



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

4th Sunday after Pentecost

25th 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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

And also, with you

Welcome and notices.

Hymn: Guide me, O my great Redeemer

Original words: William Willams

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- 1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty,
Hold me with your powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.**
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to you**

Sentence:

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Matthew 10.39

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.

Gracious God,
we who were baptised into Jesus Christ
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may live the new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead to sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;
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 Genesis 21.8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

Psalm 86.1-10,16-17

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

**Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

**Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.**

In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.

**There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.**

All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

**For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.**

Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving-maid.

**Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

A Reading from Romans 6.1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus

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

Gradual Hymn: TIS 583 Take up your Cross

- 1. Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.**
- 2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**
- 3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**
- 4. Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,

and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever

loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not

take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will

lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

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

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: TIS 595 O Jesus, I have promised

1. **O Jesus, I have promised
To serve you to the end;
Lord, be for ever near me,
My master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
If you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If you will be my guide.**

2. **Still let me feel you near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
And tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw me nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.**

3. **Let me hear you speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
Lord, speak to reassure me,
To chasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
True guardian of my soul.**

4. **Lord, let me see your footmarks
And in them plant my own;
That I may follow boldly
And in your strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.**

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.

SURSUM CORDA

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'SURSUM CORDA'. It consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'The Lord be with you: And also with you.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'Lift up your hearts: We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains the melody for the third line: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.' There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' in a circle) over the first three notes of each line of music.

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: Forth in your name, O Lord, I go
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- 1. Forth in your name, O Lord, I go
my daily labour to pursue;
you, Lord, alone I long to know
in all I think or speak or do**
- 2. The task your wisdom has assigned
here let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my work your presence find
and prove your good and perfect will.**
- 3. You I would set at my right hand
whose eyes my inmost secrets view;
and labour on at your command
and offer all my work to you.**
- 4. Help me to bear your easy yoke
and every moment watch and pray;
and still to things eternal look
and hasten to that glorious day.**
- 5. Gladly for you may I employ
all that your generous grace has given;
and run my earthly course with joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.**



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.

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NOTICES

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

City to City Survey

Thank you to all who have returned their survey responses.

Please note that the deadline for submitting online surveys is TODAY.

Funeral thank you

The family of former parishioner Terry Metcalfe would like to thank St John the Divine for a wonderful service; Fr. Stewart, Lyn, Peter, and Anne for the lovely attention to the service, care in the kitchen, organ and flowers.

Ron Sankey

Synod representative needed

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 25 ^h June	<u>4rd Sunday after Pentecost</u>
	8am Eucharist
	10am Sung Eucharist
	8pm AA meeting
Mon 26 th June	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 27 th June	1pm AA meeting
	5.30pm community meal: TDRM
Wed 28th June	10am Said Eucharist
	5.30pm community meal: Winter Shelter
	7.30pm NA meeting
Thurs 29th June	
	10.30am AA meeting
	7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 30th June	-
Sat 1st July	7.00am AA meeting
	10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship
	6.00pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 2nd July	<u>5th Sunday after Pentecost</u>
	8am Eucharist
	10am Sung Eucharist
	8pm AA meeting