



# St John the Evangelist, Dee Why

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5 May 2024

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST



*Please silence mobile phones.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN *NEH 106*

- 1 **COME, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel  
Into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.**
- 2 **'Tis the spring of souls to-day  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun hath risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.**
- 3 **Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesu's Resurrection.**
- 4 **Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,  
Hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst thine own  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore  
Passeth human knowing.**

Greek, St John of Damascus c 750

Tr J.M. Neale 1816–66

### 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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48* *SIT*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 97:1-4, R v. 2*

**R The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1 Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.

**R The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

2 The Lord has made known his  
salvation;

has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

**R The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

3 All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy.

**R The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

THE SECOND READING *1 John 4:7-10*

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and  
knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA VERSE *STAND*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to  
them.

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:9-17*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**R Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,  
 just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
 and remain in his love.  
 I have told you this  
 so that my own joy may be in you  
 and your joy be complete.  
 This is my commandment:  
 love one another, as I have loved you.  
 A man can have no greater love  
 than to lay down his life for his friends.  
 You are my friends,  
 if you do what I command you.  
 I shall not call you servants any more,  
 because a servant does not know  
 his master's business;  
 I call you friends,  
 because I have made known to you  
 everything I have learnt from my Father.  
 You did not choose me:  
 no, I chose you;  
 and I commissioned you  
 to go out and to bear fruit,  
 fruit that will last;  
 and then the Father will give you  
 anything you ask him in my name.  
 What I command you  
 is to love one another.'

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

*TIS 360*

- 1 Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky;  
 heaven thunders forth its victory;  
*alleluia, alleluia!*  
 the glad earth shouts her triumph high  
 and groaning hell makes wild reply:  
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*  
*alleluia, alleluia!*
- 2 While our Lord Christ, the mighty King,  
 despoiling death of all its sting  
 and trampling down the powers of night  
 brings forth his ransomed souls to light.

- 3 His tomb of late the threefold guard  
of watch and stone and seal had barred;  
but now in power and triumph high  
he comes from death to victory.
- 4 The pains of hell are loosed at last;  
the days of mourning now are past;  
an angel robed in light has said,  
'The Lord has risen from the dead!'
- 5 From every weapon death can wield  
your own redeemed for ever shield:  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide.

Anon. Latin, c 7<sup>th</sup> cent.  
Tr J.M. Neale 1818–66 *alt.*

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 *TIS 379*

- 1 He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it with a joyful voice:  
He has burst his three days' prison,  
let the whole wide world rejoice.  
Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.
- 2 Come with high and holy gladness,  
sing our Lord's triumphant song:  
not one touch of twilight sadness

3

**dims his resurrection morn;  
brightly dawns the radiant east,  
Brighter far our Easter feast.**

**He is risen, he is risen!  
He has opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
soon a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.**

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818–95 *alt.*

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



**FROM THE RECTOR**

**5 May 2024**

**Dear Friends,**

*Today's liturgy is full of the most simple and yet extraordinary words of love. It is almost too much. We feel like remaining silent and allowing these words to take over in our hearts.*

*Yet there are so many different ways of loving, ranging from the simple seeking of pleasure, through desire, to love of the most disinterested kind, that is from the most physical to the most spiritual kind of loving. As St Augustine puts it: 'from the love of self which excludes God to that love of God which excludes self'.*

*What should Christian loving mean, if not to love others as Jesus has loved us? We should take the initiative where love is concerned and try to see the hidden side of things. We should love right to the end and go on believing in love in spite of every betrayal. This new commandment can turn our every meal into a eucharist: through it our daily bread is consecrated in love.*

*With every blessing,*

**Fr Steven**

# ***This Sunday***

**8:00am Holy Eucharist**

**10:00am Solemn Eucharist**

Motet: *May the Grace of Christ our Saviour*

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***

**Thank you** to Father Howard for celebrating and preaching last Sunday at St John's while Father Steven was preaching at St George's, Goodwood, in Adelaide.

**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.*

**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 Birthday:** Valda Ashover (10<sup>th</sup>), Eric Hastings (11<sup>th</sup>)

**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. *If this is your preference our bank details are: **BSB: 032094; ACCOUNT: 810026***



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### 5 May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Rostered Duties

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
<b>Welcomers:</b>	Pamela Francis Christopher Rynd	Tony Krepler Diana Colman	<i>Vespers (in the chapel)</i>
<b>Readers:</b>	Bev Bingham Christopher Rynd	Marion Maw Nigel Nettleship	
<b>Servers:</b>	Roz Peterson Brian Butler Ann Chilmaid	Jill Sharkey Robyn Couch Andrew Miles Debby Roberts	
<b>Chalice:</b>	Roz Peterson	Andrew Miles	
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Georgina Terry Janette Thomas	Helen Hastings Krisztina Keller	
<b>Godly Play:</b> <i>In recess</i>	<b>Brass:</b> Robyn Couch	<b>Cameras:</b> Graeme Couch	

### 12 May – Ascension of the Lord – Rostered Duties

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST JOHN'S

Mon	6 May	9:30am <b>12noon</b> 1:00pm 4:00pm	<i>Playtime</i> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel) Caritas <i>Active Seniors</i>
Tue	7 May	1:30pm 7:15pm	Old Testament Talk (Library) <i>Choir Practice</i>
Wed	8 May	<i>Bl. Julian of Norwich</i> <b>10:00am</b> 5:30-7:30pm	<b>Holy Eucharist with Holy Anointing and Healing Prayers</b> <i>Street Mission: Wednesday Night Café</i>
Thu	9 May	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel)
Fri	10 May	<i>S. Damien of Molokai</i> <b>9:00am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel)
		<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <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>
Sat	11 May	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel)

Sun	12 May	<b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	
	8:00am	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	
	10:00am	<b>Solemn Eucharist</b> <i>Live-streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel</i>	
	6:00pm	<b>Evening Prayer (Vespers)</b> in the chapel	

## COMING EVENTS

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Sun 19 May **Pentecost**

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Sun 26 May **Trinity Sunday**

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Sun 2 June **Corpus Christi**

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