



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

21st Sunday after Pentecost

30th 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: At the name of Jesus

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-77) alt. - tune: Camberwell

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- 1. At the name of Jesus**
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of Glory now:
this the Father's pleasure
that we call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.
- 2. Humbled for a season**
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.
- 3. In your hearts enthrone him,**
there let him make new
all that is not holy,
all that is not true.
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.
- 4. When this same Lord Jesus**
shall appear again
in his Father's glory,
there with him to reign,
then may we adore him,
all before him bow,
as our hearts confess him
King of Glory now.

Sentence

Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

Luke 19.10

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.

Merciful God, righteous Judge of all,
who sent Jesus among us to seek and to save
those who are lost:

grant that we may eagerly seek the Saviour,
and joyfully welcome him into our homes and lives.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,

and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence!'

and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing

and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack

and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—

therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post,

and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.
May your word live in us,
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 119.137–144

¹³⁷ Righteous are you, Lord God:
and just are your judgements;
¹³⁸ **The commands that you have commanded:
are exceedingly righteous and true.**
¹³⁹ Zeal and indignation have choked my mouth:
because my enemies have forgotten your words.
¹⁴⁰ **Your word has been tried in the fire:
and therefore your servant loves it.**
¹⁴¹ I am small and of no account:
but I have not forgotten your precepts.
¹⁴² **Your righteousness
is an everlasting righteousness:
and your law is the truth.**
¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me:
but your commandments are my delight.
¹⁴⁴ **The righteousness of your commands
is everlasting:
O give me understanding, and I shall live.**

A reading from Paul's second letter to the church in
Thessalonica 1.1–4, 11–12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.
We must always give thanks to God for you, sisters and
brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing
abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one
another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of
you among the churches of God for your steadfastness
and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions
that you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God
will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his
power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the
name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you
in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

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

Hymn: Lord, you are the light of life to me
Brian Richard Hoare (b.1935) - tune: Fairmead
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- 1. Lord, you are the light of life to me;
when darkness hides my path, you help me see.
Shine on me, O Lord, that now and all my days
your light may lead me on, guiding my ways.**
- 2. Lord, you are the rock on which I stand,
stable and strong in you, held by your hand;
keep me safe, O Lord, in weakness let there be
your loving, firm embrace upholding me.**
- 3. Lord, you are the truth that sets me free;
only in you is found true liberty.
Teach me then, O Lord, in all things to pursue
your good and perfect will, growing like you.**
- 4. Lord, you are the Lamb of God who died,
suffering for love of me, scorned, crucified.
Love me still, O Lord, let others daily see
your selfless, serving love flowing through me.**
- 5. Lord, you are the King who ever reigns;
earth's rulers rise and fall: your throne remains.
Rule my life, O Lord, I yield myself anew
your name to glorify, living for you.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Luke 19.1–10

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A
man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-
collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus
was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because
he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a
sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass
that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up
and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I
must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and
was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to
grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one
who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the
Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to
the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I
will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to
him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because
he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to
seek out and to save the lost.'

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

Sermon

Hymn: Perched high, exposed and ridiculed
John Campbell - tune: Zimbabwe
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- 1. Perched high, exposed and ridiculed,
an awkward little man,
the tax collector clung on tight;
he had no other plan.**

But Jesus knew his tree,
and sought to set him free,
'Zacchaeus, I must eat with you,
get down, because you can!'

2. A guest within a sinner's house –
thought shocking, out of place –
our Jesus, loudly criticised,
would not admit disgrace;
he'd come to help the lost,
regardless of the cost,
so joy to see Zacchaeus saved,
shone bright on Jesus' face.
3. No matter our predicament –
exposed, absurd or wrong –
the one who helped Zacchaeus down,
for us, still comes along;
with welcome, hope and joy,
each self-trap to destroy,
to set us free, new selves to be,
and let us share his song!

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: Come as you are
Deirdre Browne (b.1936) - tune: Come As You Are
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1. **'Come as you are: that's how I want you.
Come as you are; feel quite at home,
close to my heart, loved and forgiven.
Come as you are: why stand alone?**
2. **'No need to fear, love sets no limits;
no need to fear, love never ends;
don't run away shamed and disheartened,
rest in my love, trust me again.**
3. **'I came to call sinners, not just the righteous;
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?**
4. **'Come as you are: that's how I love you;
come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you;
all will be well, just come as you are.'**

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, the light of your love is shining
 Graham Kendrick (b.1950) - tune: Shine, Jesus, Shine
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- 1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
 in the midst of the darkness, shining;
 Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us —
 shine on me, shine on me.
 Shine, Jesus, shine,
 fill this land with the Father's glory;
 blaze, Spirit, blaze,
 set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, river, flow,
 flood the nations with grace and mercy;
 send forth your word, Lord,
 and let there be light.**
- 2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
 from the shadows into your radiance;
 by the blood I may enter your brightness,
 search me, try me, consume all my darkness —
 shine on me, shine on me.
 Shine, Jesus, shine ...**
- 3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
 so our faces display your likeness,
 ever changing from glory to glory,
 mirrored here may our lives tell your story —
 shine on me, shine on me.
 Shine, Jesus, shine ...**

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 30 th Oct	<u>21st Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 11.30am Interment of ashes: Rosemary Anderiesz 8pm AA meeting
Mon 31 st Oct	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 10.30am <i>Al Anon meeting</i>
Tue 1 st Nov	<u>Public holiday</u> 1pm AA meeting 5.30pm <i>community meal: TDRM</i>
Wed 2 nd Nov	10am Eucharist 5.30pm <i>community meal: Winter Shelter</i> 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 3 rd Nov	11am Taralla aged care communion 10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 4 th Nov	-
Sat 5 th Nov	7am AA meeting 10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship
Sun 6 th Nov	<u>All Saints Sunday</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 11.30am Interment of ashes: Clive Goodenough 8pm AA meeting

NOTICES

Interment of Rosemary Anderiesz's ashes

Rosemary is Debbie Redlich's sister, and her ashes will be interred after today's 10am service, in our Garden of Rest. Rosemary's ashes will join those of her parents, Aubrey & Mary Ferdinands, and niece Melinda.

Thanks

to all parishioners who participated in yesterday's second parish workshop, as part of the preparation for the Annual Meeting. Workshop notes will be published.

All Souls' remembrance on All Saints Sunday

At our 10am All Saints Sunday service (6 November) we will include the remembrance of those who have died over the last twelve or so months, and those we still miss and mourn, even after many years.

Kindly send names of those you wish to have read out during that remembrance, to the office.

Revision of Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is subtly different from the parish directory or e/ mailing list: the directory lists all who want to be part of our parish life and agree to be listed in it, and the e/ mailing 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 (see flyer on next page)
note that there will only be one service on this day, at 10am

Working bee

The next monthly working bee is scheduled for Sat 19 November.



The Annual Meeting of the Anglican Parish of St John the Divine

Croydon

will be held at 5 Toorak Avenue
on Sunday 20 November 2022 at 11.30am

The business of the annual meeting is to include after prayers—

- (a) The minutes of the previous annual meeting and of any subsequent statutory parish meeting;
- (b) The reception of the parish electoral roll;
- (c) The annual report by the vicar that includes the entries in the registers of the Parish for the financial year, including numbers of baptisms, persons received into communicant membership, confirmations, marriages, funerals, Sunday services, acts of communion and such other statistics from the registers as Archbishop in Council determines;
- (d) An annual report on the proceedings of the parish council and together with a report by the parish council on the pastoral care, evangelism, social and ecumenical programmes of the parish and on future plans for the parish;
- (e) A report by the churchwardens on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the worship centre and the vicarage and other buildings of the parish;
- (f) The audited or independently examined accounts and financial statements of the parish and any accompanying papers required by the Act;
- (g) The budget approved by the parish council for the year in which the meeting is held;
- (h) Reports by other parish groups;
- (i) The election of churchwardens and members of the parish council;
- (j) The election of an auditor or independent examiner;
- (k) The election of lay representatives to the parish incumbency committee and of the incumbency committee reserve list;
- (l) Any other matters of parochial or general church interest.

Nominations for election to the electable positions of

- two churchwardens,
- four council members,
- two lay representatives to the parish incumbency committee

must be given to Fr John in writing by Tuesday 15th November.

Note:

Only those on the electoral roll and clergy may attend the annual meeting - any other attendees must be given leave to do so by the meeting.