



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

9<sup>th</sup> October 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](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au)*

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Welcome and notices*

Hymn: Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) alt. - tune: Praise, My Soul  
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- 1. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
praise the everlasting king!**
- 2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
glorious in his faithfulness!**
- 3. Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
widely as his mercy flows!**
- 4. Angels, help us to adore him,  
you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
praise with us the God of grace!**

### Sentence

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

*Psalm 116.12-14*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleans 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,

you have made heaven and earth and all that is good:  
help us to delight in simple things  
and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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 29.1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

May your word live in us,

**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Psalm 66.1-11

- <sup>1</sup> O shout with joy to God, all the earth:  
sing to the honour of his name,  
and give him glory as his praise.

- 2 Say to God 'How fearful are your works:  
because of your great might  
your enemies shall cower before you.'**
- 3** All the earth shall worship you:  
and sing to you, and sing praises to your name.
- 4 Come then and see what God has done:  
how terrible are his dealings with the children  
of Adam.**
- 5** He turned the sea into dry land,  
they crossed the river on foot:  
then were we joyful because of him.
- 6 By his power he rules for ever,  
his eyes keep watch on the nations:  
and rebels shall never rise against him.**
- 7** O bless our God, you peoples:  
and cause his praises to resound,
- 8 Who has held our souls in life:  
who has not suffered our feet to slip.**
- 9** For you have proved us, O God:  
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the net:  
you laid sharp torment on our loins.**
- 11** You let our enemies ride over our heads,  
we went through fire and water:  
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

A reading from the second letter to Timothy 2.8–15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

Hymn: O Jesus, Saviour, grow in me

*Johann Caspar Lavater (1741-1801) tr. Elizabeth Lee Smith (1817-98) revised David Arthur Schubert (b.1942) - tune: Caithness*

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- 1. O Jesus, Saviour, grow in me,  
and all things else recede:  
to you my heart would nearer be,  
from sin be daily freed.**
- 2. Each day embrace my weakness, Lord,**

**with your supporting might;  
and let my death be lost in life,  
my darkness in your light.**

- 3. Let faith in you and in your strength  
my every motive move;  
may you alone be my delight,  
my passion and my love.**
- 4. Fill me with gladness from above,  
hold me by strength divine.  
Lord, let the glow of your great love  
through my whole being shine.**
- 5. Show me your glory more and more,  
Lord, holy, wise, and true!  
Your living image I would be,  
in joy and sorrow too.**
- 6. Make this poor self grow less and less,  
and be yourself my aim;  
and through your grace, make me each day  
more worthy of your name.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke 17.11–19

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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: *Just as I am, without one plea*  
*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871) alt. - tune: Saffron Walden*  
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1. **Just as I am, without one plea**  
**but that your blood was shed for me,**  
**and that you would my Saviour be,**  
**O Lamb of God, I come**
2. **Just as I am, though tossed about**  
**with many a conflict, many a doubt,**  
**fightings and fears within, without,**  
**O Lamb of God, I come.**
3. **Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind –**  
**sight, riches, healing of the mind,**  
**yes, all I need, in you to find,**  
**O Lamb of God, I come.**
4. **Just as I am, you will receive,**  
**will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;**  
**because your promise I believe,**  
**O Lamb of God, I come.**
5. **Just as I am – your love unknown**  
**has broken every barrier down**  
**now to be yours, and yours alone,**  
**O Lamb of God, I come.**
6. **Just as I am, of that free love**  
**the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,**  
**here for a season, then above,**  
**O Lamb of God, I come.**

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.

*Please come forward to receive communion or a  
blessing.*

#### 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: To God be the glory

*Frances Jane van Alstyne (1820-1915) alt. - tune: To God Be  
The Glory*

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**1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life in atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! Great things he has  
done!**

**2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God!  
and every offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!***

***Let the earth hear his voice!***

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!***

***Let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! Great things he has  
done!***

**3. Great things he has taught us, great things he  
has done,**

**and great our rejoicing through Jesus the  
Son;**

**but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!***

***Let the earth hear his voice!***

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!***

***Let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! Great things he has  
done!***

## 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

### Fr John on leave

Rev'd Wendy Pullen is the locum vicar while Fr John is away until 21st October.

### Preparing for November's Annual Meeting

Thanks to those parishioners who attended the first parish workshop on 24th September. Parishioners who have not submitted the questionnaire yet are requested to do so, either on paper or via the emailed form.

**The second workshop will be held on Sat 29 October, at 10am – 12pm, and all parishioners are invited to participate.**

## Parish Workshop: our Mission Pathway

This second parish workshop will help us engage with the overall mission action plan in the light of the Missional Pathway, as described through the sermon series in July.

Over the Sundays before the workshop there is a reminder of each of the seven stages of the Missional Pathway we are encouraged to engage with, to help outsiders, faith explorers, newcomers, and also long-term parishioners grow in their faith and their sense of belonging within the church community.

Today we remind ourselves of the 5th stage, called *Following Jesus*. This describes people who are in a process of learning, obeying and growing in faith - which hopefully includes all of us here. This is ideally a lifelong commitment to being formed to imitate Jesus in how he related to God and others. This is something for people to undertake both individually and within the community.

It is usually not effective through only attending weekly church services since it is about '*developing strong spiritual practices that transform [one's] character; being connected in a listening community to support and challenge [one]; and being committed to being fruitful in [one's] faith*' (p120, *Pathways: Local Mission for All Kinds of Churches*, by Ken Morgan, 2017).

While our three weekly Eucharist services help with the learning aspect, this stage is best served through groups of parishioners meeting regularly. Some current examples are our annual Lent courses and the Saturday morning Focus on Faith and Friendship Group.

## Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Cooking for TDRM

The St John's team is on duty again this coming Tuesday and this time we will be cooking Shepherd's Pie which will be served with green vegetables. The recipe is provided, but you can make it your way if you prefer. If you are able to help with the cooking, please let Cathy know and the main ingredients will be given to you. The shepherd's pies need to be delivered to the church HOT before 5.15pm, alternatively we can arrange to collect them earlier.

Meals are now being served at the tables at 5.30pm and many of the guests are opting to stay and eat together. Take away meals are still offered to those who want them and they are given out after the sit down meals have been served.

In addition to cooking, volunteers are needed in the following ways:

- Setting up from 4.30pm
- Chatting with the guests and giving out groceries from 5pm
- Serving the meals from 5.15pm
- Cleaning and packing up afterwards

Please see Cathy or Meryl for further information

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Gardening Working Bee from 10am.** Please bring your gardening tools.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Network Ministry Team Meeting** following the 10am service.