

St John the Divine

Eucharist service

All Saints Sunday

6th 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.

Welcome and notices

Hymn: For all the saints

William Marshall Howe (1823-97) alt. - tune: Sine Nomine
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- For all the saints who from their labours rest, who to the world their Lord by faith confessed, your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed. Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
 all yours, all joined in unity divine.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 3. The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest, the peaceful calm of paradise the blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 4. But see, there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way.

 Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 5. From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest shore,

through heaven's gate the holy people pour; the Three-in-One for ever they adore. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sentence

Blessed are you when people hate and revile and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6.22–23

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

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.**

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 Most High

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints.

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

We praise you, heavenly Father, that you have knit together your chosen ones in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the revelation of Daniel 7.1–3, 15–18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

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

Psalm 149

- O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song:
 O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
- Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- Let them praise him in the dance:let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
- For the Lord takes delight in his people: he adorns the meek with his salvation.
- Let his faithful ones exult in his glory: let them sing for joy upon their beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouths: and a two-edged sword in their hands,
- To execute vengeance on the nations: and chastisement upon the peoples,
- 8 To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with fetters of iron,
- To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed: such honour belongs to all his faithful servants. Praise the Lord.

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus 1.11–23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as

you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Hymn: Let saints on earth together sing Charles Wesley / Jubilate Hymns (1872-1958) alt. tune: Dundee - © Jubilate Hymns Ltd, CCL No 632290

- 1. Let saints on earth together sing with those whose work is done; for all the servants of our king in earth and heaven, are one.
- 2. One family, we live in him, one church above, beneath, though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.
- 3. One army of the living God, to his command we bow; part of his host have crossed the flood and part are crossing now.
- But all unite in Christ their head, and love to sing his praise:
 Lord of the living and the dead, direct our earthly ways!
- So we shall join our friends above who have obtained the prize; and on the eagle wings of love to joys celestial rise.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke 6.20–31

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

Sermon

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.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power.

For you have created all things, and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation.

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign with you on earth.

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud, after which there is silence.

This is the will of him that sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, and I will raise them up at the last day.

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth, but have also promised us a share in life eternal. According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of Christ come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom, where there will be neither sorrow nor pain, but life everlasting.

Alleluia. Amen.

Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone, but for those also whom we love and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death; that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,

through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Offertory hymn: Rejoice in God's saints by Frederick Pratt Green (b.1903) - tune: Paderborn © Stainer & Bell, CCL No 632290

- Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
 a world without saints forgets how to praise.
 Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
 their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
- 2. Some march with events to turn them God's way; some need to withdraw, the better to pray; some carry the gospel through fire and through flood: our world is their parish; their purpose is God.
- 3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own; they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares: what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!
- Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
 a world without saints forgets how to praise.
 In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
 their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks because you have called us into the fellowship of all your saints, and set before us the example of their witness and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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.

Holy God, we thank you

for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that we who eat and drink them in obedience to our Saviour Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may be partakers of his body and blood, and be made one with him and with each other in peace and love.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament, renew us by your Spirit that we may be united in the body of your Son and serve you as a royal priesthood in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

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.

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia!' The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

Father,

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Hymn: Ye watchers and ye holy ones
John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945) - tune: Lasst Uns
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- Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones, raise the glad strain: alleluia! Cry out, dominions princedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs: alleluia!
- O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises: alleluia!
 O Mary, bearer of the Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord: alleluia!

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest: alleluia, alleluia!

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song: alleluia!

4. O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing: alleluia, alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One: alleluia!

May God,

who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness

and to come to the full radiance of glory. Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

God give you grace to follow all the saints in faith and hope and love;

go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ, Amen.

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NOTICES

Interment of Clive Goodenough's ashes

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

Annual reports

Those received will be collated and printed this week, for distribution next Sunday.

Annual Meeting timeline

- · 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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 6th Nov All Saints Sunday

8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 11.30amInterment of ashes: Clive

Goodenough

8pm AA meeting

Mon 7th Nov *Vicar's day off*

10.30am Al Anon meeting

Tue 8th Nov 1pm AA meeting

5.30pm community meal: TDRM

(St John's team to cook) Kindergarten Info Evening

6pm Kindergarte
Wed 9th Nov 10am Eucharist

5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter

7.30pm NA meeting

Thu 10th Nov 11am Park Lane aged care

10.30am AA meeting7.30pm AA meeting7.30pm Parish Council

Fri 11th Nov -

Sat 12th Nov 7am AA meeting

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10.30amFocus on Faith & Friendship

Sun 13th Nov 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist (also live-streamed)
11.30amInterment of ashes: Coszette

Probert

AA meetina

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 <u>electoral roll</u> is subtly different from the <u>parish</u> <u>directory</u> or <u>e/mailing list</u>: 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 <u>electoral roll</u> 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.

Working bee

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

St John's TDRM Team to cook

It is our turn to do the cooking and take on some of the duties at The Dining Room Mission <u>next Tuesday 8th</u> November.

This time we will cook a tomato based beef casserole which we will serve with rice and green vegetables. The rice and vegies will be cooked at the church on Tuesday afternoon, but volunteers are needed to cook the casseroles beforehand. They should be delivered hot to the church by 5pm, or I can arrange to collect them earlier if you prefer. The meat and a few basic ingredients will be provided and, as usual, I will provide a very easy recipe, or you are free to do it your way! If you are able to help with cooking the casseroles please let me know. TDRM is currently catering for around 50 - 60 people each week and the meal is served at 5.30pm.

Volunteers are also needed to help in the kitchen (<u>from 4.30pm</u>), talk to the guests (<u>from 5pm</u>) and serve the food (from 5.15pm).

If you are able to help in any way please let me know.

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)

Note: nominations for the <u>5 vacancies</u> on The TDRM Committee of Management are being sought:

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- · 2 ordinary members

(The COM also includes <u>2 representatives from St John's</u> 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)

Synod: Accessibility and Inclusion Survey

Synod has asked that as many parishioners as possible complete the following survey, by Wednesday 9th November.

The Diocese's Accessibility and Inclusion Working Group, in conjunction with Scope Australia, want to understand better the access barriers experienced by our church communities across the Diocese, related to the following areas:

- · Physical access to the built environment
- · Communication access
- Information access
- Sensory access
- Social access
- · Learning access, and
- · Immunocompromised / Covid vulnerable access

Use either the QR code or the following link to access the survey: https://forms.office.com/r/iCgj80nFVY.

This survey will be open <u>until Wednesday 9th November</u>. After Wednesday, the results will be collated to inform the development of a Diocesan Accessibility Plan.

Anne Fairweather (Safe Ministry and Inclusion Officer)





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;
- (I) 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.