



**St John the Divine
Croydon**

Patronal Festival

7th May 2023



John Coburn 'Hozanna'

**The Holy Eucharist
The Commissioning of the Parish Council**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and notices

Hymn: TIS 456 Your hand, O God, has guided

Tune: Thornbury

1. **Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
your faithfulness is written,
on history's open page;
your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
2. **Your heralds brought the gospel
to greatest and to least;
they summoned men and women
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
3. **And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored:
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**
4. **Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then by earth and heaven,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem;
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

Sentence

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.

1 John 1.1

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.
Shed upon your Church, O Lord,
the brightness of your light,
so that we, being illumined by the teaching
of John the evangelist,
may walk in the light of your truth,
and be brought to the fullness of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Proverbs 8.22-31

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

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

Psalm 97

¹ The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:
let the multitude of islands be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and justice
are the foundation of his throne.**

- ³ Fire goes before him:
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- ⁴ **His lightnings light the world:
the earth sees it and quakes.**
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before his face:
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
- ⁶ **The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:
and all peoples have seen his glory.**
- ⁷ They are ashamed, all those who serve idols
and glory in mere nothings:
all gods bow down before him.
- ⁸ **Zion heard and was glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:
because of your judgements, O God.**
- ⁹ For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ **The Lord loves those that hate evil:
the Lord guards the life of the faithful,
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**
- ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous:
and joy for the true of heart.
- ¹² **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
and give thanks to his holy name.**

A reading from John's first letter 1.1-5

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

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

Hymn: TIS 144 Lord, you have been our dwelling place

Tune: Luther

1. **Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in every generation;
your people have received your grace
and blessed your consolation;
through every age you heard our cry;
through every age we found you nigh,
our strength and our salvation.**
2. **Persisting sins we long have wept,
your patience long have tested;
but steadfast faith in you we kept,
still to your name devoted:
for you have kept and loved us well,
and granted us in you to dwell
from your love never parted.**
3. **Lord, nothing from your arms so sure
shall your own people sever;
our helper ever will endure,
God's love will fail us never.
Your people, Lord, have dwelt in you;
and you remain our dwelling true
for ever and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 20.2-8

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Mary Magdalene ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.

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

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.**

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives.'

John 14.27

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: TIS 624 Christ be my leader by night as by day

Tune: Bonnie George Campbell

1. **Christ be my leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

2. **Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

3. **Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

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 St John

and 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 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.**

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.

God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with St John and 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.**

God give you grace to follow St John and all the saints
in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you, those you love and have loved
now and always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: TIS 93 Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him

Tune: Austria

- 1. Praise the Lord! you heavens adore him;
praise him angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken,
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, that never shall be broken,
for their guidance he has made.**
- 2. Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious:
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high his power proclaim:
heaven and earth, and all creation,
praise and glorify his name.**



***Please join with us in a community lunch
following the service***

*Do take this booklet away with you, for reference and
further reflection.*

*If you wish to know more about our community life,
speak to any of the regulars (often wearing name tags),
ask for a welcome brochure, or visit our website.*

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NOTICES

Please **welcome back Rev'd Stewart Taplin** who is our Locum Vicar for the next few months. Fr Stewart is available on Sundays and Wednesdays, and as needed on other occasions. He can be contacted on 0402 080 366

TDRM cooking & serving Tuesday 9th May

We are rostered on again for cooking and serving this coming Tuesday, 9th May. However, because we swapped with another team and cooked for 2 weeks in a row over the Easter school holidays, we do not have to cook anything this time! But we do have to provide volunteers to help in the kitchen with serving the food, washing the dishes, etc. and of course talking to the guests.

If you can help on Tuesday or would like to know more about TDRM (The Dining Room Mission) please see Cathy or contact the office.

Bishop Paul Barker will be visiting to preach and celebrate with us on Sunday 21st May. A parish meeting will follow. All welcome.

The **Parish Network Ministry meeting** that was scheduled for next Sunday has been postponed – new date TBA.

City to City will be engaging with the parish in the coming months to assist us to grow our ministry and church community.

Further information will be provided closer to dates of engagement.

Building Repairs Update

The Architects have met with Maroondah City Council and are now in the process of submitting final plans to undertake the roof replacement, drainage works and crack repairs including underpinning the foundations as required. The diocese is also required to grant approval for the works to proceed.

More information will be provided as approvals are provided and works commence. Contact Ken for further information.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 7 th May	<u>4th Sunday in Easter – St John’s Patronal Festival & Lunch</u> 10am Sung Eucharist 8pm AA meeting
Mon 8 th May	10.30am Al Anon meeting
Tue 9 th May	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM St John’s team to cook & serve
Wed 10 th May	10am Eucharist 5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 11 th May	11.00am Park Lane 10.30am AA meeting 7.00pm Parish Council 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 12 th May	-
Sat 13 th May	10am – 12pm <u>St John’s Kindergarten Open Day</u> 7.00am AA meeting 10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship 6.00pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 14 th May	8am Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist 8pm AA meeting

Parish Directory

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*Westpac account: St John's - general account
BSB: 033044 Account: 251582*

Please email notices to Parish Office by Wednesday 2pm

