



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

### Christ the King

20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*Zechariah 9.9*

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.

Eternal God,  
you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things,  
and have made us instruments of his kingdom:  
by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved,  
and to minister to all in need,  
then at the last bring us to your eternal realm  
where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy  
and may worship and adore you for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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 Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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

#### Song of Zechariah

'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favourably on his people  
and redeemed them.

**He has raised up a mighty saviour for us  
in the house of his servant David,**

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets  
from of old,  
that we would be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us.

**Thus he has shown the mercy promised  
to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,**

the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us that we, being rescued  
from the hands of our enemies,

**might serve him without fear, in holiness and  
righteousness  
before him all our days.**

And you, child, will be called the prophet  
of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

**to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,

**to give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.'**

*Luke 1.68–79*

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Colossae  
1.11–20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes  
from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to  
endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving  
thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the  
inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us  
from the power of darkness and transferred us into the  
kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have  
redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all  
creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were  
created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or  
dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been  
created through him and for him. He himself is before all  
things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head  
of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn

from the dead, so that he might come to have first place  
in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was  
pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to  
reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in  
heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Hymn: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

*David J Evans (b. 1957) - tune: Be Still*

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- 1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.  
Come, bow before him now,  
with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.**
- 2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.**
- 3. Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place,  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St Luke 23.33–43

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull,  
they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his  
right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive  
them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And  
they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people  
stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him,  
saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the  
Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also  
mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and  
saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'  
There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King  
of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept  
deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save  
yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do  
you not fear God, since you are under the same  
sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been  
condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for  
our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'

Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*cf Matthew 4.17*

**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

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*Colossians 3.14, 15*

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

Offertory hymn: Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
from the *Liturgy of St James c. 4th cent., tr. Gerald Moultrie*  
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- 1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
comes full homage to demand.**
- 2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.**
- 3. Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light comes shining  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.**
- 4. At his feet the six-winged seraphs,  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
alleluia, alleluia  
alleluia, Lord most high!**

Blessed be God,  
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.  
May we feed upon the bread of God  
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

**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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness

you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of  
the cross

and redeemed the human race by this perfect  
sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,

that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

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 by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,

unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
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.**

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.

Gracious God,

we thank you that in this sacrament  
you assure us of your goodness and love.  
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
and help us to grow in love and obedience  
that we may serve you in the world  
and finally be brought to that table  
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

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: Rejoice, the Lord is King

Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt. - tune: Gopsal

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1. **Rejoice, the Lord is King;  
 your Lord and King adore;  
 let all give thanks, and sing,  
 and triumph evermore;  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
2. **Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
 the God of truth and love;  
 when he had purged our stains,  
 he took his seat above:  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
3. **His kingdom cannot fail,  
 he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 the keys of death and hell  
 are to our Jesus given:  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
4. **He sits at God's right hand,  
 till all his foes submit,  
 and bow to his command,  
 and fall beneath his feet:  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
5. **Rejoice in glorious hope;  
 Jesus the judge shall come,  
 and take his servants up  
 to their eternal home:  
 We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
 the trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and those whom you love and pray for, now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

#### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<u>Christ the King</u> 8am — no service 10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 11.30am Annual Parish Meeting 8pm AA meeting
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<u>Vicar's day off</u> 10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM 7pm TDRM AGM
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.15am Croydon Grove communion 10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	-
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7am AA meeting 10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<u>Advent Sunday</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist (also live-streamed) 8pm AA meeting

#### NOTICES

##### Incoming Parish Council

Ken Hutton & Helen Duncan were the only nominations to be churchwardens - and are thereby elected.

Howard Carter, Meryl Fisher & Lyn Lynch were the only nominations to be other members of council - and are thereby elected.

The incoming parish council has one casual vacancy for an elected councillor - which is for the parish council to fill.

The positions of churchwarden and two councillors appointed by the vicar are also casual vacancies. I will consider and consult with any eligible parishioner whose name is put forward to me to fill any of these positions.

##### Other positions

Helen Duncan was the only nomination to the incumbency committee - and is thereby elected - leaving a casual vacancy for the other elected committee member.

The wardens appoint the treasurer; the parish council appoints the secretary.

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## Mission donations

During Advent there are usually envelopes available for donations to Anglicare or ABM (Anglican Board of Mission) or the ecumenical Christmas Bowl.

These are all worthy mission agencies to give our charity to, and they will be blessed by the donations any parishioner decides to give to them.

Nevertheless, it is important to recognise the cost of the missional work that our parish already undertakes:

- we give substantial discounts to the community meals and community service groups that hire our facilities each week - and rely on our offertory income to make up any shortfall;
- we invite donations of food, money, and 'sweat' to support The Dining Room Mission; and
- we invite donations of food for our Kindergarten's food pantry.

Many other parishes do not have these opportunities to support charities operating from their premises, and so should prioritise their support of Anglicare, ABM, and so on.

Our parish does have the opportunity to support on-site charities, and should thus prioritise these. The best way to do so is to put our charitable dollar-giving directly into the offertory plate at church services - in addition to the usual weekly commitment to pay for the running costs of our church.

When we do this, we can better enable our church to continue into the future, and thus continue to partner with and support the community meals groups, and the community service groups.

## Future dates

Sun 11 Dec	11.30am	Parish Network Ministry Team meeting
Thu 15 Dec	6pm	Kindergarten nativity service
Sat 24 Dec	2pm	Seniors Christmas Eucharist
	5.30pm	Crib service
	11pm	'Midnight Mass'
Sun 25 Dec	9am	Christmas Eucharist