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St Luke 9.51–62

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to

come down from heaven and consume them?’ But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, ‘I will follow you wherever you go.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’ To another he said, ‘Follow me.’ But he said, ‘Lord, first let me go and bury my father.’ But Jesus said to him, ‘Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’ Another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.’ Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’

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

*Sermon*

Nicene Creed: We believe in God

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) - tune based on Brahms’  
Symphony no. 1 - © Timothy Dudley-Smith, CCL No 632290*

- 1. We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
Virgin born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**
- 2. Christ who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven’s king to rule and reign,  
to the Father’s side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**
- 3. We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.**

#### 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

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord’s table.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God’s forgiveness.

**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

We are the body of Christ.  
**His Spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Offertory hymn: From heaven you came, helpless babe  
*Graham Kendrick (b. 1950) - tune: Servant King*  
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- 1. From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served, but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.**
- 2. There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
‘Yet not my will but yours’, he said.  
This is our God ...**
- 3. Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.  
This is our God ...**
- 4. So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other’s needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we’re serving.  
This is our God ...**

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 thanks and praise, glory and honour,  
be yours at all times, in every place,  
holy and loving Father, true and living God.

We praise you that through your eternal Word  
you brought the universe into being  
and made us in your own image.

You have given us this earth to care for and delight in,  
and with its bounty you preserve our life.

We thank you that you bound yourself to the human race  
with the promises of a gracious covenant  
and called us to serve you in love and peace.

Above all, we give you thanks for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
born as one of us, he lived our common life  
and offered his life to you  
in perfect obedience and trust.

By his death he delivered us from sin,  
brought us new life,  
and reconciled us to you and to one another.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
with apostles, and prophets,  
with holy women and men of every age,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name:

**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.**

Holy God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,  
and we pray that we who eat and drink them  
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may be partakers of his body and blood,  
and be made one with him and with each other  
in peace and love.

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.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,  
renew us by your Spirit  
that we may be united in the body of your Son  
and serve you as a royal priesthood  
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you 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.  
Living God,  
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys you promise.

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: Will you come and follow me

*John L Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule (b.1958)*

*tune: Kelvingrove - © WGRG, 1987, CCL No 632290*

1. **Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?**
2. **Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?**
3. **Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?**
4. **Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?**
5. **Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

#### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of  
God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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 peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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#### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

- Sun 26<sup>th</sup> June 3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
8am Eucharist  
10am Eucharist (*also live-streamed*)  
11.30am Parish Network meeting  
8pm AA meeting
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June *Vicar's day off*  
10.30am AI Anon meeting
- Tue 28<sup>th</sup> June 1pm AA meeting  
5.30pm community meal: TDRM
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June 10am Eucharist  
5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter  
7.30pm NA meeting
- Thu 30<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am AA meeting  
10.15am BUPA communion  
7.30pm AA meeting
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July -
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July 7am AA meeting  
10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship  
7pm Lai Christian Church
- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> July 4th Sunday after Pentecost  
8am Eucharist  
10am Eucharist (*also live-streamed*)  
8pm AA meeting

#### NOTICES

Thanks to Rev'd Wendy Pullin for filling in at short notice for Fr John who is unwell.

The meeting for the network team - group contacts and coordinators - after today's 10am service will continue as planned.

#### Croydon Centro stage 2 development

Maroondah Council are keen to receive feedback about the plans to build four 8 to 12 story apartment blocks between the entrance to Coles and Wicklow Avenue. The website link is here:

<https://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/All-Maroondah-news/Croydon-Central-planning-application>

While there is a need to address the shortage of affordable housing, these particular plans will result in all of Coles' delivery trucks being routed up Toorak Ave and into a new entry opposite the church's Toorak Ave entrance, with pedestrian access blocked.