

St John the Divine Eucharist service

> Easter Day 9th April 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



John Coburn 'Resurrection' The Holy Eucharist of Easter Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The Opening Hymn TIS 362: Jesus Christ is risen today, Tune: Easter Hymn Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia! our triumphant holy day, alleluia! who so lately on the cross alleluia! suffered to redeem our loss, alleluia! Hymns of praise then let us sing alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly king, alleluia! who endured the cross and grave alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. alleluia! But the pain that he endured alleluia! our salvation has procured; alleluia! now exalted he is king, alleluia! and the angels ever sing: alleluia!

In the name of the +Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: **Amen** The Lord be with you: **And also with you.** Christ is risen Alleluia! **He is risen indeed Alleluia**!

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, though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us confess 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; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. May Almighty God, grant you forgiveness of your sins, as you walk with him in the new resurrection life Amen. Gloria in Excelsis: 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.

The Collect

O God of terror and joy, you arise to shake the earth: Open our eyes, so our lives may return to you, through your risen and conquering Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the New Testament: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:1-4

So, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. For the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: TIS 381: Th Tune: Vrue

TIS 381: This Joyful Easter tide Tune: Vruechten

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sadness! our Lord, the crucified has filled our hearts with gladness: Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison our faith would be in vain but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

My being shall rejoice secure within God's keeping, until the trumpet voice shall wake us from our sleeping: *Chorus*

Death's waters lost their chill when Jesus crossed the river; his love shall reach me still, his mercy is for ever: *Chorus*

Gospel Reading: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew 28:1-10 **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So, they left the tomb quickly

with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOMILY 'Resurrection'

Renewal of Baptismal promises:

During the singing of 'My Soul Shall Find Its Joy' the people gather around the font:

My Soul Shall Find Its Joy

My soulshallfind its joy and peace in Goda - Ione	; in God a lone _ my
hope! In God a-lonemy soul shall find its rest.	Al-le lu - ia.My

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the water of baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death that we may share in his resurrection, and through which we are renewed by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we make disciples of all nations and baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Springs of water, bless the Lord. Give glory and praise to our God, who lives and reigns forever!

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life within the family of his church. We renew the promises made in our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore, I ask you.

Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed our human race? I believe and trust in him. Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God? I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? I do.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fail, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you work and pray for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace:

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen, be always with you. And also with you.

The Offertory Hymn *TIS 390: Jesus is Lord of all the earth, Tune: Alleluia, Alleluia*

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth. Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*

God has proclaimed the just reward: Life for all men, alleluia! *Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain*

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 out 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. He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world. And now we give you thanks that you raised him in triumph from the dead. By his death, he has destroyed death and by his rising to life again has restored us to eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing: 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.

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us: Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say, working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you have made. Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As Jesus has taught us, we are confident to pray; for our world, our Church, all who are on our hearts at this Easter time and all who have found Resurrection life.

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. All are welcome to share with us in the circle of fellowship and communion with Jesus who told us to break bread and share wine in remembering him and celebrating the reality of his presence.

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the risen Christ.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord, with Easter joy we thank you for the gift of your Son by which your Church is reborn and nourished. Watch over your Church and bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised by this Easter sacrament, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father,

we offer ourselves you to 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. Amen.

God Almighty,

as your Son broke forth from the tomb, may the breaking of these eggs be for us a symbol of our new life in Christ, in eternal life, with one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight;

+ and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen** Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Final hymn TiS 380: Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son, Tune: Maccabaeus

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory over death you've won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

kept the folded grave-clothes, where your body lay.

Refrain:

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory over death you've won.

See, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;

let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

for the Lord is living, death has lost its sting. [Refrain]

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;

life is naught without you: aid us in our strife;

make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;

bring us safe through Jordan to your home above. [Refrain]

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NOTICES

Welcome to our Locum Vicars

Please welcome Rev'd Stewart Taplin who is our Locum Vicar for the next few months – with the exception of April 16, 23 & 30 when Rev'd Lawrence Anbalagan will be presiding.

Fr Stewart will be available on Sundays and Wednesdays, and as needed on other occasions. He can be contacted on 0402 080 366.

Easter Flowers

Today's flowers are donated by Elizabeth Sanderson in loving memory of her husband Ian Sanderson and her mother Barbara Mills.

Cooking for TDRM Tuesday 11th April

It is St John's turn to cook and serve again at The Dining Room this coming Tuesday, 11th April. We will be doing slow cooked beef casserole served with rice and green vegetables. As usual the recipe and main ingredients will be provided, and TDRM has several slow cookers we can borrow if you do not have one.

We need people to help with the cooking beforehand, and to serve in the kitchen, talk to the guests and assist with serving etc.

If you are interested in cooking or serving please let Cathy know. We can arrange for the casseroles to be picked up if you cannot get them there at 5pm on Tuesday.

Focus on Faith and Friendship Group

The Focus on Faith and Friendship Group is in recess for the Easter break and will recommence studies on Saturday 15th April at 10.30am at the home of Joan Sweet. Please contact Joan for further information on 0414 396 872.

Synod Representatives - 2 members of the congregation are still needed - to be elected by <u>April 16.</u>

Nametags

Please remember to wear your nametags! We have become a bit relaxed about this recently, but it is of great assistance to our locums as well as newcomers. If you do not have a name tag or need a replacement, please let us know.



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

	Sun 9 th April	6.00 am	Easter Vigil and new fire Easter Vigil and new fire Renewal of baptismal promises First Eucharist of Easter followed by champagne breakfast n Easter Eucharist followed by Easter morning tea	
		8pm	AA meeting	
	Mon 10 th April	10.30am Al Anon meeting		
	Tue 11 th April	5.30pm	AA meeting community meal: TDRM s team to cook & serve	
Wed 12 th April		10.00am Holy Communion and Bible reflection		
			community meal: Winter Shelter NA meeting	
	Thu 13 th April	10.30am 7.00pm	Park Lane AA meeting Parish Council AA meeting	
	Fri 7 th April	-		
	Sat 8 th April		AA meeting Lai Christian Church	
	Sun 9 th April	2 nd Sunc	lay of Easter	
		8pm	AA Meeting	

