



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

22nd 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: TiS457 The church's one foundation

Samuel J Stone (1839 - 1900) alt. Jubilate Hymns - tune:

Aurelia

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- 1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her
and for her life he died.**
- 2. Called out from every nation,
yet one through all the earth;
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
and shares one holy food;
as to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.**
- 3. We see her long divided
by heresy and sect;
yet she by God is guided
one people, one elect:
her vigil she is keeping,
her cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the dawn of song.**
- 4. In toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed;
at last the church victorious
shall be the church at rest!**
- 5. Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three-in-One;
and mystic, sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!**

**Lord, grant to us your grace,
with them the meek and lowly,
in heaven to see your face.**

Sentence

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4.23

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.

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.

Loving God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
and the strength of the hearts that serve you:
help us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
and so to love you
that we may faithfully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 9.1–4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.
 You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
 For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
 May your word live in us,
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 27.1–10

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 whom then shall I fear?:
 the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
 of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 **When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
 come upon me to devour me:
 they shall stumble and fall.**
- 3 If an army encamp against me,
 my heart shall not be afraid:
 and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
- 4 **One thing I have asked from the Lord,
 which I will require:
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
 all the days of my life,**
- 5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
 and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 **For he will hide me under his shelter
 in the day of trouble:
 and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
 and set me high upon a rock.**
- 7 And now he will lift up my head:
 above my enemies round about me.
- 8 **And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary
 with exultation:
 I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**
- 9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
 have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 **My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
 your face, Lord, I will seek.**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth
 1.10–18

Now I appeal to you, sisters and brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized

none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Hymn: TiS643 I want to walk as a child of the light
Kathleen Armstrong Thomerson (b.1934) - tune: Houston
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1. **I want to walk as a child of the light,
 I want to follow Jesus.
 God set the stars to give light to the world:
 the star of my life is Jesus.
*In him there is no darkness at all;
 the night and the day are both alike.
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
 shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***
2. **I want to see the brightness of God,
 I want to look at Jesus;
 clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
 and show me the way to the Father.
*In him there is no darkness at all;
 the night and the day are both alike.
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
 shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***
3. **I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
 I want to be with Jesus.
 When we have run with patience the race
 we shall know the joy of Jesus.
*In him there is no darkness at all;
 the night and the day are both alike.
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
 shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St
 Matthew 4.12–25

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
 the people who sat in darkness
 have seen a great light,
 and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
 light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother,

casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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

Sermon

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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: TIS261 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.**

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: HON814 *When God almighty came to earth*
*John L Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule (b.1958) - tune: O Waly
Waly (TiS654)*
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- 1. When God Almighty came to earth,
he took the pain of Jesus 'birth,
he took the flight of refugee,
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'**
- 2. When God Almighty walked the street,
the critic's curse he had to meet,
the cynic's smile he had to see,
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'**
- 3. When God Almighty met the folk,
of peace and truth he gladly spoke
to set the slave and tyrant free,
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'**
- 4. When God Almighty took his place
to save the fallen, human race,
he took it boldly on a tree,
and whispered, 'Humbly follow me.'**
- 5. When God Almighty comes again,
he'll meet us incognito as then;
and though no words may voice his plea,
he'll whisper, 'Are you following me?'**

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:

In the name of Christ. Amen

NOTICES

Parish Planning Workshop 29th January

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

The purpose of the workshop is to gather information and ideas in preparation for the commencement of our work with City to City.

The workshop will focus on:

- Providing an overview of the parish
- Naming our current issues
- Identifying what the parish is doing well
- Sharing our hopes for the future

All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 22 th Jan	<u>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9am Eucharist 8pm AA meeting
Mon 23 rd Jan	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 24 th Jan	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM
Wed 25 th Jan	5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 26 th Jan	<u>Australia Day</u> 10.15am Croydon Grove communion 10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 27 th Jan	-
Sat 28 th Jan	7am AA meeting 10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship 7pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 29 th Jan	<u>4th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9am Eucharist 10.15am Parish 2023 planning workshop 8pm AA meeting

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