



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

20th Sunday after Pentecost

23rd 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.

Hymn: Fight the good fight

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-75) - tune: Duke Street

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- 1. Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**
- 2. Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**
- 3. Cast care aside; and on thy Guide
lean, and his mercy will provide,
lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**
- 4. Faint not, nor fear; his arm is near;
he changes not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

Sentence

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Luke 18.17

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.

O God,
who alone can probe the depths of the heart,
you hear the prayer of the humble
and justify the repentant sinner:
grant us the gift of humility,
that, seeing our own faults clearly,
we may refrain from judging our neighbour
but rely solely upon your saving grace.
We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour,
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 Joel 2.23–32

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people
shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.
Then afterwards
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

Psalm 65

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:
to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.

² **To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.**

³ Blessed are those whom you choose
and take to yourself to dwell within your courts:
we shall be filled with the good things
of your house, of your holy temple.

⁴ **You will answer us in your righteousness
with terrible deeds, O God our saviour:
you that are the hope of all the ends
of the earth and of the distant seas;**

⁵ Who by your strength made fast the mountains:
you that are girded with power;

⁶ **Who stilled the raging of the seas,
the roaring of the waves:
and the tumult of the peoples.**

⁷ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
are afraid at your wonders:
the dawn and the evening sing your praises.

⁸ **You tend the earth and water it:
you make it rich and fertile.**

⁹ The river of God is full of water:
and so providing for the earth,
you provide grain for us all.

¹⁰ **You drench its furrows,
you level the ridges between:
you soften it with showers
and bless its early growth.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness:
and the tracks where you have passed
drip with fatness.

¹² **The pastures of the wilderness run over:
and the hills are girded with joy.**

¹³ The meadows are clothed with sheep:
and the valleys stand so thick with corn,
they shout for joy and sing.

A reading from the second letter to Timothy 4.6–8, 16–18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will

give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Hymn: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

Karen Lafferty (b.1948) - tune: Seek Ye First

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**1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you.**

Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

**2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find,
knock and it shall
be opened unto you.**

Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

**3. We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds
from the mouth of the Lord.**

Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Luke 18.15–30

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

People were bringing even infants to Jesus that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'

A certain ruler asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother." ' He replied, 'I have kept all these since my youth.' When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then

come, follow me.' But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

Those who heard it said, 'Then who can be saved?' He replied, 'What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.'

Then Peter said, 'Look, we have left our homes and followed you.' And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

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 welcomes all his children

Robin Mann (b.1949) - tune: Kristin

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**Father welcomes all his children
to his family through his Son;
Father giving his salvation,
life for ever has been won.**

1. Little children, come to me,
for my kingdom is of these;
life and love I have to give,
mercy for your sin.

Father welcomes ...

2. In the water, in the word
in his promise, be assured:
those who are baptized and believe
shall be born again.

Father welcomes ...

**3. Let us daily die to sin,
let us daily rise with him,
walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
live in the peace of God.**

***Father welcomes all his children
to his family through his Son;
Father giving his salvation,
life for ever has been won.***

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: Praise the one who breaks the darkness

Rusty Edwards (b.1955) - tune: Nettleton

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**1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.**

**Praise the One who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.**

**Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.**

**2. Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.**

**Praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.**

**Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.**

**3. Praise the one true love incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.**

**Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.**

**Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.**

**Praise the one redeeming glory.
Praise the One who makes us one.**

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 23 rd Oct	<u>20th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 11.30am Parish Network meeting 8pm AA meeting
Mon 24 th Oct	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 25 th Oct	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM 7pm Kindergarten Committee 7pm TDRM AGM
Wed 26 th Oct	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 27 th Oct	10am Croydon Grove communion 10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 28 th Oct	-
Sat 29 th Oct	7am AA meeting 9am PC meeting with Bp Paul & Archdeacon Bruce 10am Parish workshop: Mission Pathway 10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship
Sun 30 th Oct	<u>21st Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 8pm AA meeting

NOTICES

Thanks

to Rev'd Wendy Pullin for taking care of the parish ministry while I've been on leave, and to everyone else who has helped to keep the parish going.

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.

The final stage of Mission Pathway is Leading Ministry, which describes people who take up leadership roles. While this might include leading aspects of worship, it more usually means leading parishioners in undertaking various one-off projects or for ongoing rostered activities. Sometimes people confuse management with leadership, but just because someone occupies a management role does not necessarily make them a leader.

Communities benefit from many people undertaking leadership training even if they never become leaders, because it helps them identify and support more effectively those who are leaders.

Revision of Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is subtly different from the parish directory or e/mailling list: the directory lists all who want to be part of our parish life and agree to be listed in it, and the e/mailling list is for all who wish to receive parish communications.

The electoral roll is a list of parishioners who are entitled both to be nominated as office bearers, and to vote for them. To be on the electoral roll, you must be 18 or older, baptised, and formally a member of no other church community except St John's. You also need to habitually attend worship at St John's - at least 12 times in the past 12 months.

Kindly view last year's roll displayed in the foyer, and fill in a form to have your name added if it's not there.

This revision must be completed before 6 November.

Annual report submissions

These need to be sent to the parish office by Sunday 6 November at the latest.

Annual Meeting timeline

- the electoral roll is being revised until 5 Nov
- 6 Nov - deadline for reports for annual meeting
- 13 Nov - annual meeting reports distributed
- 15 Nov - deadline for nominations for office bearers
- 20 Nov (Christ the King Sunday) - 11.30am Annual Meeting
note that there will only be one service on this day, at 10am