



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist Service*

### All Saints Day

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

Welcome to our live-streamed service, linked from our parish website: [www.stjohndivine.org.au](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au)

#### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

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

Hymn: Rejoice in God's saints

by Frederick Pratt Green (b.1903) - tune: Paderborn

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- 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.**

#### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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 is kept.*

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

You are loving to all

and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

Your faithful servants bless your name

and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

May the God of love and power

forgive you and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,

and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### GLORIA AND COLLECT

**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.**

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

We praise you, heavenly Father,

that you have knit together your chosen ones

in one communion and fellowship

in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:

give us grace so to follow your blessed saints

in all virtuous and godly living

that we may come to those inexpressible joys

you have prepared for those who truly love you;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour,

who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,

one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*In the first reading St John the Divine shares with us a vision of all the saints gathered together in God's presence, celebrating God's glory made manifest in Jesus. And we ourselves participate in this in the hymn which immediately follows.*

#### *First reading*

A reading from the Revelation to John 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'

I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he

said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the

great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne  
will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne  
will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

May your word live in us

**And bear much fruit to your glory.**

Hymn: Come let us join our cheerful songs  
by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt. - tune: *Nativity*  
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- 1. Come let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.**
- 2. 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,  
'to be exalted this';  
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,  
for he was slain for us.**
- 3. Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings more than we can give,  
be, Lord, for ever thine.**
- 4. Let all creation join in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.**

*The next reading is also by St John the Divine, reminding us to purify ourselves. And then the Beatitudes describe the heart attitudes needed to do this.*

Second reading

A reading from John's first letter 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

May your word live in us

**And bear much fruit to your glory.**

Gospel reading

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew 5.1-12

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
who made and loves all that is.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,  
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*Response:*

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

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

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*Colossians 3.14, 15*

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hymn: For all the saints who showed your love  
by John Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule (b.1958)  
tune: O Waly Waly

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- 1. For all the saints who showed your love  
in how they lived and where they moved,  
for mindful women, caring men,  
accept our gratitude again.**
- 2. For all the saints who loved your name,  
whose faith increased the Saviour's game,  
who sang your songs and shared your word,  
accept our gratitude, good Lord.**
- 3. For all the saints who named your will,  
and saw your kingdom coming still  
though selfless protest, prayer and praise,  
accept the gratitude we raise.**
- 4. Bless all whose will or name or love  
reflects the grace of heaven above.  
Though unclaimed by earthly powers,  
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.**

To you we come, Father of lights,  
with angels and saints,  
where heaven and earth unite.  
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.  
**Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
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 Christ 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 for ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains  
which have been gathered together and made one  
bread:

**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful. **Amen.**

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Let us pray.

God, the source of all holiness:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

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.**

Hymn: Thanks be to God

by Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) - tune: Lobe Den Herren  
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- 1. Thanks be to God for his saints  
of each past generation,  
one with us still in one body,  
one great congregation;  
with them proclaim  
Jesus for ever the same,  
Author of life and salvation.**
- 2. Thanks be to God for his blessings  
which daily surround us;  
glory to Christ the Redeemer  
who sought us and found us,  
who from the grave  
rose, the almighty to save,  
breaking the fetters that bound us.**
- 3. Thanks be to God for the years  
that are yet in his keeping,  
trusting each day to the care  
of a Father unsleeping,  
on to the end,  
Christ our companion and friend,  
joy at the last for our weeping.**
- 4. Thanks be to God who has called us  
and daily defends us,  
who with the Son and the Spirit  
unchanging befriends us;  
now in that Name,  
Jesus for ever the same,  
forth to his service he sends us.**

#### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God give you grace to follow all the saints in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and those whom you love and pray for,  
now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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#### NOTICES

**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed** (All Souls' Day service) at 7pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The service will live-streamed on our Facebook page - with the link on the parish website for those without Facebook accounts. This year's short service will not be a Eucharist, but will nevertheless be an opportunity to remember those who have died over the last twelve months, and loved ones we still miss and mourn. **Please send in the names of those you would like to specifically be remembered** - by email, text, or phone - and these will be read out as part of the service.

Under the current Covid-19 regulations, please note that no one is permitted to be in the church, except when personally invited for scheduled services, and for administrative purposes. Refer to further details in the weekly newsletter. Also note that the **entry door access code has been changed** - contact Fr John directly if you are required to know the new code.

The Parish's **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for 2pm Sunday 29th November. **Nominations** are called for the electable positions of churchwarden, parish counsellor, and incumbency committee member, to be emailed or posted to Fr John by TODAY (1st November.)

Applications to be put on the **Electoral Roll** need to also be received by TODAY.

Our **weekly newsletter** is being distributed via email or post, to every household. This has detailed news, and includes the readings, sermon, and some prayers. If you are a member of the parish and are not yet receiving this directly - or would like to become a member in order to receive it - please contact me directly, or through the parish office at office@stjohndivine.org.au

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