



St John the Evangelist, Dee Why

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

12 May 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Please silence mobile phones.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

NEH 130

STAND

- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise. Alleluya!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya!
Christ, awhile to mortals given,
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluya!
- 2 There the glorious triumph waits;
Alleluya!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin;
Take the King of glory in. Alleluya!
- 3 See! the heaven its Lord receives,
Alleluya!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves;
Alleluya!
Though returning to his throne,
Still he calls mankind his own. Alleluya!
- 4 See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluya!
See! he shows the prints of love:
Alleluya!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow
Blessings on his Church below. Alleluya!
- 5 Still for us he intercedes; Alleluya!
His prevailing death he pleads; Alleluya!
Near himself prepares our place,
Harbinger of human race. Alleluya!
- 6 Lord, though parted from our sight,
Alleluya!
Far above yon azure height, Alleluya!
Grant our hearts may thither rise,
Seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluya!
- 7 There we shall with thee remain,
Alleluya!
Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluya!
There thy face unclouded see,
find our heaven of heavens in thee,
Alleluya!

Charles Wesley 1707–88 and
Thomas Cotterill 1779–1823

INTRODUCTORY RITES

✠ 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.

The Priest may introduce the Liturgy.

PENITENTIAL RITE

This prayer of preparation may be said.

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.

The Deacon invites the people to recall their sins.

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.

The Priest pronounces the Absolution.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

(Readers please wait until the Collect is concluded)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *Acts 1:1-11* *SIT*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 46(47):2-3,6-9* *R v. 6*

**R God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1 All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

**R God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

2 God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

**R God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

3 God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

**R God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

THE SECOND READING *Ephesians 1:17-23*

A reading from the letter to St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

STAND

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

SIT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

STAND

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, *(all bow:)* 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 PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

At the conclusion:

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.

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.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange the greeting of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 271

STAND

- 1 Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluya! his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, 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 Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee 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 Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy
throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

W. Chatterton Dix 1837–98

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his name, for
our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Priest then says the Prayer over the Gifts

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

The Priest continues with the Preface, after which is sung:

**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.**

KNEEL

The Priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.

*After the Words of Institution, when he has replaced the
chalice on the altar and genuflected, the Priest says:*

The mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer with these
words:*

. . . in songs of never-ending praise:

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

COMMUNION RITE

The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer.

**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 forever. Amen.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the
help of your mercy, we may be always free from
sin and safe from all distress, as we await the
blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus
Christ.

As he begins to break the Bread, the Priest says:

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one Bread.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

The Priest then invites the people to Communion:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes
away the sin of the world. Blessed are those called
to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word and
my soul shall be healed.**

*Those who are to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing
come forward.*

CONCLUDING RITE

STAND

The Priest says the Post-Communion prayer

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Priest gives the blessing and all respond: **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN *NEH 134*

- 1 **The Head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.**
- 2 **The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal Light;**
- 3 **The Joy of all who dwell above,
The Joy of all below
To whom He manifests his love
And grants his name to know.**

- 4 **To them the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace, is given;
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.**
- 5 **They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.**
- 6 **The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him:
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.**

Thomas Kelly 1769–1854

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The New English Hymnal, Canterbury Press 1986
Together in Song, HarperCollins 1999

***Children are always welcome
in all our church services at St John's.***



FROM THE RECTOR

12 May 2024

Dear Friends,

The Ascension of Jesus is an integral part of the Easter Mystery. The risen Lord vanishes from the sight of his disciples, (as the old preface for the Ascension told us) “not to abandon us, but to be our hope”.

Christ’s going to the Father opens up a new way of relating to his disciples—a way so efficacious that everything is filled with his presence. True, they will have to abandon the safe territory of Jesus’ natural presence. But they will cross to the (as yet unknown) country where they will be taken hold of by the Spirit of the risen Lord.

Thanks to the Holy Spirit, the presence of Jesus is established for ever. We discern his presence still in the Church, in his word, in the sacraments, in our neighbour, and especially in the apostolate, where we are all called to be witnesses of the Resurrection.

With every blessing,

Fr Steven

This Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Solemn Eucharist

Motet: “*God is gone up with a merry noise*” – William Croft (1678-1727)

Live-streamed on our YouTube channel

<https://youtube.com/@stjohnsdeewhy> (*watch live or any time after it has concluded*)

6:00pm Evening Prayer (Vespers) in the chapel

Parish News

Old Testament Talks: Father Howard is holding another series of three or four Old Testament Talks on Habakkuk, Joel and Jonah commencing Tuesday 23 April at 1:30pm and Wednesday 1 May at 7:30pm and then alternating fortnightly between Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. *An attendance list for those interested in participating is available in the foyer as well as notes to help prepare for the talks.*

Mothers’ Union: This Wednesday meeting at 11:00am for a visit to the Bible Garden. BYO lunch.

St John’s Book Club: The next meeting will be held on Monday 24 June at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.

Two books have been selected covering both secular and sacred:

Little Dorrit is a novel by Charles Dickens originally published in serial form between 1855 and 1857.

Living Jesus: John Pritchard (formerly Bishop of Oxford) (publ. 2010). *“Vividly conveys how opening our hearts to Christ can release the transformative power of love ... into our broken and needy world”* (Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu). This book is available on Kindle or E-books. *If interested in how to obtain a hard copy contact Neralie Cocks (0409 040 489).*

Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers in the congregation.

Happy Birthday: Eva Teh (15th), Terry Fox (16th), Alma Ondevilla (18th)

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| <p>Weekly Offerings: Regular weekly giving is vital for the mission and ministry of St John’s. A convenient way to do this is do make a direct debit from your bank account weekly or monthly—whatever suits you. <i>If this is your preference our bank details are: BSB: 032094; ACCOUNT: 810026</i></p> |
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12 May – Ascension of the Lord – Rostered Duties

| | 8:00am | 10:00am | 6:00pm |
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| Welcomers: | Janette Thomas Leonie Wenning | Neridah Byrne Helen Hastings | <i>Vespers (in the chapel)</i> |
| Readers: | Christopher Rynd Jess Rynd | Lynette Johnson Neralie Cocks | |
| Servers: | Robyn Couch Brian Butler Jess Rynd | Jill Sharkey Roz Peterson Chris Salmon Debby Roberts | |
| Chalice: | Robyn Couch | Chris Salmon | |
| Morning Tea: | Anne Seddon Ann Chilmaid | Diana Colman Gwen Zmijewski | |
| Godly Play: <i>In recess</i> | Brass: Bev Bingham | Cameras: Gwen Zmijewski | |

19 May – Pentecost – Rostered Duties

| | 8:00am | 10:00am | 6:00pm |
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| Welcomers: | Hazel Hughes Shane Djurdjevic | Joseph Attalla Heather Andrews | <i>Vespers (in the chapel)</i> |
| Readers: | Peter Cunningham Anne Seddon | Chris Salmon Valda Ashover | |
| Servers: | Roz Peterson Brian Butler Anne Seddon | Jill Sharkey Robyn Couch Chris Salmon Debby Roberts | |
| Chalice: | Lynette Johnson | Jill Sharkey | |
| Morning Tea: | Pamela Francis Lynne McDougall | Gwen Zmijewski Helen Hastings | |
| Godly Play: <i>In recess</i> | Brass: Neridah Byrne | Cameras: Andrew Miles | |

THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST JOHN'S

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| Mon | 13 May | 9:30am 11:30am 12noon | <i>Playtime</i> <i>Op Shop Sorting</i> Holy Eucharist (chapel) |
| Tue | 14 May | <i>S. MATTHIAS</i> 9:30am 7:15pm | <i>Pins'n'Needles</i> <i>Choir Practice</i> |
| Wed | 15 May | 10:00am 11:00am 5:30-7:30pm | Holy Eucharist with Holy Anointing and Healing Prayers <i>Mothers' Union</i> <i>Street Mission: Wednesday Night Café</i> |
| Thu | 16 May | 12noon | Holy Eucharist (chapel) |
| Fri | 17 May | 9:00am | Holy Eucharist (chapel) |

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| 5:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation <i>(A priest is normally available in the church for Confessions from 5:30pm to 6:00pm or contact Fr Steven for other times)</i> |
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| Sat | 18 May | 9:00am | Holy Eucharist (chapel) |
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| Sun | 19 May | PENTECOST (remember to wear something red) |
| | 8:00am | Holy Eucharist |
| | 10:00am | Solemn Eucharist and Holy Baptism <i>Live-streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel</i> |
| | 6:00pm | Evening Prayer (Vespers) in the chapel |

COMING EVENTS

Sun 19 May **Pentecost**

Sun 26 May **Trinity Sunday**

Sun 2 June **Corpus Christi**

For more information please visit our website www.stjohnsdeewhy.org.au