



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

Mary, mother of our Lord

14th 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

As we remember and celebrate Mary's faith and her obedience to God's purpose, there is an opportunity to acknowledge the role *her* parents played in raising such a strong woman. While Joachim and Anna's names are not in the Bible, ancient stories describe these grandparents of Jesus.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: Sing we of the blessed Mother

George Bourne Timms (1910-77) - tune: Abbot's Leigh

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- 1. Sing we of the blessed Mother**
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed,
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.
- 2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,**
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calv'ry's tree,
saw the price of our redemption
paid to set the sinner free.
- 3. Sing again the joys of Mary**
when she saw the risen Lord,
and, in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heav'nly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.
- 4. Sing the greatest joy of Mary**
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heav'nly home:
virgin mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

Sentence

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as God's children.

Galatians 4.4-5

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.

Heavenly Father,
who chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
fill us with your grace,
that in all things we may accept your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 61.10-62.3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Psalm 113

- ¹ Praise the Lord, O sing praises,
you that are his servants:
O praise the name of the Lord.
- ² **Let the name of the Lord be blessed:
from this time forward and for ever.**
- ³ From the rising of the sun to its going down:
let the name of the Lord be praised.
- ⁴ **The Lord is exalted over all the nations:
and his glory is above the heavens.**
- ⁵ Who can be likened to the Lord our God:
in heaven or upon the earth,
- ⁶ **Who has his dwelling so high:
yet condescends to look on things beneath?**
- ⁷ He raises the lowly from the dust:
and lifts the poor from out of the dungheap;
- ⁸ **He gives them a place among the princes:
even among the princes of his people.**
- ⁹ He causes the barren woman to keep house:
and makes her a joyful mother of children.
Praise the Lord.

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Galatia 4.4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Hymn: Tell out, my soul

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) - tune: Woodlands
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- 1. Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**
- 2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.**

- 3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**
- 4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Luke 2.1-7

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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

Sermon

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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

The Lord has mercy on those who fear him from generation to generation.

Let us humbly confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident that God will raise us up.

**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: Let all mortal flesh keep silence
from the *Liturgy of St James c. 4th cent.*, tr. Gerald Moultrie
(1829-85) alt. - tune: Picardy - © The Australian Hymn Book
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- 1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
comes full homage to demand.**
- 2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**
- 3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light comes shining
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**
- 4. At his feet the six-winged seraphs,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
alleluia, alleluia
alleluia, Lord most high!**

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 was born 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 for the obedience of your servant Mary, who by your grace answered your call to be the mother of your Son.

With all generations we call her blessed, and with her we rejoice in the greatness of your salvation.

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 our Saviour,
your word proclaims our salvation
which we taste in the bread of life.
Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary
that we, too, may respond as willing servants
and bear your Word to our world.

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: Ye watchers and ye holy ones
*John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945) - tune: Lasst Uns
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- 1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
raise the glad strain: alleluia!
Cry out, dominions principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
alleluia!**
- 2. O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: alleluia!
O Mary, bearer of the Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
alleluia!**
- 3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
alleluia!**
- 4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing:
alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
alleluia!**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
gladden our hearts by his coming to dwell among us,
and fill us with joy and peace;
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

Future events

Sunday 4 September - **visit by Bishop Paul**

- Parish Eucharist at 10am only, followed by light lunch

Mid-October - **Blessing of Pets event**

- We're exploring with our kindergarten how to arrange this to work for the kinder families as well.

REMINDER - YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A
MASK IN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 14 th Aug	<u>Mary, Mother of our Lord</u> 8am Eucharist 9am Parish Breakfast 10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 15 th Aug	Vicar's day off 10.30am Al Anon meeting
Tue 16 th Aug	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM 7pm Kindergarten Committee
Wed 17 th Aug	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 18 th Aug	10.30am AA meeting 10.45am BUPA aged care communion 7.30pm AA meeting 7.30pm Parish Council meeting
Fri 19 th Aug	-
Sat 20 th Aug	7am AA meeting 10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship 7pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 21 st Aug	<u>11th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 11.30am Parish Network meeting 8pm AA meeting



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.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AS PART OF THE PARISH MISSION ACTION PLAN

St John's TDRM team - thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped with cooking, serving, or cleaning up at The Dining Room Mission last Tuesday. Once again we served up approximately 60 generous and tasty meals of chicken with roast vegetables, peas and gravy. The beautiful roast vegetables were particularly well received by the guests, so special thanks to our team of excellent cooks!

Thank you also to everyone who came along to the church to deliver the food or help out in the kitchen. As usual it was a happy team effort and your hard work is always much appreciated.

Our next turn to cook will be on Tuesday 13th September so please put that date into your diaries.

Cathy

Parish Breakfast - TODAY: 14th August

Thanks to Helen, Meryl and others for arranging today's breakfast at 9am, between the Sunday morning services. All are welcome.

Parish Network team meeting - 21st August

The Network team are invited to confer together after next Sunday'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.



Icons and pictures of Joachim and Anna usually depict an older couple obviously in love with each other, often with Mary as a child.