

Parish Eucharist

The Feast of St. John the Evangelist



Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

We prepare for worship by being still and quiet, recalling God's presence with us. We have a foyer where greetings may be exchanged before entering the liturgical space, and we ask you to use the time in church before the service begins in prayerful preparation.

Gluten-free altar bread is available for those who need it and alcohol free wine. Please ask the priest at the distribution.

Mass setting: 'Mass of the Bread of Life' – Margaret Rizza

The service is led by the Revd. David Jones.

A prayer before the service begins:

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.

We say together the words in bold print.

We stand to sing.

Carol

- 1. A great and mighty wonder,
a full and holy cure!
the Virgin bears the Infant
with virgin-honour pure:
*Repeat the hymn again:
'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth to men.'***

- 2. The Word becomes incarnate,
and yet remains on high;
and cherubim sing anthems
to shepherds from the sky:
*Repeat the hymn again:
'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth to men.'***

- 3. While thus they sing your Monarch,
those bright angelic bands,
rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
ye oceans, clap your hands:
*Repeat the hymn again:
'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth to men.'***

- 4. Since all he comes to ransom,
by all he he adored,
the Infant born in Bethl'em,
the Saviour and the Lo
*Repeat the hymn again:
'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth to men.'***

Grace, mercy and peace from
God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
and also with you.

Our children leave for Kids' church after which we sit for the confession.

Prayers of Penitence

Hear what Saint John says:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,
and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

cf. 1 John 1.8,9

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Saviour of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of His Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.**

**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, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen,
Amen.**

Please remain standing as the priest introduces a period of silent prayer.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist
Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading: 1 John 1

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^[a] 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. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Carol

We stand to sing:

**1. Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
*Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!***

**2. E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
*Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!***

**3. Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers,
May you beautifully rhyme
Your eve'time song, ye singers.
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
*Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!***

We stand to face the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,
let the message of Christ find a home in you
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel: John 21.19-end

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)
After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that

he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ, for this your holy Gospel.

After a prayer we sit for the sermon

The Sermon

After the sermon we stand to affirm our faith

The Creed

**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 from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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.**

We kneel or sit for the prayers.

Intercessions

Let us pray for the world and the Church, and thank God for his goodness.

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

After the names of the departed have been read out:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The prayers may conclude with:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We stand to receive the Peace.

The Peace

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace
to all in whom he delights.

Luke 2.14

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

We greet one another with the Peace of Christ. (We offer each other a hand in greeting saying "peace be with you" we reply "and also with you".)

A collection is taken and the gifts are brought to the altar

The Offertory Carol

1. **Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born king;
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born king.***

2. **Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing:
Yonder shines the infant light!
*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born king;
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born king.***

3. **Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born king;
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born king.***

4. **Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:
*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born king;
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born king.***

The gifts are received at the altar.

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

Amen.

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 thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because, in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world;
you have become one with us
that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of pow'r and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, hosanna,**

**hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he,
blessed is he who comes in the name,
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

We sit or kneel.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup

and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us**

**Jesus, Lamb of God Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

Invitation to Holy Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

*You are invited to come forward and stand around the altar either to receive
Holy Communion or bow your head for a blessing instead.*

We remain in the circle until all have received. During communion we sing:

Communion Carol

- 1. I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wand'ers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethl'hem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**
- 2. I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.**
- 3. I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.**

- 4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.**

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that the Word made flesh
proclaimed by your apostle John
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,
ever abide and live within us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God,
**we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices and then we stand for the final carol.

- 1. Unto us a boy is Born,
King of all creation:
Cradled in a stall was He,
The Lord of every nation,
The Lord of every nation.**
- 2. Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That He all men surpasses,
That He all men surpasses.**
- 3. Herod then with fear was filled:
'A prince', he said, 'In Jewry!'
All little boys be killed
At Bethl'em in his fury,
At Bethl'em in his fury.**

**4. Now may Mary's Son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us,
Unto the joys above us.**

**5. Omega and Alpha He!
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Doth rend the air asunder,
Doth rend the air asunder.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Glory, thanks and praise to God.

We remain standing as the altar party departs.

A very Merry Christmas to you and a happy New Year!

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, set up, clean, welcome or helped in anyway during our Christmas services. We welcomed a huge number of people over Christmas and we couldn't have done it without you. James.

New Year's Lunch

Next Sunday, Stan and Jacquie are hosting a New Year's Lunch (6th January) after the Sunday mass. There is a sign up sheet at the back. Guests are very welcome and veggie options are available. The cost is £10 and you can pay by instalments – please pass any monies to Jacquie. If you're able to help set up on Saturday from 3pm that would also be very welcome!

Services this week

Wednesday 2nd January 9am 10am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion followed by tea and coffee
Saturday 5th January 9am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 6th January 10am	Parish Eucharist followed by tea and coffee

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