



# ANGLICAN CHURCHES OF WANGARATTA

Holy Trinity Cathedral & St Michael's Church

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



**Eucharist with Hymns**

**8.00 a.m. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

## Introduction to the Season

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

**One family, we dwell in him,  
one Church, above, beneath;  
though now divided by the stream,  
the narrow stream of death.**

*(Charles Wesley)*

**All Saints' Day** and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on **All Souls' Day** both celebrate this mutual belonging.

All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness.

We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy; and this instinct also is expressed in the liturgy of All Souls' Day.

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said, including the following sentence*

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!  
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints,  
in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

*Sentence*

And a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people  
and language, cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs  
to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

Revelation 7.10

*Prayer of Preparation*

**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.**

*Confession*

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so  
closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Hebrews 12.1

*Silence*

**God of mercy,  
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong  
that we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Absolution*

May God our Father forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to the fellowship of his table  
with all his saints for ever. **Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise (Gloria)*

**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*

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion  
with all the saints.

Eternal God,  
neither death nor life can separate us from your love:  
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,  
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints  
who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### **A reading from the book Wisdom [3.1–9]**

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.  
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.  
For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.  
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.  
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.  
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.  
Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 24**

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:  
the compass of the world  
and those who dwell therein.**

**For he has founded it upon the seas:  
and established it upon the waters.**

**Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:  
or who shall stand in his holy place?**

**Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:  
who have not set their soul upon idols,  
nor sworn their oath to a lie.**

**They shall receive blessing from the Lord:  
and recompense from the God of their salvation.**

**Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:  
those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

**Lift up your heads, O you gates,  
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:  
and the King of glory shall come in.**

**Who is the King of glory?:  
the Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.**

**Lift up your heads, O you gates,  
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:  
and the King of glory shall come in.**

**Who is the King of glory?:  
the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

## **A reading from the Revelation of Saint John [21.1–6a]**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said,  
'See, I am making all things new.'

Also he said,

'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

Then he said to me,

'It is done!

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'

Hear the word of the Lord,

**thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [11.32–44]

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

When Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

For the gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon*

*After the sermon, there is a short period of silence*

*The Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come 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.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in the company of all the faithful  
and looking for the coming of the kingdom,  
let us offer our prayers to God,  
the source of all life and holiness.



Merciful Lord,  
strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit,  
that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation  
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless Clarence our bishop and all ministers of your Church,  
that by faithful proclamation of your word  
we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets  
into a holy temple in the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ  
from glory to glory.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give to the world and its peoples  
the peace that comes from above,  
that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love  
in the service of the poor and needy;  
all who minister to the sick and dying;  
and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin  
or disfigured by pain, that,  
raised from death to life in Christ,  
their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us  
who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity;  
we remember particularly this week  
whose Year's Mind occurs;

preserve in your faith your servants on earth,  
guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west,  
from north and south,  
and sit at table in your kingdom.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks  
for the whole company of your saints in glory,  
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;  
by your grace may we, like them,  
be made perfect in your love.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour and power,  
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of  
God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to  
those who were far off and peace to those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

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

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

Offertory Hymn TiS 108, tune Darwall

- 1. You holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
or else the theme  
too high will seem  
for mortal tongue.**

2. You blessed souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
his praises sound,  
as in his sight you now delight  
to see him crowned.
3. You saints who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as you go some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still through good and ill,  
who ever lives.
4. All nations of the earth,  
extol the world's great King:  
with melody and mirth God's glorious praises sing.  
In him rejoice,  
and there proclaim his holy name  
with sounding voice.
5. My soul, take now your part:  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart sing out the songs of love;  
and all my days  
let no distress not fears suppress  
his joyful praise.

Richard Baxter 1615–91 and  
John Hampden Gurney 1802–62 alt.

*Prayers at the Offertory*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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***

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**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father,  
almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,  
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses  
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,  
and with all who served you on earth  
and worship you now in heaven,  
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,  
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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. ✠

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me. ✠

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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. ✠

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy  
will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father eternal,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

With saints and martyrs through the ages, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread  
and the Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in 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.**

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'  
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.**

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
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 Announcements*

**Hymn:** TiS 470, tune Paderborn.

- 1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:  
a world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**
- 2. Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.**
- 3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own;  
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!**
- 4. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:  
a world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

Frederick Pratt Green 1903–2000  
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*The Blessing*

May God,  
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

**Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship  
and a share in their praises.

**Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness  
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**AMEN!**

*The Dismissal*

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,  
go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**