



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

6th Sunday after Pentecost

17th July 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.

Hymn: Be thou my vision

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- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**
- 3. Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**
- 4. Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
- 5. High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

Sentence

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30.16

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.

Eternal God,
you draw near to us in Christ
and make yourself our guest:
amid the cares of our daily lives,
make us attentive to your voice
and alert to your presence,
that we may treasure your word above all else.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Amos 8.1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the Lord said to me,

'The end has come upon my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,'

says the Lord God;

'the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!'

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, 'When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practise deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account,

and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of
Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God,
 I will make the sun go down at noon,
 and darken the earth in broad daylight.
 I will turn your feasts into mourning,
 and all your songs into lamentation;
 I will bring sackcloth on all loins,
 and baldness on every head;
 I will make it like the mourning for an only son,
 and the end of it like a bitter day.
 The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,
 when I will send a famine on the land;
 not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,
 but of hearing the words of the Lord.
 They shall wander from sea to sea,
 and from north to east;
 they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,
 but they shall not find it.

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

Psalm 52

- ¹ Why, you that are powerful,
 do you boast all the day long:
 of mischief done to those that are faithful to God?
- ² **You contrive destroying slanders:
 your tongue is like a sharpened razor,
 it cuts deceitfully.**
- ³ You have loved evil, and not good:
 to tell lies, rather than to speak the truth.
- ⁴ **You love all words that may do hurt:
 and every deceit of the tongue.**
- ⁵ But God will destroy you utterly:
 he will snatch you away
 and pluck you out of your dwelling,
 he will uproot you from the land of the living.
- ⁶ **The righteous shall see it, and fear:
 they shall laugh you to scorn, and say,**
- ⁷ 'Here is one who did not take God for strength:
 but trusted to the abundance of riches,
 and found strength in slander.'
- ⁸ **As for me, I am like a green olive tree
 in the house of God:
 I will trust in the goodness of God
 for ever and ever.**
- ⁹ I will always give you thanks, for this was your doing:
 I will glorify your name before the faithful,
 for it is good to praise you.

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Colossae
 1.15–29

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was

pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

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

Hymn: Christ be my leader

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- 1. Christ be my leader by night as by day;
 safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
 Gladly I follow, my future his care,
 darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**
- 2. Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
 drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
 Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand,
 doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**
- 3. Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;
 death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
 Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
 can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
 St Luke 10.38–42

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is

need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed: We believe in God

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- 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: Jesus calls us here to meet him
John L 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:
found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language
such are barriers he derides.
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.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God
from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.

You formed us, female and male, in your image,
and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.

You called us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people
of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:
**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.**

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory,
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.

While at table he took bread,
blessed, and broke it,
and giving it to them, said:
'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
'This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,

his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.

With this bread and this cup

we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

**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.

Father of all

we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

Hymn: This is the truth we hold
Basil Ernest Bridge (b.1927) - tune: Little Cornard
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- This is the truth we hold,
source of the joy we share,
hope that can make us bold
trusting the name we bear:
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**
- This is the song of praise
echoing down the years,
true for the present days,
through all our doubts and fears:
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**
- Christ is the living bread,
Christ is the word to speak,
Christ is the way to tread,
Christ is the goal to seek;
for 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**
- One in the faith we share,
out in his name we go;
Jesus awaits us there,
longing that all should know
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**

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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NOTICES

Parish Network

The network team have participated in a workshop and are starting to resume contacting parishioners directly.

The current list of parishioners who are on the team are: Ailsa Wakeley, Beryl Gibson, Cheryl Yon, Jenny Harris, Jenny Heath, Joan Sweet, Lois Vine, Loretta Hill, Lyn Lynch, Patricia Spears, and Stephen Cossey.

The primary aim is to help maintain our connections as a faith community. Sometimes we assume that someone is receiving emails when they aren't, and so having a direct

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 17 th July	<u>6th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 18 th July	<i>Vicar's day off</i> 10.30am <i>AI Anon meeting</i>
Tue 19 th July	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm <i>community meal: TDRM</i> 7pm <i>Kindergarten Committee meeting</i>
Wed 20 th July	10am Eucharist 5.30pm <i>community meal: Winter Shelter</i> 7.30pm <i>NA meeting</i>
Thu 21 st July	10.30am <i>AA meeting</i> 11am <i>BUPA aged care communion</i> 7.30pm <i>AA meeting</i>
Fri 22 nd July	-
Sat 23 rd July	7am AA meeting 10.30am <i>Focus on Faith & Friendship</i> 7pm <i>Lai Christian Church</i>
Sun 24 th July	<u>7th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 8pm AA meeting

phone call helps to ensure that the parish is alert to how parishioners are faring, and ensuring that parishioners are alert to what is taking place in the parish.

If you receive a phone call, and you'd like to chat a bit, then you are welcome to do so - however, if you'd prefer to keep it short, then that's also okay.

The Network team are exercising an important ministry with this aspect of hospitality, and so do encourage and pray for them.

St John's TDRM Team

Thank you to everyone who helped with cooking, serving, or cleaning up at The Dining Room Mission last Tuesday. It was another fantastic effort from our team and we served up 80+ generous meals of pasta bake for the guests. As always it was lovely to work together alongside the other wonderful volunteers that make up the happy TDRM family.

With the ongoing threat of COVID and the limited capacity of the Fellowship Room, TDRM is continuing to serve the meals as take away only. Although the number of guests who actually attend fluctuates each week, some collect extra meals for other members of their family or household and several volunteers also deliver meals to those who are unable to attend. The TDRM community meals program therefore consistently feeds 80+ people each week, as well as providing clothing and groceries for some of the most vulnerable people in our community for whom winter is especially cold and lonely.

Our next turn to cook will be on Tuesday 9th August so please put that date into your diaries.

Cathy

COVID update - masks

Bishop Paul has advised us:

The government has not made the wearing of masks indoors mandatory but the strong health advice is to encourage wearing masks in indoor settings. We pass on that encouragement to do so for church services and other indoor activities. Parish councils are welcome to decide whether or not to make masks mandatory in their churches or simply reiterate the strong encouragement from the health department.

Our Parish Council discussed this, and decided not to make masks mandatory, but instead to **strongly encourage everyone to wear them** - if not for yourself, then at least out of consideration for others.

As previously, during services those at the lectern will not need to wear a mask, however the priest will wear one while presiding at the altar.

Update re Diocesan assessment on Pinkney property sale

In October last year the sale of the property bequested to our parish by Tom Pinkney was settled. Since then there has been ongoing dialogue and consultation between the Parish Council and Diocesan staff over what should be considered subject to Diocesan assessment.

After a face to face meeting at the end of June, various assumptions and misunderstandings were clarified, and it was confirmed that the parish is liable for assessment on any monies used for parish operating costs - but is not liable for assessment on monies reserved in an approved building fund.

The Parish Council have now initiated the process to establish such a fund, and we intend to deposit as much as we can of the sale proceeds in it.

Update re the Site Strategic Analysis

Progress with this has been significantly delayed due to an anomaly in the Maroondah Council records. It appears that a heritage overlay was inadvertently placed over the vicarage, kindergarten and carpark, instead of the church building. We are waiting for Maroondah Council to resolve this matter.

Petition to stop Croydon Centro Planning Application

Kindly note the petition available for you to sign in the foyer, if you wish to object to the planning application for 12 floor apartment blocks to be built in front of the Croydon Centro, overlooking Toorak Ave.

The plans are also shown on the notice board in the foyer.