



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

15th January 2023

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: TiS204 Come let us join our cheerful songs

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt. - tune: Nativity

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- 1. Come let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.**
- 2. 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
for he was slain for us.**
- 3. Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.**
- 4. Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.**

Sentence

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.9

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.

Almighty God,

whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the light of the world:

may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,

shine with the radiance of his glory,

that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 49.1–7

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,

in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, 'You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the Lord,

and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,

and my God has become my strength—

he says,

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord,

the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,

the slave of rulers,

'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

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

Psalm 40.1–14

- ¹ I waited patiently for the Lord:
and he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- ² **He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters,
out of the mire and clay:
and set my feet upon a rock, and made firm
my foothold.**
- ³ And he has put a new song in my mouth:
even a song of thanksgiving to our God.
- ⁴ **Many shall see it and fear:
and shall put their trust in the Lord.**
- ⁵ Blessed are those who have made the Lord their
hope:
who have not turned to the proud,
or to those who wander in deceit.
- ⁶ **O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things
which you have done,
and your thoughts which are towards us:
there is none to be compared with you;**
- ⁷ Were I to declare them and speak of them:
they are more than I am able to express.
- ⁸ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:
but my ears you have marked for obedience;**
- ⁹ Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required:
then said I, Lo, I come.
- ¹⁰ **In the scroll of the book it is written of me,
that I should do your will:
O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my
heart.**
- ¹¹ I have declared your righteousness
in the great congregation:
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord,
and that you know.
- ¹² **I have not hidden your righteousness in my
heart:
I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your
salvation.**
- ¹³ I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your
truth:
from the great congregation.
- ¹⁴ **O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me:
let your loving-kindness and your truth
ever preserve me.**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth
1.1–9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will
of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are
sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together

with all those who in every place call on the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the
grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
for in every way you have been enriched in him, in
speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you
wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will
also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is
faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Hymn: TiS250 Christ, when for us you were baptized
Francis Bland Tucker (1895-1984) - tune: Jackson
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- 1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame.**
- 2. God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant true:
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
his holy will to do.**
- 3. Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call,
freely as Son of Man to serve
and give your life for all.**
- 4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St
John 1.29–42

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and
declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the
sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me
comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was
before me." I myself did not know him; but I came
baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be
revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit
descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on
him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me
to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see
the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes
with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have
testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his
disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he
exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two
disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.
When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to
them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him,

'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see. They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins 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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

cf Isaiah 9.6,7

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

Offertory hymn: TiS589 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-95) alt. - tune: Marching
(TiS165)

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- 1. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':**
- 2. As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.**
- 3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying,
'Christian, love me more.'**
- 4. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'**

**5. Jesus call us! By your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

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.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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.

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.

Merciful 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.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in
darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth. **Amen.**

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: TiS249 No weight of gold or silver
Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) - tune: Crüger (TiS275)
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- 1. No weight of gold or silver
can measure human worth;
no soul secures its ransom
with all the wealth of earth;
no sinners find their freedom
but by the gift unpriced,
the Lamb of God unblemished,
the precious blood of Christ.**
- 2. Our sins, our griefs and troubles,
he bore and made his own;
we hid our faces from him,
rejected and alone.
His wounds are for our healing,
our peace is by his pain:
behold, the Man of Sorrows,
the Lamb for sinners slain.**
- 3. In Christ the past is over,
a new world now begins.
With him we rise to freedom
who saves us from our sins.
We live by faith in Jesus
to make his glory known:
behold, the Man of Sorrows,
the Lamb upon his throne!**

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
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:

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NOTICES

Fr John on leave

Rev'd Wendy Pullen is the locum vicar while Fr John is away until 29th January

TDRM – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the meals at The Dining Room Mission last Tuesday. As usual it was a wonderful team effort and the delicious food was much appreciated by the guests. Jack noted how welcome all the volunteers made the guests feel, especially the large family who arrived late. It is a blessing that our parish is able to be an active participant in this significant mission.

Our next cooking date is Tuesday 14th February so please put that into your dairies. If you would like to be on the roster to help more frequently with serving etc., please let Cathy know.

Parish Planning Workshop

On Sunday January 29th there will be a parish morning tea and planning meeting at 10.15am, following the combined 9am service.