



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

19th Sunday after Pentecost

16th 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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and notices

Hymn: Let us sing to the God of salvation

*Richard Thomas Bewes (b.1934) alt. - tune: Sing Hosanna
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1. **Let us sing to the God of salvation,
let us sing to the Lord our rock!**
Let us come to his house with thanksgiving,
let us come before the Lord and sing!
*Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting King.
Every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything!*
2. **In his hands are the earth's deep places
and the strength of the hills is his;
all the sea is the Lord's, for he made it,
by his hands the dry land was formed.**
*Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting King.
Every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything!*
3. **Let us worship the Lord our Maker,
let us kneel to the Lord our God;**
for we all are the sheep of his pasture,
he will guide us by his powerful hand.
*Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting King.
Every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything!*
4. **Let today be the time when you hear him!**
May our hearts not be hard or cold,
lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion,
as his people did in time of old.
*Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting King.
Every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything!*

Sentence

Will not God grant justice to those who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?

Luke 18.7-8

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.

Lord, tireless guardian of your people,
teach us to rely, day and night, on your care.
Drive us to seek your justice and your help,
and support our prayer lest we grow weary,
for in you alone is our strength.

We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah 31.27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

'The parents have eaten sour grapes,

and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 119.97–104

⁹⁷ Lord, how I love your law:
it is my meditation all the day long.

⁹⁸ **Your commandments have made me
wiser than my enemies:
for they remain with me for ever.**

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers:
for I study your commands.

¹⁰⁰ **I am wiser than the aged:
because I have kept your precepts.**

¹⁰¹ I have held back my feet from every evil path:
that I might keep your word;

¹⁰² **I have not turned aside from your judgements:
for you yourself are my teacher.**

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my tongue:
sweeter than honey to my mouth.

¹⁰⁴ **Through your precepts I get understanding:
therefore I hate all lying ways.**

A reading from the second letter to Timothy 3.10–4.5

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to

myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

Hymn: Lord, your word shall guide us
*Henry Williams Baker (1821 - 1877) alt. Jubilate Hymns - tune:
Ravenshaw
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- 1. Lord, your word shall guide us
and with truth provide us:
teach us to receive it
and with joy believe it.**
- 2. When our foes are near us,
then your word shall cheer us
word of consolation,
message of salvation.**
- 3. When the storms distress us
and dark clouds oppress us,
then your word protects us
and its light directs us.**
- 4. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by your word imparted
to the simple-hearted?**
- 5. Word of mercy, giving
courage to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.**
- 6. O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you
evermore be near you!**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke 18.1–14

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming. ' "And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?' He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the

tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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: Father of heaven, whose love profound
Edward Cooper (1770-1833) alt. - tune: Rivaulx
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- 1. Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your pardoning love extend.**
- 2. Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your saving grace extend.**
- 3. Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is saved from sin and death,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your quickening power extend.**
- 4. Thrice holy – Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before your throne we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life to us extend.**

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: The church's one foundation
Samuel J Stone (1839 - 1900) alt. Jubilate Hymns - tune:
 Aurelia
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1. **The church's one foundation
 is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 she is his new creation
 by water and the word:
 from heaven he came and sought her
 to be his holy bride;
 with his own blood he bought her
 and for her life he died.**
2. **Called out from every nation,
 yet one through all the earth;
 her charter of salvation
 one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 one holy name she blesses,
 and shares one holy food;
 as to one hope she presses
 with every grace endued.**
3. **We see her long divided
 by heresy and sect;
 yet she by God is guided
 one people, one elect:
 her vigil she is keeping,
 her cry goes up, 'How long?'
 and soon the night of weeping
 shall be the dawn of song.**
4. **In toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace for evermore:
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blessed;
 at last the church victorious
 shall be the church at rest!**
5. **Yet she on earth has union
 with God the Three-in-One;
 and mystic, sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, grant to us your grace,
 with them the meek and lowly,
 in heaven to see your face.**

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.

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. The second workshop - Reimagining the Future Mission - will be held on **Saturday 29th 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 6th stage, called *Serving In Ministry*. This describes people who have identified gifts, skills and ministry, and are serving others in Jesus 'name. There are many opportunities to do that here at St John's, through various committees and rostered service.

One of the key aspects that we don't do at St John's yet is help people discern what their particular gifts and graces are, to ensure there is a good fit for a particular person in a particular role. So this stage will be best served by putting discernment and evaluation processes in place. This will ensure those serving are indeed a blessing to others in their service, and also will enable themselves to be blessed in their serving.

St John's TDRM team – thank you for another great team effort at TDRM last Tuesday. Our team served up approximately 60 generous and tasty meals to the seated guests, and to those who still prefer take-away.

Thank you to everyone who cooked Shepherd's pies and to everyone who came along to help serve the food, talk with the guests, or clean up afterwards. It is a real blessing to be a part of such a happy team. It was especially good to have the guests seated and served again.

Gardening Working Bee

Thank you to everyone who helped with the gardening and tidying up yesterday - it is always appreciated.

Working bees take place every 3rd Saturday of the month so the next one will be on Saturday 19th November.

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Parish Network Ministry meeting

The next Parish Network Ministry Team meeting will be held after the 10am service **next Sunday, 23rd October**.

The Dining Room Mission AGM.

The AGM for TDRM will take place on **Tuesday 25th October**. This is an important meeting and decisions about the future of TDRM will have an impact on our parish, so please prayerfully consider how our parish may best participate in the leadership of TDRM. Contact Cathy Cossey for further information.

Sunday 20th November - Annual Parish Meeting

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 16 th Oct	<u>19th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 17 th Oct	10.30am <i>Al Anon meeting</i>
Tue 18 th Oct	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm <i>community meal: TDRM</i>
Wed 19 th Oct	10am Eucharist 5.30pm <i>community meal: Winter Shelter</i> 7.30pm <i>NA meeting</i>
Thu 20 th Oct	10.30am <i>AA meeting</i> 7.30pm <i>AA meeting</i>
Fri 21 st Oct	-
Sat 22 nd Oct	7am AA meeting 10.30am <i>Focus on Faith & Friendship</i>
Sun 23 rd Oct	<u>20th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 11.30am <i>Parish Network meeting</i> 8pm AA meeting