



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

14th Sunday after Pentecost

11th 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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) - tune: Ode To Joy
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- 1. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!**
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
- 2. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!**
Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and pow'r laid low.
Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.
- 3. Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;**
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.
Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain.
- 4. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;**
love his laws, declare his judgments,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children:
praise the Lord, all people, praise!
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
peace and plenty crown your days!

Sentence

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15.10

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.

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,
exultant you bring home the found:
touch our hearts with grateful wonder
at the tenderness of your forbearing love;
grant us delight in the mercy that has found us;
and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners.
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 Jeremiah 4.11–12, 22–28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

‘For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good.’

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.
I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,

and all the hills moved to and fro.
I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.
I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.
For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a
desolation; yet I will not make a full end.
Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

Psalm 14

- 1 Fools have said in their hearts 'There is no God':
they have all become vile
and abominable in their doings,
there is not one that does good.
- 2 **The Lord looked down from heaven
upon the children of Adam:
to see if there were any who would act wisely
and seek after God.**
- 3 But they have all turned out of the way,
they have all alike become corrupt:
there is none that does good, no not one.
- 4 **Are all the evildoers devoid of understanding:
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not pray to the Lord?**
- 5 They shall be struck with terror:
for God is with the company of the righteous.
- 6 **Though they frustrate the poor in their hopes:
surely the Lord is their refuge.**
- 7 O that deliverance for Israel
might come forth from Zion:
when the Lord turns again
the fortunes of his people,
then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

A reading from Paul's first letter to Timothy 1.1–2, 12–19a

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God
our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope,
To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ
Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has
strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and
appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly
a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I
received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in
unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me
with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The
saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ
Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I
am the foremost. But for that very reason I received
mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might
display the utmost patience, making me an example to
those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in
accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you,
so that by following them you may fight the good fight,
having faith and a good conscience.

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

Hymn: Amazing grace

John Newton (1725-1807) alt. - tune: Amazing Grace
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- 1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.**
- 2. As grace first taught my heart to fear,
so grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**
- 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Luke 15.1–10

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near
to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes
were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes
sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a
hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave
the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one
that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays
it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes
home, he calls together his friends and neighbours,
saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my
sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be
more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than
over ninety-nine righteous people who need no
repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one
of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and
search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it,
she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying,
"Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had
lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the
angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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

Hymn: Let us build a house

Marty Haugen (b.1952) - tune: Two Oaks

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1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
all are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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 meets us at the margins

Michael Forster (b.1946) - tune: What A Friend

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1. **Jesus meets us at the margins;**
calls us in to take our place
where the outcast and the sinner
share the feast of love and grace.
At the gates of ev'ry city,
people whom the world rejects
find in this divine encounter
healing, honour and respect.
2. **Life in all its rich abundance**
Jesus freely offers here;
see him make the wine of wholeness
from the water of our fear!
Jesus calls us to the margins,
through the voice of those who wait:
'All of you who share my kingdom,
come and meet me at the gate.'
3. **See him there in pain and sorrow,**
bearing still his people's sin;
see him ca-give, cold and hungry,
set him free and bring him in.
Hear the royal invitation
spoken to the last and least:
'Come, you blessed of my Father,
join me in the kingdom's feast!'

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: In great thanksgiving

Melchizedek M Solis (b.1966) - tune: Malate

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- 1. In great thanksgiving,
O Love divine,
who from our sorrow
redeemed us all,
cleansed of regretting,
relieved of fear,
we come rejoicing
for new life here.**
- 2. In celebration
of power bestowed,
we who were sinners
are followers bold,
forgiving enemies
we sing your praise,
with jubilation
love's banner raise.**
- 3. In dedication
we give our lives
to heed your bidding
to seek the lost,
to all the hungry
bring food for feasts,
to fear-bound people
strength for life's tests.**
- 4. In exaltation
of Christ our Lord,
who for the faithful
true life ensured,
we laud him Saviour,
we teach his way
of peace with justice,
hope for today.**

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 11th Sep 14th Sunday after Pentecost
8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist (*also live-streamed*)
8pm AA meeting
- Mon 12th Sep *Vicar's day off*
10.30am *AI Anon meeting*
- Tue 13th Sep 1pm AA meeting
5.30pm *community meal: TDRM*
(*St John's team to cook*)
7pm *TDRM meeting for church reps*
- Wed 14th Sep 10am Eucharist
5.30pm *community meal: Winter Shelter*
7.30pm *NA meeting*
- Thu 15th Sep 10.30am *AA meeting*
10.45am *BUPA aged care communion*
7.30pm *Parish Council*
7.30pm *AA meeting*
- Fri 16th Sep -
- Sat 17th Sep 7am AA meeting
10am Garden working bee
10.30am *Focus on Faith & Friendship*
- Sun 18th Sep 15th Sunday after Pentecost
8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist (*also live-streamed*)
8pm AA meeting

A prayer of thanksgiving for the life of Queen Elizabeth

Eternal God, our heavenly Father,
we bless your holy name for all that you have given
in and through the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth.

We give you thanks:

- for her love of family and her gift of friendship;
- for her devotion to the nations of the Commonwealth;
- for her grace, dignity and courtesy;
- and for her generosity and love of life.

We praise you for:

- the courage that she showed in testing times;
- the depth and of her Christian faith;
- and the witness she bore to it in word and deed.

Accept our thanks and praise, we pray,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the new King

Lord God,
you provide for your people by your power,
and rule over them in love:
Grant to your servant King Charles
the Spirit of wisdom and discernment,
that being devoted to you with his whole heart,
he may so wisely govern,
that in his time his people may live in safety
and in peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

Thanks

To Helen and those who assisted with catering, and setting & tidying up, for last Sunday's parish lunch. It was good to enjoy the time of fellowship, especially with Bishop Paul present.

Thanks also to those parishioners who participated in the Kindergarten Trivia Night. This kind of relationship building is at the heart of being missional, and is part of our intentional and ongoing Mission Action Plan.

Gardening working bee

You're invited to help from 10am on Sat 17 Sep - our priority is tidying up the Toorak Ave garden beds, and then around the church entrance if time permits. Please bring gardening tools. Also note that we now intend to hold working bees every 3rd Saturday of each month, eg 15 Oct, 19 Nov etc.



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9 September 2022

AD CLERUM

I am sure that you share my deep sadness and sense of loss at the death of Her Late Majesty, the Queen. Melbourne Anglicans will mourn her alongside all of Britain, the Commonwealth and people across the world.

The Queen was much-admired and respected by millions of Australians. My prayers are with the King and the Royal family as they grieve the loss of a mother and grandmother. We pray also for the people of the United Kingdom, as they grieve the loss of their beloved Queen.

I give thanks to God for the Queen's life of service and faith to her subjects in Britain and the Commonwealth.

We remember her too as a faithful Christian and leader of the Church of England, whose faith gave her the courage, resilience and her strong ethic of service to others.

We remember with gratitude the grace with which she performed her duties, a steadfast and reassuring figure through decades of tremendous change and times of both hardship and joy.

As a frequent visitor to Australia the Queen had a special place in the hearts of Australians and she leaves behind a truly extraordinary legacy, having touched the lives of so many.

I will be preaching at the Choral Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 11 September 2022 at 6:00pm to celebrate the long life of the Queen. The service will be live streamed.

Queen Elizabeth II first visited St Paul's in 1953, following her coronation. The Book of Gold, recording this first visit, is on display.

There are a range of [resources](#) prepared by the Church of England that may be helpful for you in arranging any remembrance in your own context.

"May Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace and rise in glory."

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip Freier".

The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier
Archbishop of Melbourne

Sunday 18th September - MU banner

The branch of Mothers Union formerly at St Francis-in-the-Fields Mooroolbark have been looking for a home for their processional banner. A place has been made in our Lady Chapel, alongside the St John's MU processional banner. We will be formally hanging it there next Sunday.

The MU branches of St John's, St Francis, & other neighbouring parishes are now combined into the Mountain Views branch, & continue to meet monthly.

Preparing for November's Annual Meeting

Last Sunday Bishop Paul prayed for the parish council's leadership of the parish over the couple of months' preparation for our Annual Meeting, to be held in November.

There are some useful tools to help us engage with our new reality that has been so impacted by the Covid pandemic:

- *Re-imagining the Future*, provided by Bishop Paul, gives us ideas about how to process our church's new socio-economic landscape, and suggests alternative models to seriously consider for the future God might intend for us.
- Our *Mission Action Plan* and the *Missional Pathway* - as described in the July sermon series - is another intentional tool to help us deliberately plan how we might continue Christ's mission, and further grow God's Kingdom at and from St John's.

Over the Sundays to come there will be reminders of the seven stages of the Mission Action Plan at the services. We also intend to hold two Saturday morning workshops to which the whole parish is invited to participate:

Sat 24 September

- Re-imagining the Future

Sat 29 October

- our Mission Pathway

Making the Word of God fully known