



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

11th Sunday after Pentecost

21st August 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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: Lord, today your voice is calling

Nick Fawcett (b.1957) - tune: Lux Eoi

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- 1. Lord, today your voice is calling,
lifting thoughts to things above;
life is wonderful, enthralling,
touched by your unfailing love.
Suddenly I see the beauty
often hidden from my gaze,
so I come not out of duty,
but with glad and grateful praise.**
- 2. Lord, I sometimes fail to value
all your blessing as I should.
Slow to make the time to thank you,
blind to so much that is good.
Days are lived in such a hurry
there's no time to stop and stare,
joy is crushed by weight of worry,
happiness obscured by care.**
- 3. Lord, today I come rejoicing,
vowed to waste your gifts no more;
bringing praise and gladly voicing
what I should have voiced before.
Pouring out my adoration,
scarcely knowing where to start,
with a song of exultation,
Lord, I thank you from my heart.**

Sentence

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth. Upon you have I leaned since my birth.

Psalm 71.5-6

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 Judge of all,
through the saving blood of your Son
you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem
and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken:
fill us with reverence and awe in your presence,
that in thanksgiving we and all your Church
may offer you acceptable worship;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah 1.4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'
Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to
speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me,
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.'
Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth;
and the Lord said to me,
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations
and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

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

Psalm 71.1-6

¹ To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.

² **In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:
incline your ear to me and save me.**

- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.
- 4 **Rescue me, O my God,
from the hand of the wicked:
from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.**
- 5 For you, Lord, are my hope:
you are my confidence, O God,
from my youth upward.
- 6 **On you have I leaned since my birth:
you are he that brought me
out of my mother's womb,
and my praise is of you continually.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12.18–29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming

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

Hymn: O God beyond all praising

Michael Perry (1942-1996) - tune: Thaxted

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1. **O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.**

2. **Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Luke 13.10–17

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

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: See the holy table
Michael Forster (b.1946) - tune: Nicaea
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- 1. See the holy table, spread for our healing;
hear the invitation to share in bread and wine.
Catch the scent of goodness,
taste and touch salvation;
all mortal senses tell of love divine!**
- 2. As the bread is broken, Christ is remembered;
as the wine is flowing, his passion we recall;
as redemption's story opens up before us,
hope is triumphant, Christ is all in all.**
- 3. Tell again the story, wonder of wonders;
Christ, by grace eternal,
transforms the simplest food!
Sign of hope and glory, life in all its fullness,
God's whole creation ransomed and renewed!**

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: 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

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 Breakfast - thanks

Thanks to Helen, Meryl and others for organising last Sunday's breakfast - it was appreciated by many.

Parish Network Ministry team meeting - TODAY

The Network team are invited to confer together after today's 10am service, to evaluate the training workshop and to share what's working - for mutual encouragement, and what needs addressing - to keep making progress.

Visit by Bishop Paul - 4th September

Parish Eucharist at 10am only, followed by a light lunch (BYO drinks). Please write your name on the list in the foyer, for catering purposes.

Trivia night - 10 September

Refer to details in next column.

Blessing of Pets - mid-October

We're exploring with our kindergarten how to arrange this to work for the kinder families as well. Maybe a family BBQ on a Friday after work ...

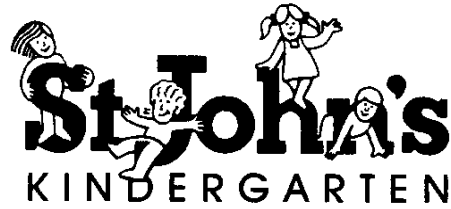
Response to the news of a formal schism from the Anglican Church of Australia

Do read the Australian Primate's response, on the next page, to the news that Australian GAFCON-aligned Anglican leaders have formed a new denomination, that excludes women, divorcees, and same-sex attracted people from church leadership.

My own initial simple response and assurance is this:

Here at St John the Divine we do not exclude anyone from our church community. We strive to extend God's welcome to all, without discrimination.

Fr John Webster



St John's Kindergarten Trivia Night

Join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday 10 September, 7.30pm to 10.30pm, \$20 per person.

A spectacular night of Trivia, food & drinks (alcohol is BYO - unless you win the raffle!), a Silent Auction with lots of family orientated adventures, a Raffle plus other exciting prizes (have a few gold coins handy on the night).

Make a table of 8 or choose individual seats and meet some other family & friends from the kinder community. There are only 80 tickets so get in quick - refunds available up to 14 days prior.

Purchase tickets online via:

<https://events.humanitix.com/st-john-s-kindergarten-trivia-night>

or write your name on the list in the foyer, and we'll arrange to book the tickets.

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Anglican Church of Australia

Primate: **The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith**

18 August 2022

**A statement from the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia
on the launch of the company, the Diocese of The Southern Cross**

I note the formal launch this week of a company named the Diocese of the Southern Cross. This company, while established by some members of the Anglican Church of Australia and structured to mirror some of the characteristics of an Anglican diocese, has no formal or informal relationship or connection with the Anglican Church of Australia. As such it will operate independently from the Anglican Church as, effectively, a new denomination.

It is unfortunate that confusion may well result from the establishment of this organization among existing members of the Anglican Church of Australia and among people wishing to connect with the Anglican Church of Australia.

The meeting of the General Synod held in May this year clearly affirmed the view that marriage is between a man and a woman, and declined to affirm same sex marriage. It is perplexing therefore that the leaders of this breakaway movement cite the reason for this new denomination as the failure of General Synod to explicitly express an opinion against the blessing of same sex marriages.

It is always easier to gather with those we agree with. But in a tragically divided world God's call and therefore the church's role includes showing how to live together with difference. Not merely showing tolerance but receiving the other as a gift from God.

My conviction is that the Anglican Church of Australia can find a way to stay together, graciously reflecting God's great love, with our differences held sincerely. This week's announcement makes achieving that end more difficult but not impossible.

I will continue to pray and work that God's call on the church will be realised and encourage others to do the same.

The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith

Archbishop of Adelaide and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia

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