



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

11th June 2023



Welcome to our worship and community life at St John the Divine. You are encouraged to participate in whatever way best helps you connect with God, to know how much God loves you and cares about you.

Do come forward with the others to make your communion with God, receiving either the sacrament, or a blessing if you prefer.

You are invited to take this booklet away with you, to be able to refer to the notices in the back - and also to reflect further on the Scripture readings.



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Welcome and notices.

Hymn: TIS 134 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Tune: Praise, my soul

- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!**
- 2. Praise him for his grace and favour
To his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

3. **Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!**

4. **Angels, help us to adore him;
You behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

Sentence: Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick. For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.

Matthew 9.12-13

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.

O God,
You have assured the human family of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Saviour:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from 1 Samuel 8

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also, they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.' So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.' But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

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

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down towards your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me;

your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

Gradual Hymn: TIS 107 Sing praise and thanksgiving

Tune: Kremser

1. **Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living
Now worship their maker with gladness and song;
All glory and honour we come to him bringing:
*O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God.***

2. **Our lives of his making he brings to their waking;
In darkness he held us in his gracious care,
Now into the light we are called from our sleeping:
*O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God.***

3. **Lord, frame our desiring to do your requiring,
That unto your glory be all that we do;
And where we have faltered, give strength and give healing:
*O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God.***

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark 3:20 - 35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.' Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit'. Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother'.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement

Let us open our hearts and 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;
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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia.

Offertory Hymn: TIS 517 Hallelujah! sing to Jesus

Tune: Hyfrydol

1. **Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Hallelujah! his the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.'**

2. **Hallelujah! not as orphans,
Are we left in sorrow now;
Hallelujah! he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

3. **Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
And on earth our food, our stay;
Hallelujah! here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day;
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, plead for me
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

4. **Hallelujah! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own;
Hallelujah! born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
You within the veil have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
You on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.**

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

SURSUM CORDA

The musical score is written on three staves in a single system. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second and third staves contain the melody for the second line of text. The music is in a 3/4 time signature and features several triplet markings over the notes.

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 Him 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.

We give you thanks that
in fulfillment of your promise
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.

You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

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.

Please come forward to receive communion or a blessing.

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Gracious God, thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the body and blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love,
and that we are living members of Christ's body.

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.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God stir up within you the gifts of the Spirit
that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord
and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, those whom you love and have loved
now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, amen.

Hymn: TIS 545 Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast
Tune: Lansdowne

- 1. Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;
Heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;
Christ's own peace is shared again on earth;
God the Spirit fill us with new worth.**
- 2. No more doubting, no more senseless dread:
God's good self has graced our wine and bread;
All the wonder heaven has kept in store.
Now is ours to keep for evermore.**
- 3. Celebrate with saints who dine on high,
Witnesses that love can never die.
'Hallelujah!' – thus their voices ring:
Nothing less in gratitude we bring.**
- 4. Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son,
Praise the Spirit – three yet ever one;
Praise the God whose food and friends avow
Heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons now!**

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Thank you for joining in our worship today. We endeavour to provide an after-service 'cuppa' in our meeting room next to the foyer after most Sunday services - you are invited to join us.

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.

NOTICES

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

The Funeral and Thanksgiving Service for Terry Metcalfe will be held at St Johns on Friday 16th June at 2pm.

Please pray for Linda, Ron, and family.

Synod representative needed

The parish is seeking two representatives. Please talk to Fr Stewart or one of the Wardens if you are interested.

Cooking for The Dining Room Mission - Tuesday 13th June

It is St John's turn to cook and serve at The Dining Room Mission this coming Tuesday, 13th June. We will be doing our much-loved slow cooked beef casserole again, served with rice and green vegetables. As usual the recipe and the main ingredients will be provided.

TDRM has several slow cookers we can borrow if you do not have one, and we can arrange for casseroles to be picked up if you cannot get them there at 5pm on Tuesday!

We need people to help in the kitchen from 4.30pm, and to talk to the guests and assist with serving etc. from around 5pm.

If you are able to help with the cooking or serving, please let Cathy know.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 11 th June	<u>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</u>
	8am Eucharist
	10am Sung Eucharist
	8pm AA meeting
Mon 12 th June	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 13 th June	1pm AA meeting
	5.30pm community meal: TDRM
	St John's team to cook and serve
Wed 14 th June	10am Said Eucharist
	5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter
	7.30pm NA meeting
Thurs 15 th June	10.45am BUPA
	10.30am AA meeting
	7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 16 th June	-
Sat 17 th June	7.00am AA meeting
	10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship
	6.00pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 18 th June	<u>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</u>
	8am Eucharist
	10am Sung Eucharist
	June birthday celebrations
	8pm AA meeting