



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

13th November 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: Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Joyce Placzek (1901-53) - tune: Slane

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- 1. Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.**
- 2. Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.**
- 3. Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.**
- 4. Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.**

Sentence

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.

2 Thessalonians 3.16

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 God of all the ages,
the One who is, who was, and who is to come:
stir up within us a longing for your kingdom,
keep our hearts steady in times of trial,
and grant us patient endurance
until the Sun of justice dawns.
We make our prayer through your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
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 Isaiah 65.17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
 an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
 They shall not labour in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
 and their descendants as well.
 Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain,
 says the Lord.

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

A Song of Isaiah (12.2–6)

‘Behold, God is my salvation:
 I will trust and will not be afraid;

**‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
 and has become my salvation.’**

With joy you will draw water:
 from the wells of salvation.

**On that day you will say:
 ‘Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;**

‘Make known his deeds among the nations:
 proclaim that his done name is exalted.

**‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously:
 let this be known in all the world.**

‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

A reading from Paul’s second letter to the church in Thessalonica 3.6–13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are

living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Sisters and brothers, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Hymn: Heaven is open wide
Michael Forster (b.1946) - tune: Diademata
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1. **Heaven is open wide,
 and Christ in glory stands,
 with all authority endowed
 and set at God’s right hand.
 Above the world of noise
 extends his reign of peace,
 and all the blood of martyrs calls
 our angry ways to cease.**
2. **Heaven is open wide,
 and perfect love we see
 in God’s eternal self revealed:
 the blessed Trinity.
 Christ for the Church has prayed,
 that we may all be one,
 and share the triune grace whereby
 creation was begun.**
3. **Heaven is open wide,
 and Christ in glory stands:
 the Source and End, the First and Last,
 with justice in his hands.
 Let all the thirsty come
 where life is flowing free,
 and Christ, in splendour yet unknown,
 our morning star will be.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke 21.5–19

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and

governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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: Make me a channel of your peace
Sebastian Temple (b.1928) - tune: Channel of Peace
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- 1. Make me a channel of your peace.**
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*
- 2. Make me a channel of your peace.**
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*
- 3. Make me a channel of your peace.**
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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: Great is thy faithfulness

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960) alt. - tune: Faithfulness
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- 1. Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,
in you no shadow of turning we see;
you never fail and your love is unchanging:
as you have been you for ever will be.
Great is your faithfulness.
Great is your faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies we see;
all we have needed your hand has provided:
great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.**
- 2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in unspoken witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is your faithfulness ...**
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,
your living presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
these are the blessings your love will provide.
Great is your faithfulness ...**

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

Interment of Coszette Probert's ashes

Coszette's ashes will be interred after today's 10am service, in our Garden of Rest.

Annual reports

Printed reports are available for collection today. Kindly read through these and pray about the motion included after the reports, that has been passed by parish council but needs to be ratified by the parish as a whole.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 13 th Nov	<u>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 11.30am Interment of ashes: Coszette Probert 8pm AA meeting
Mon 14 th Nov	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 15 th Nov	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM 7pm Kindergarten Committee
Wed 16 th Nov	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 17 th Nov	10.45am BUPA aged care communion 10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 18 th Nov	-
Sat 19 th Nov	7am AA meeting 10am Working bee 10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship
Sun 20 th Nov	<u>Christ the King</u> 8am — <i>no service</i> 10am Eucharist (<i>also live-streamed</i>) 11.30am Annual Parish Meeting 8pm AA meeting

Annual Meeting timeline

- 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

Revised Electoral Roll

The revised electoral roll is on the notice board in the foyer. If there are any discrepancies you might be concerned about, kindly speak to the electoral roll committee: Fr John & Helen Duncan.

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, one must be 18 or older, baptised, and formally a member of no other church community except St John's. One must also have habitually attended worship at St John's - at least 12 times in the past 12 months. It was agreed that this would include those who have attended worship through our weekly live-streamed services.

St John's TDRM Team

A big thank you to everyone who helped with The Dining Room last Tuesday evening. We served approximately 50+ dine in and take away meals and it was generally agreed by the guests that it was a really wonderful meal! Well done to our amazing cooks who made the delicious casseroles, and to the hard working kitchen staff who cooked the rice and beans, served the meals and cleaned everything up afterwards. Thank you also to those who sat and talked with the guests – it is this personal interaction that makes TDRM so special. Well done everyone!

Jack and I are working on a roster to facilitate the smooth running of TDRM each Tuesday. Here is a list of the roles involved every Tuesday evening:

- TDRM Coordinator
- Early Set Up Team (2-3 people)
- Corner Store Supervisor
- Corner Store Helpers (2 people)
- Kitchen Coordinator
- Kitchen staff (2 – 3 people)
- Waiters (2 – 3 people)
- Hosts (3 – 4 people)

Volunteers are encouraged to stay for quick debrief at the end of the evening where they can share experiences, comments and suggestions with the team so that TDRM can continue to develop and fulfill our purpose:

To provide a safe place where guests' fears might be replaced with hope; where they can enjoy a substantial meal and experience a sense of social inclusion, a feeling of belonging, and a connection to community and God.

Cathy

TDRM - nominations for office bearers

Dear Friends of TDRM,

The Dining Room Mission Committee of Management would like to thank you for your involvement with the TDRM and congratulate you on the valuable contribution your congregation makes. The service you provide is very much appreciated and valued.

There is an opportunity to be more involved with the running and management of the TDRM and so you are cordially invited to attend a meeting at 7pm on 22 November at St John The Divine Church, Croydon, when the election of office bearers for The Dining Room Mission will take place. Please promote this meeting and encourage members to be more involved by putting up their hand to take a lead role in this worthwhile cause.

Kind regards,

Ann Phillips (TDRM Secretary)



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.

Note: nominations for the 5 vacancies on The TDRM Committee of Management are being sought for President; Treasurer; Secretary; and 2 ordinary members.

The COM also includes 2 representatives from St John's who are appointed by the Parish Council, and the Coordinator (AKA Director) of TDRM and the Vicar of St John's, who are there by nature of their positions.

At last Thursday's Parish Council meeting, Cathy was re-appointed and Meryl accepted being appointed. Thanks to Cathy and Meryl.