

St John the Divine

Eucharist service

All Saints Sunday

7th November 2021

WELCOME!

Welcome to our worship and community life at St John the Divine, and to our live-streamed service, linked from our parish website: www.stjohndivine.org.au

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Welcome and notices

Hymn: For all the saints

William Marshall Howe (1823-97) alt. - tune: Sine Nomine © The Australian Hymn Book Company Pty Ltd, 1999, CCL No 632290

- 1. For all the saints who from their labours rest, who to the world their Lord by faith confessed, your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed. *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*
- 2. You were their rock, their fortress and their might, you were their captain in the well fought fight, in deepest darkness still their one true light. *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*
- 3. So may your servants, faithful, true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*
- 8. From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest shore,

through heaven's gate the holy people pour; the Three-in-One for ever they adore. *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

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

Let us pray. 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.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

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. Almighty God,

who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus 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 Holv Spirit. in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Let us pray that we may be strengthened

Let us pray that we may be 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 body of your Son, Jesus 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

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

May your word live in us,

and bear much fruit to your glory.

<u>Psalm 24</u>

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.

- ² For he has founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the waters.
- ³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place?
- ⁴ Those who have clean hands and a pure heart: who have not set their soul upon idols, nor sworn their oath to a lie.
- ⁵ They shall receive blessing from the Lord: and recompense from the God of their salvation.
- ⁶ Of such a kind as this are those who seek him: those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.
- ⁸ Who is the King of glory?: the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ Who is the King of glory?: the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

A reading from the book of Revelation 21.1-6a

Then 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.'

May your word live in us, and bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn: <u>For all the saints</u> William Marshall Howe (1823-97) alt. - tune: Sine Nomine © The Australian Hymn Book Company Pty Ltd, 1999, CCL No 632290

- 4. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine, all yours, all joined in unity divine. *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*
- 5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*
- 6. The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest, the peaceful calm of paradise the blest. *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*
- 7. But see, there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 11.32-44

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When Mary 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

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 COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power.

For you have created all things, and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation.

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign with you on earth.

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud, after which there is silence.

This is the will of him that sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, and I will raise them up at the last day.

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth, but have also promised us a share in life eternal. According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of Christ come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom, where there will be neither sorrow nor pain, but life everlasting.

Alleluia. Amen.

Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone, but for those also whom we love and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death; that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

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

Hymn: <u>For all the saints who showed your love</u> John Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule (b.1958), tune: O Waly Waly © Wild Goose Resource Group, 1989, CCL No 632290

- 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 fame, 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 through selfless protest, prayer and praise, accept the gratitude we raise.
- Bless all whose will or name or love reflects the grace of heaven above.
 Though unacclaimed by earthly powers, your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

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

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks because you have called us into the fellowship of all your saints, and set before us the example of their witness and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.

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 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.

- Holy God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that we who eat and drink them in obedience to our Saviour Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may be partakers of his body and blood, and be made one with him and with each other in peace and love.
- 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.
- As we eat and drink this holy sacrament, renew us by your Spirit that we may be united in the body of your Son and serve you as a royal priesthood in the joy of your eternal kingdom.
- Receive our praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you in songs of never-ending praise: **Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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.

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.

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

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: <u>You holy angels bright</u> Richard Baxter (1615 - 1691) - tune: Darwall © this version Jubilate Hymns Ltd, CCL No 632290

- 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 faithful souls at rest, who ran this earthly race, and now from sin released behold your Saviour's face: his praises sound and all unite in sweet delight to see him crowned.
- 3. You saints who serve below, adore your heavenly King, and as you onward go your joyful anthems sing: take what he gives and praise him still through good and ill, who ever lives.

So take, my soul, your part; triumph in God above, and with a well-tuned heart sing out your songs of love: with joy proclaim through all your days in ceaseless praise his glorious name!

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.

God give you grace to follow all the saints in faith and hope and love; go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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Sun 7 th Nov	All Saints Sunday		
	8am	Eucharist (fully vaxed only)	
	10am	Eucharist (fully vaxxed only) (also live-streamed)	
	8pm	AA meeting	
Mon 8 th Nov	10.30amAl Anon meeting		
Tue 9 th Nov	1pm	AA meeting	
	5.30pm	community meal: TDRM	
	7 30pm	(St John's team cooking) Vestry meeting	
Wed 10 th Nov	•	Eucharist (fully vaxxed only)	
		community meal: Winter Shelter	
	-	Kindergarten New Parents	
	7.30pm	Mission Action Team	
Thu 11 th Nov		10.30am AA meeting	
	11am 7 30pm	Park Lane Aged Care (TBC) AA meeting	
Fri 12 th Nov	Vicar's day off		
		Al Anon meeting	
Sat 13 th Nov	7am	AA meeting	
	5pm	Eucharist (no vax status req'd)	
		(in All Saints & All Souls chapel)	
Sun 14 th Nov	<u>25th Sur</u> 8am	<u>nday after Pentecost</u> Eucharist <i>(fully vaxxed only)</i>	
	10am	Eucharist (fully vaxed only)	
		(also live-streamed)	
	8pm	AA meeting	

NOTICES

Resuming in-person Church services

The usual schedule of services have resumed:

- Sunday 8am and 10am, and Wednesday 10am. These are for fully vaccinated people only, and evidence will need to be provided when signing in using the digital QR code upon entry.
- For those who are not fully vaccinated, there is now a Eucharist service in the All Saints & All Souls Chapel (downstairs) at 5pm every Saturday.
- Note that morning tea will be served by rostered people only after the 10am Sunday service.
- Masks must be worn indoors apart from the one person speaking/leading/preaching at the time.
- Fully vaccinated groups of all kinds can meet at church, subject to the 4sqm rule in each space.
- Unvaccinated/mixed groups can meet either for religious activities, or essential support groups such as AA or community meals - but only up to a maximum of 30 people.

All Souls' remembrance on All Saints Sunday

On this day, at our 10am service, we include the remembrance of those who have died over the last twelve or so months, and those we still miss and mourn, even after many years.

If you haven't yet provided the names of those you wish to have read out during that remembrance, text or email them directly to Fr John (0448 499 093 or office@stjohndivine.com.au) before the service.

Revision of Electoral Roll

A print-out of the draft update of the electoral roll is on display on the foyer notice board. Kindly suggest any amendments to Fr John before the deadline of Saturday 13 November.

Annual report submissions

These need to be sent to the parish office by Sunday 14 November at the latest.

Annual Meeting timeline

- the electoral roll is being revised until 13 Nov
- · 14 Nov deadline for reports for annual meeting
- 21 Nov annual meeting reports distributed
- 25 Nov deadline for nominations for office bearers
- 28 Nov (Advent Sunday) 11.30am Annual Meeting
- note that there will only be one service on this day, at 10am

Parish email address

Please note that some people are inadvertently sending emails to the obsolete gmail account. We'll soon be deleting this account.

Instead, kindly ensure that you are using the official email addresses:

vicar@stjohndivine.org.au

Emails to this address are seen only by the vicar.

office@stjohndivine.org.au

Emails to this address are seen by the vicar, and the parish administrator.