



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

13th Sunday after Pentecost

4th September 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: *We turn to Christ anew*

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) - tune: Leoni

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- 1. We turn to Christ anew**
who hear his call today,
his way to walk, his will pursue,
his word obey.
To serve him as our King
and of his kingdom learn,
from sin and every evil thing
to him we turn.
- 2. We trust in Christ to save;**
in him new life begins:
who by his cross a ransom gave
from all our sins.
Our spirits' strength and stay
who when all flesh is dust
will keep us in that final day,
in him we trust.
- 3. We would be true to him**
till earthly journeys end,
whose love no passing years can dim,
our changeless friend.
May we who bear his name
our faith and love renew,
to follow Christ our single aim,
and find him true.

Sentence

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

Luke 14.27

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.

God of the ages,
you call the Church to keep watch in the world
and to discern the signs of the times:
grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows,
so that with courage
we may proclaim your prophetic word,
and complete the work you have set before us;
through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah 18.1–11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

May your word live in us,

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 139.1–5, 12–18

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.
- ² **You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.**
- ³ For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- ⁴ **You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.**
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.
- ¹² **For you have created my inward parts:
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- ¹³ I will praise you, for you are to be feared:
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.
- ¹⁴ **You knew my soul,
and my bones were not hidden from you:
when I was formed in secret,
and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- ¹⁵ Your eyes saw my limbs
when they were yet imperfect:
and in your book were all my members written;
- ¹⁶ **Day by day they were fashioned:
and not one was late in growing.**
- ¹⁷ How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:
and how great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ **Were I to count them,
they are more in number than the sand:
were I to come to the end,
I would still be with you.**

A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia
our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the
church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my
God because I hear of your love for all the saints and
your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing
of your faith may become effective when you perceive all
the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed
received much joy and encouragement from your love,
because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed
through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to
command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal
to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old
man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am
appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I
have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was
useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you
and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back
to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might
be of service to me in your place during my
imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do

nothing without your consent, in order that your good
deed might be voluntary and not something forced.
Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for
a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no
longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved
brother—especially to me but how much more to you,
both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you
would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or
owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul,
am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say
nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes,
brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord!
Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience,
I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more
than I say.

One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am
hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.
Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends
greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas,
and Luke, my fellow-workers.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

Hymn: 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said
Charles Williams Everest (1814-77) alt. - tune: O Jesu Christ,
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- 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,
'if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart
and humbly follow after me.'**
- Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**
- Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish price be still:
your Lord refused not even to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**
- Take up your cross, then, in his strength
and calmly every danger brave;
it guides you to a better home
and leads to victory o'er the grave.**
- Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Luke 14.25–35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he
turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and
does not hate father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be
my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow

me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

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

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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, we have heard your Spirit

Martin E Leckebusch (b.1962) - tune: Odiham

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- 1. Jesus, we have heard your Spirit
saying we belong to you,
showing us our need for mercy,
focusing our hopes anew;
you have won our hearts' devotion,
now we feel your guiding hand:
where you lead us, we will follow
on the paths your love has planned.**
- 2. As a chosen, pilgrim people
we are learning day by day
what it means to be disciples,
to believe and to obey.
Word and table show your purpose;
hearts and lives we gladly bring —
where you lead us, we will follow,
suff'ring Saviour, risen King.**
- 3. How we learn that ev'ry nation
should exalt your matchless name,
yet so often this world's systems
contradict your regal claim.
If we stand for truth and justice
we, like you, may suffer loss;
where you lead us, we will follow —
give us grace to bear our cross.**

**4. So we journey on together,
keen to make our calling sure:
through our joys, our fears, our crises,
may our faith be made mature.
Jesus, hope of hearts and nations,
sov'reign Lord of time and space,
where you lead us, we will follow
till we see you face to face.**

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: Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) - tune: Londonderry Air

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**1. Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim.**

**Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.**

**2. Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!**

**We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.**

**3. Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!
So lead us on, till toil and trouble ended,
one Church triumphant one new song shall sing,
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!**

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 4 th Sep	<u>13th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am <i>no service</i> 10am Parish Eucharist led by Bp Paul (also live-streamed) 11.45am Parish lunch 8pm AA meeting
Mon 5 th Sep	<i>Vicar's day off</i> 10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 6 th Sep	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM
Wed 7 th Sep	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 8 th Sep	10.30am AA meeting 11am Park Lane aged care communion 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 9 th Sep	-
Sat 10 th Sep	7am AA meeting 10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship 7.30pm Kinder Trivia night
Sun 11 th Sep	<u>13th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting

Today we welcome our bishop, the Right Rev'd Dr Paul Barker, who will preach and preside. Afterwards you are warmly invited to enjoy fellowship together over a light parish lunch.

NOTICES

Kinder Pantry donations

On Sunday mornings parishioners have the opportunity to make food donations in the offertory basket. The following are particularly requested:

- Muesli bars (no nuts)
- Fruit cups
- Fruit squeeze pouches
- Stir through sauces
- Biscuits - sweet and/or savoury
- Honey/Vegemite/Jam Spreads
- Pasta
- Instant coffee
- Juice boxes
- Up & Go (or similar) drink boxes
- LeSnak (or similar) cheese and biscuit snacks
- Children's toiletries (tooth brushes, toothpaste, etc)
- Soap
- Women's sanitary items

We're mainly looking for children's lunch box items. We have some children who don't come with much and we want to support families to provide their children with food throughout the day.

Thanks, Kat (teacher)



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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