

# LENT

## A Season of Renewal



*Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.*

## THE FEAST OF JOHN DONNE PRIEST AND POET 1631

Wed 30 March 9:30am, 2022



**John Donne** ([/dʌn/ DUN](#); 22 January 1572<sup>[1]</sup> – 31 March 1631) was an English poet, scholar, soldier and secretary born into a [recusant](#) family, who later became a [cleric](#) in the [Church of England](#).<sup>[3]</sup> Under royal patronage, he was made [Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in London](#) (1621–1631).<sup>[2]</sup> He is considered the preeminent representative of the [metaphysical poets](#). His poetical works are noted for their [metaphorical](#) and sensual style and include [sonnets](#), love poems, religious poems, [Latin](#) translations, [epigrams](#), [elegies](#), songs, and satires. He is also known for his [sermons](#).

Donne's style is characterised by abrupt openings and various paradoxes, ironies and dislocations. These features, along with his frequent dramatic or everyday speech rhythms, his tense syntax and his tough eloquence, were both a reaction against the smoothness of conventional [Elizabethan poetry](#) and an adaptation into English of European

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Welcome and Announcements:

Rev. Allison Cornell

## Opening Acclamation:

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

Presider: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

*Silence*

Presider: God forgives and heals us.

**All: We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance.  
Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face.  
Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve  
you. Amen**

Presider: God forgives you. Forgive others; Forgive yourself.

*Silence*

Presider: Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

*Kyrie Eleison / Lord, have mercy - Richard Proulx*

**Lord have mercy, upon us  
Christ have mercy, upon us  
Lord have mercy, upon us**

## The Collect of the Day:

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

**All: Almighty God, the root and fountain of all being: Open our eyes to see, with your servant John Donne, that whatever has any being is a mirror in which we may behold you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

# The Word of God *(Please be seated)*

## First Lesson: A reading from Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

All this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God; whether it is love or hate one does not know. Everything that confronts them is vanity, since the same fate comes to all, to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to those who sacrifice and those who do not sacrifice. As are the good, so are the sinners; those who swear are like those who shun an oath. This is an evil in all that happens under the sun, that the same fate comes to everyone. Moreover, the hearts of all are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. But whoever is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. The living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; they have no more reward, and even the memory of them is lost. Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished; never again will they have any share in all that happens under the sun.

Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long ago approved what you do. Let your garments always be white; do not let oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might; for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to the skillful; but time and chance happen to them all. For no one can anticipate the time of disaster. Like fish taken in a cruel net, and like birds caught in a snare, so mortals are snared at a time of calamity, when it suddenly falls upon them.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 16** (Read aloud in unison)  
*Conserva me, Domine*

**1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \***

**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."**

**2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \***

**upon those who are noble among the people.**

**3 But those who run after other gods \* shall have their troubles multiplied.**

**4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \***

**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

**5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \***

**it is you who uphold my lot.**

**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \***

**indeed, I have a goodly herit-**

**age.**

**7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \***

**my heart teaches me, night after night.**

**8 I have set the Lord always before me; \***

**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

**9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \***

**my body also shall rest in hope.**

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \***

**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

**11 You will show me the path of life; \* in your presence there is fullness of joy,**

**and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

**Gospel Lesson:**

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**John 5:19–24**

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to the Jews, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also

the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

Reader        The Gospel of the Lord  
People        Praise to you, Lord Christ

## Homily

### The Apostles' Creed

Leader:        Let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.        Amen**

## Prayers of the People

Presider: Blessed are you eternal God,

**People: to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.

**May we all be one that the world may believe.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,

**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

We remember those who have died.

**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

(Remembering N) We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble.

**In your presence may they find strength.**

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

**Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community.

**Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.**

We honor and pray for our indigenous neighbors

**That we may dwell together in respectful harmony**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

**Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray *for St. Mary's in Phoenix.*

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray *for The Diocese of Kolhapur – The (united) Church of North India*

**Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

## Exchange of the Peace

Presider *May the peace of Christ be always with you*

All **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Offertory

Presider: Offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

New Zealand BCP

Presider *The Lord is here.*

People **God's spirit is with us**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.*

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*Presider: It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.*

*You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. Who though tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin; through your Christ therefore we may triumph over sin and grow in grace.*

*Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:*

**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.**

*All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father.*

*On the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.*

*After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me.*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

*Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.*

*Send your Holy Spirit (+) that these gifts of bread and wine which we Receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power (+), may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.*

**United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider: *As Jesus taught us we now pray: (Contemporary version)*



**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

*(Presider breaks the consecrated bread)*

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal 1982 #S161

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

## Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God: Take them in remembrance  
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
and with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to come forward to receive communion. Please observe the social distancing by using the marks on the floor. Indicate a dipping motion to have your bread dipped in the wine. To receive just the bread without the wine, extend arm with hand open, palm up to receive the bread. Move to the side to lift/lower mask to eat bread, replace mask and return to your seat.*

## Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travelers, and Gratitude

## Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

Benediction:

Presider: May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and the blessing of God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: **We are called to love and serve.**

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Stations of the Cross to follow at 10:30

baroque and mannerist techniques.<sup>[4]</sup> His early career was marked by poetry that bore immense knowledge of English society. Another important theme in Donne's poetry is the idea of true religion, something that he spent much time considering and about which he often theorised. He wrote secular poems as well as erotic and love poems. He is particularly famous for his mastery of metaphysical conceits.

Despite his great education and poetic talents, Donne lived in poverty for several years, relying heavily on wealthy friends. He spent much of the money he inherited during and after his education on womanising, literature, pastimes, and travel. In 1601, Donne secretly married Anne More, with whom he had twelve children.<sup>[5]</sup> In 1615 he was ordained Anglican deacon and then priest, although he did not want to take holy orders and only did so because the king ordered it. He also served as a member of Parliament in 1601 and in 1614.

### Early life

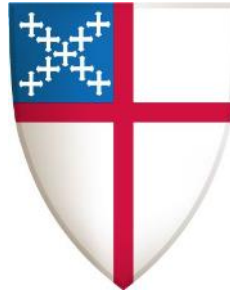
Donne was born in London in 1571 or 1572, into a recusant Roman Catholic family when practice of that religion was illegal in England.<sup>[7]</sup> Donne was the third of six children. His father, also named John Donne, married to one Elizabeth Heywood, was of Welsh descent and a warden of the Ironmongers Company in the City of London. However, he avoided unwelcome government attention out of fear of persecution.<sup>[8][9]</sup>

His father died in 1576, when Donne was four years old, leaving his mother, Elizabeth, with the responsibility of raising the children alone.<sup>[2]</sup> Heywood was also from a recusant Roman Catholic family, the daughter of John Heywood, the playwright, and sister of the Reverend Jasper Heywood, a Jesuit priest and translator.<sup>[2]</sup> She was also a great-niece of Thomas More.<sup>[2]</sup> A few months after her husband died, Donne's mother married Dr. John Syminges, a wealthy widower with three children of his own.

Donne was educated privately; however, there is no evidence to support the popular claim that he was taught by Jesuits.<sup>[2]</sup> In 1583, at the age of 11, he began studies at Hart Hall, now Hertford College, Oxford. After three years of studies there, Donne was admitted to the University of Cambridge, where he studied for another three years.<sup>[10]</sup> Donne, however, could not obtain a degree from either institution because of his Catholicism, since he refused to take the Oath of Supremacy required to graduate.<sup>[11]</sup> In 1591 he was accepted as a student at the Thavies Inn legal school, one of the Inns of Chancery in London.<sup>[2]</sup> On 6 May 1592 he was admitted to Lincoln's Inn, one of the Inns of Court.<sup>[2]</sup>

In 1593, five years after the defeat of the Spanish Armada and during the intermittent Anglo-Spanish War (1585–1604), Queen Elizabeth issued the first English statute against sectarian dissent from the Church of England, titled "An Act for restraining Popish recusants". It defined "Popish recusants" as those "convicted for not repairing to some Church, Chapel, or usual place of Common Prayer to hear Divine Service there, but forbearing the same contrary to the tenor of the laws and statutes heretofore made and provided in that behalf". Donne's brother Henry was also a university student prior to his arrest in 1593 for harbouring a Catho-

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