Anglican Parish of the Parks
St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park

1 November 2026
All Saints
9:30am Sung Eucharist

Wominjeka – Welcome

A warm welcome to our worship today, especially if you are here for the first time or visiting from elsewhere. Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service. This booklet contains the full order of service: you are invited to join in the parts printed in bold type.

Today's service will be livestreamed at: http://video.parishoftheparks.com.au

We acknowledge that we meet on the land of the Boonwurrung people of the Kulin nation. We acknowledge and pay our respects to their elders, past and present, who have the continuing right and responsibility to care for this Country.

WELCOME

to our worship today at the Parish of the Parks

This booklet contains the full order of service. You are invited to join in saying together the words printed in bold type, and to stand where indicated as you are able. Sometimes you may simply need to sit and be carried by the prayers of others – that too is part of our life as the church.

Children are always welcome to be fully part of our service. At the back on the left hand side of the church there is a children's activity area, but please also feel most welcome to sit near the front where children can more easily see what is happening. It's fine if they make a bit of noise, or if they want to roam around and explore this new place.

There is a bathroom and change table at the bottom of the stairs near the front door (opposite the lift).

When we come to share Holy Communion, everyone is welcome. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share the communion bread (and wine) at their parents' discretion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, or if you need a gluten free wafer, please let the priest know when you come forward.

If you have any particular questions, needs, concerns, or prayer requests, you are welcome to speak with Rev'd Chris after the service or to be in touch using the contact details on the back page.

We would love to keep in touch with you! Each week the parish sends an email update looking ahead to the next Sunday. You are welcome to sign up on our website at www.parishoftheparks.com.au/subscribe

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Prelude *Variations sur "Sine Nomine"* (Denis Bédard)

Gathering in God's Name

A bell is rung as a signal for all to stand

Hymn

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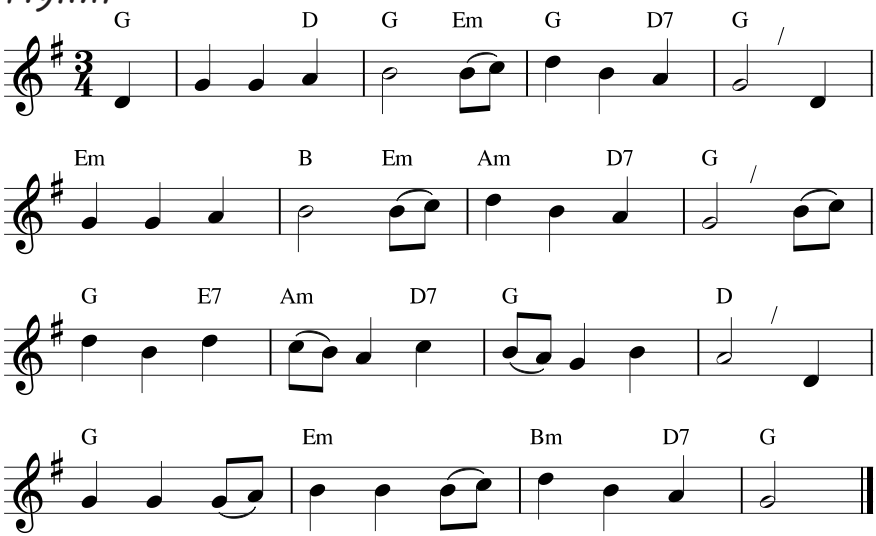

1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

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.

Frederick Pratt Green 1903–2000
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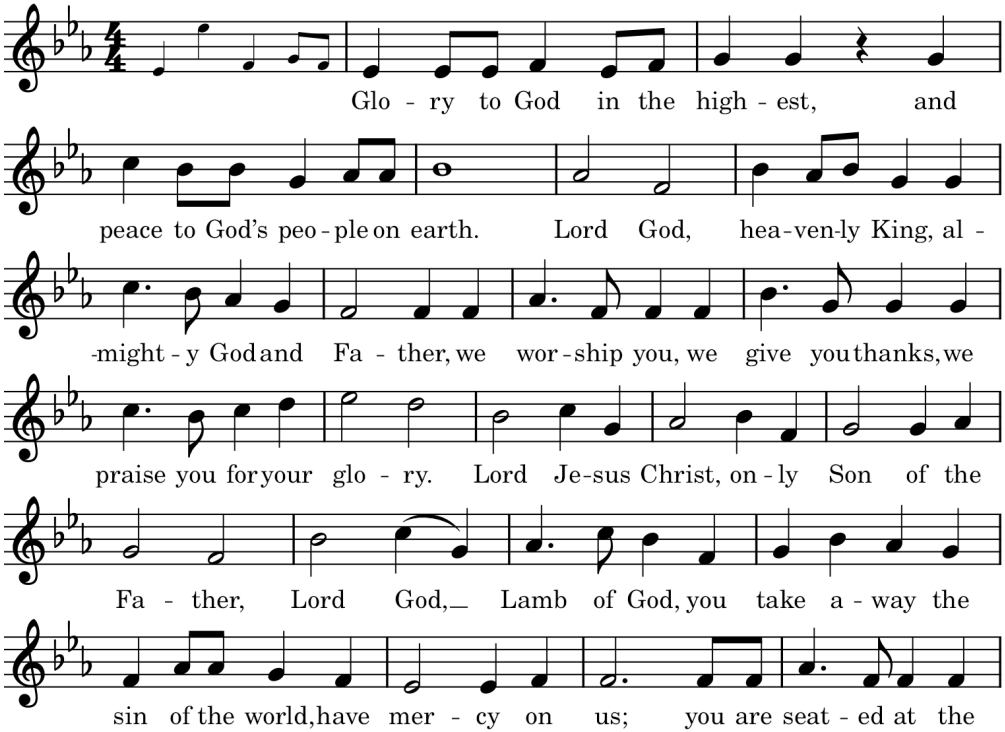
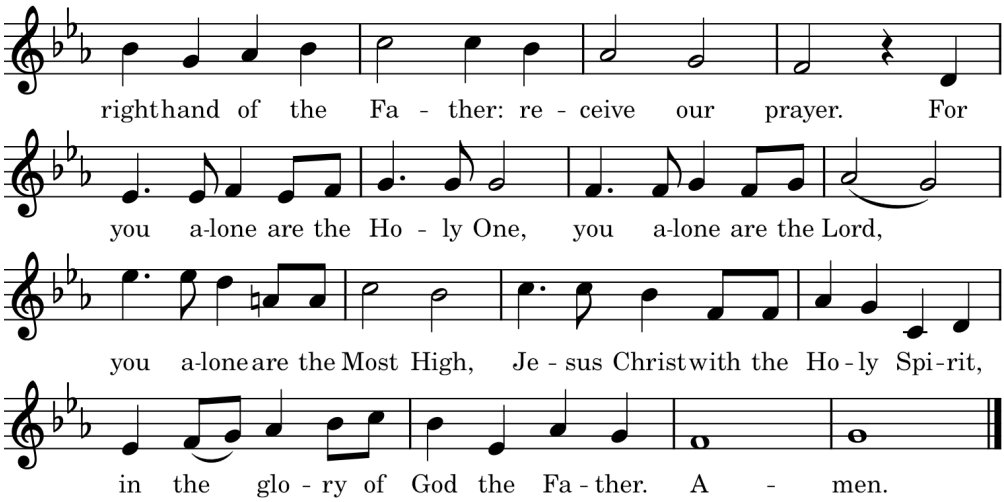
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
All **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.

Gloria





Prayer of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

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.

All **Amen.**

Opening the Scriptures

First Reading

A reading from the Revelation to St John the Divine

9 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. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

11 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, 12 singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in
white, and where have they come from?' 14 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.

15 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.
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17 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.'

(Revelation 7.9-17; NRSVA)

Reader Hear the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

34.1-10

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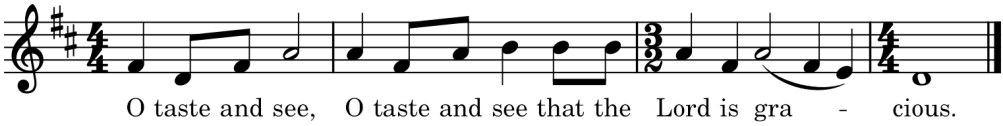
I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

Response

O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

Response

The angel of the Lord
encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Response

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of John

[1] 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. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he[a] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

(1 John 3.1-3; NRSVA)

Reader Hear the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

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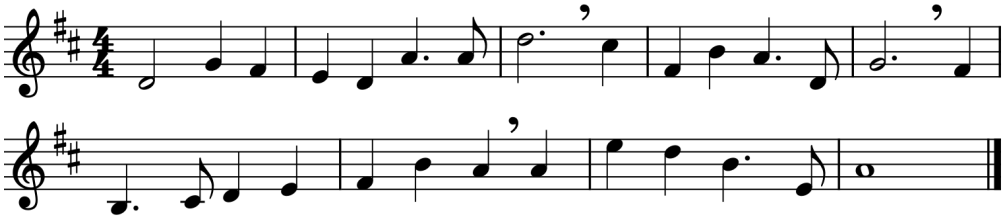
1. Give me the wings of faith to rise
   within the veil, and see
   the saints above, how great their joys,
   how bright their glories be.

2. Once they were mourning here below,
   and poured out sighs and tears;
   they wrestled hard, as we do now,
   with sins and doubts and fears.

3. I ask them whence their victory came;
   they, with united breath,
   ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
   their triumph to his death.

4. They marked the footsteps that he trod,
   his zeal inspired their quest,
   and, following their incarnate God,
   possess the promised rest.

5. Our glorious leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

Isaac Watts 1674–1748 alt.
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Please remain standing for:

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **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. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

(5.1-12; NRSVA)

For the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

Server Let us affirm as ours the faith of the Church:

All **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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.

Prayer and Penitence

The Prayers of the People

Presider Let us pray for all people,
and for the church throughout the world.

After each petition: **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:
Presider Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
All **Grant that what we have asked in faith**
we may by your grace receive
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Server 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
confident in God's forgiveness.

All **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.

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

Celebrating at the Lord's table

The Greeting of Peace

Presider We are the body of Christ.
All **His Spirit is with us.**

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

We share the peace in a way you are comfortable with.
This may include giving a sign from afar, shaking hands,
or similar acknowledgement.

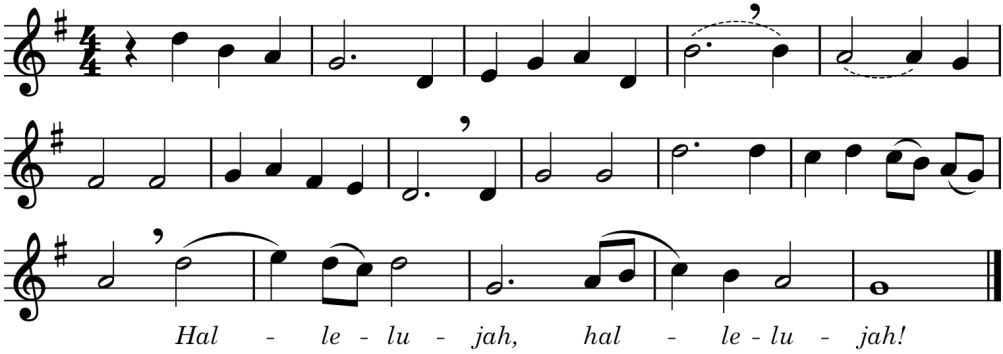
At the conclusion of the following hymn our gifts are brought forward.
These contributions to the ministry of the parish can be made:

- *in the collection plate near the back of the church*
- *in the basket near the back of the church, for food items to be distributed through the Sunday Suppers program*
- *by online donation (please see page 23 for details)*

Thank you *for all these gifts to sustain the life and ministry of our parish.*

Hymn

TiS 455



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.

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.

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.

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Prayer over the gifts

Presider Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,**
and of your own do we give you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

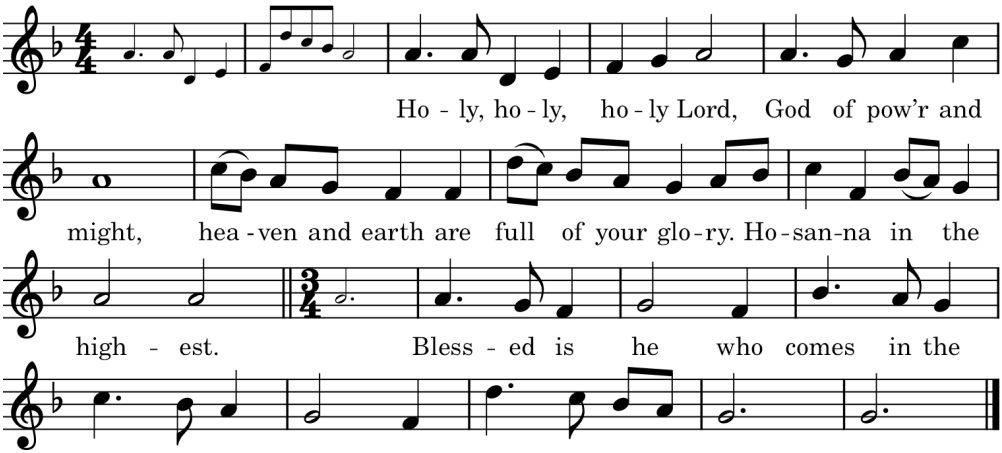
Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

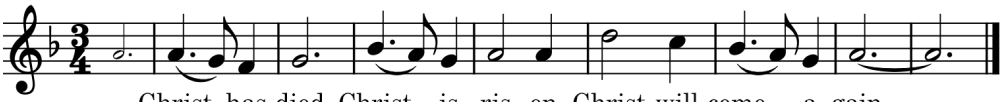
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

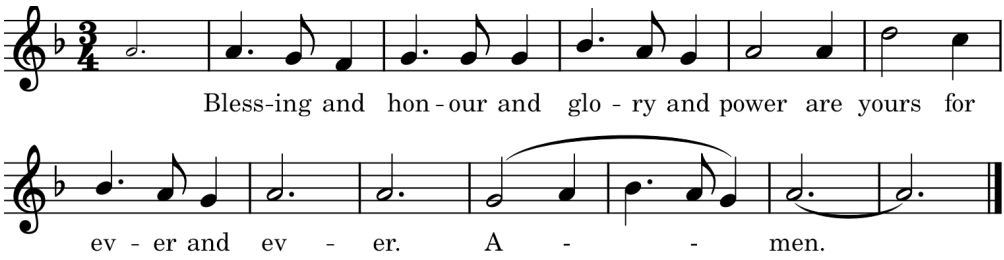
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The presider prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:



The Last Supper is recalled, including Jesus' command to continue sharing bread and wine: in memory of him, and proclaiming his death and resurrection. All respond:



The prayer calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God, and concludes:

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As God's children, and heirs with Christ
we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father:

All **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.

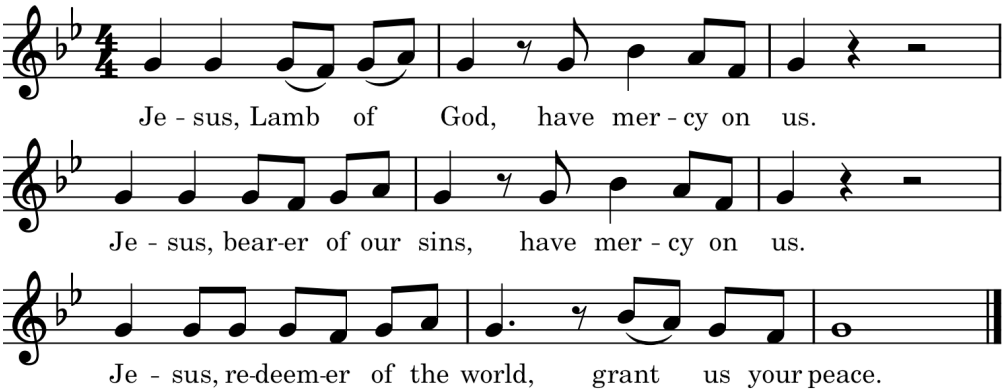
The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

The priest breaks the bread and says

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

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

All sing



The gifts of God, for the people of God.
Draw near with faith,
to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Everyone is welcome to come forward and share communion.
The wine is received either from a common cup (on the left side of the altar steps), or by the priest dipping the bread into the wine (on the right side).
Please tell the priest if you require a gluten free wafer,
or if you would prefer to receive a blessing.

Communion music *Shall we gather by the river?* (Aaron Copland)

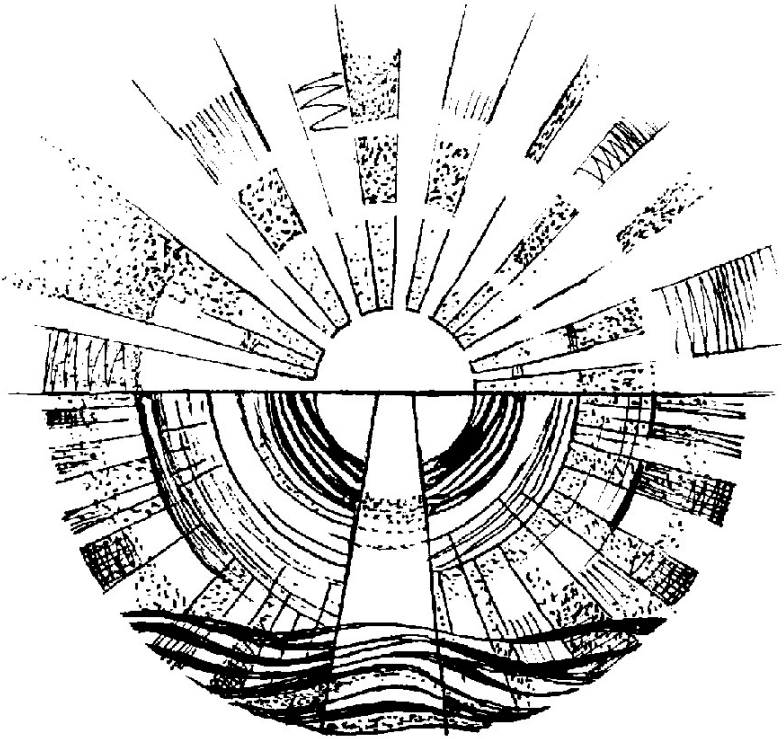
Going into the world

Post-communion prayer

Presider 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.

All **Most loving God,**
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Notices



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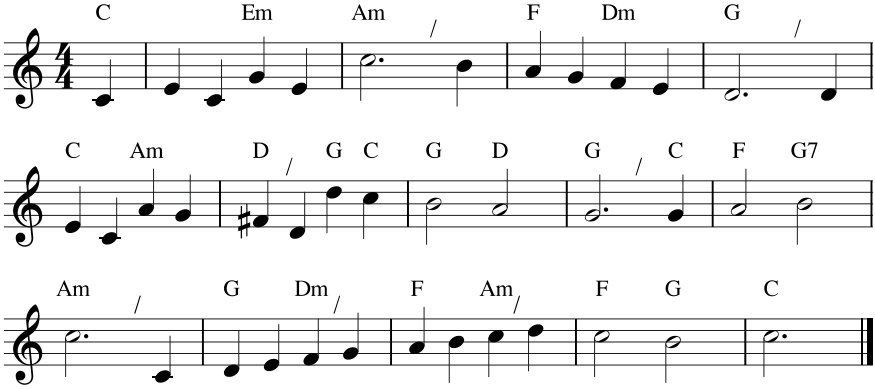

1. You holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
or else the theme
too high will seem
for mortal tongue.

2. You blessèd 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.
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Blessing and sending out

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

May God give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.
All **Amen.**

May God strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.
All **Amen.**

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

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

Postlude *When the saints go marching in* (trad. Spiritual)

Organist: Shauna Beesley
with
Andrew Close (clarinet)

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From your Vicar...

Dear friends,

As we celebrate All Saints today, we stand in a tradition that goes back through Christian history to at least the 5th century. From very early days the Church has commemorated and honoured martyrs, usually on the anniversary of their death. But over time there became too many for them each to have a specific day, and so a common day was set aside to venerate them all. By AD 610 this was being celebrated in May; and in the Eastern Orthodox Churches, All Saints is still celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, just after the season of Easter and so keeping a connection with the victory of Christ over death.

In AD 835 the Church in the West officially moved the date of All Saints to 1 November. It's not clear how much this was influenced by pre-existing pagan festivals such as the Celtic festival of Samhain, marking the end of harvest and the start of winter. Both Celtic and Germanic peoples had traditional celebrations at this time which included a heightened awareness of the spirits of the dead, and here we find some roots of modern Halloween traditions.

Today All Saints is an opportunity to remember and give thanks for ALL the saints: the apostles and martyrs of old, those we have known and loved in our own lives, and those who have gone before us in the story of this parish. At our service this evening we will remember loved ones more reflectively, while this morning's tone is of celebration, thanksgiving and praise to God.

We are often not as conscious of Christian martyrs in our own time, but All Saints is a good reminder too that today men and women around the world face death because of their belief in Jesus Christ: in North Korea, Iran, Nepal, Colombia, Pakistan and many other countries.

As the letter to the Hebrews tells us:

> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12.1-2)

With prayers of thanks as we follow in the footsteps of the saints,
Chris

All Souls' service

Tonight at 6pm: a reflective service with readings, music and prayers, as we remember loved ones who have died. Please let Rev'd Chris know any names that you would like added to the list that will be read at that service.

Annual Parish Meeting

Parish Council has set the Annual Parish Meeting for 11am on **Sunday 22nd November**. It's therefore time to think about some practical preparations...

- **Parish Electoral Roll:** In preparation for the Annual Meeting, we are required to revise and update the electoral roll. If you are not currently on the roll and wish to be able to vote at the annual meeting, please complete a form (at the back of the church) or speak to Rev'd Chris for further details.
- **Reports for Annual Meeting:** Please send all reports to the parish office (office@parishoftheparks.org.au) by Monday 2 November.
- **Nomination forms** for election as Churchwardens, Parish Councillors and Parish Nominators are available at the back of the church. Please give prayerful consideration to nominations for these important roles.

A proposed change: In addition to the regular business of the Annual Parish Meeting, this year Parish Council is proposing a change to our Parish Rules, reducing the size of Parish Council from 12 members to 9 members. In recent years Parish Council has never had all seats filled, and so this will bring us closer to reflecting a realistic size for that group.

Music for All

A concert by and for our local community! An opportunity for you or someone you know to play or sing for others: **Monday 7th December, 6-7pm** in the church. More details at www.trybooking.com/DRENZ

Keeping in touch

- Each week the parish sends an email update looking ahead to the next Sunday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you are welcome to sign up on our website at www.parishoftheparks.com.au/subscribe
- ***In this season*** is a regular newsletter from Archbishop Ric Thorpe, with stories, reflections, prayers and encouragement from across the Diocese of Melbourne. Sign up at bit.ly/inthisseasonnewsletter

Looking ahead

22 November 11:15am Annual Parish Meeting
7 December 6pm "Music for All" community concert

For our prayers

The world and nation:
For the people of Iran; for those affected by this week's rail accident in Spain.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:
The Church in Canada and the United States of America

Anglican Communion:
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Anglican Church in Australia:
The Primate (Bp Mark Short), The General Secretary (Juliet Wenden), General Synod office staff

Diocese of Melbourne:
Archbishop Ric Thorpe and the College of Bishops: Bishops Paul Barker, Megan Curlis-Gibson, Nigel Pope and Ben Wong; the four episcopal areas of Nunawading, Dandenong, Geelong and Merri; for prayerful and accountable leadership across the Diocese

Our parish and community:
For those who come for Sunday Suppers and food parcels this weekend.

Those for whom prayers have been asked:
Ian, Shauna, Owen, Dianne, Trevor
Continuing prayers for: Diane, Joan, Hailey, Angie

The communion of saints:

Year's mind:

Clive Tayler	1 November 2007
Anne Oliver	2 November 1970
Bertha Bracken	6 November 1967
Beryl Daniel	8 November 2008

To add a name to the prayer list, for those needing prayers now (with their consent) or to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please contact Rev'd Chris.

The saint is someone who starts a chain reaction of new perception in the world, who reinforces, even among those who don't or can't yet believe, the confidence that there's more to us all than we have suspected.

(Rowan Williams)

Readings for next week (Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost):
Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78.1-7 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18 Matthew 25.1-13

Giving to the parish

Financial giving, each of us as we are able, is part of our belonging to the church. Our members' regular giving supports the ministry of the parish and enables us to make our contribution to the diocese and wider church. There are several options for making your offering:

- Placing money in the offertory plate on Sundays
- Electronic Funds Transfer to the parish bank account
  Account name: Anglican Parish of the Parks
  BSB: 703 122 Account: 05009157
- Online at https://www.parishoftheparks.com.au/donationsbequests.html
  (You can give to either General Offertory, Sunday Suppers or the Music Program. Donations over $2 to Sunday Suppers and the Music Program are tax deductible, and you will be sent a receipt.)

Thank you – all our giving is part of sustaining the life of the parish.

Rosters	1 November	8 November
Welcomer	Catherine	Frank
Servers	Marcia, Caitlin, Geoff	Scott, Geoff, Marcia
Readers	Jo D Geoff	Catherine, Frank
Intercessions	Catherine	Marcia
Offertory	Peter T, Catherine	Catherine, Frank
Chalice	Scott, Jo D	Geoff, Marcia
Morning tea	Jo D, Geoff	Frank, Jo, Marcia
Flowers	Anna	Anna
Video livestream	Rob	Michael
Side person	Catherine	Frank
Emerald Hill pick-up	Jo D	Catherine
Sunday Suppers	Parcels Team Leader: Gina Ann, Ed, Karina Suppers Team Leader - Josh Yvonne, Richard, Sandy	TBC

This week in our parish:

Sunday 1st November
All Saints
9:30am Sung Eucharist
4:30pm Sunday Suppers & Food Parcels
6pm All Souls' service

Monday 2nd
9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 3rd
NB No Morning Prayer

Wednesday 4th
8:30am Morning Prayer
11am Eucharist

Thursday 5th
9am Morning Prayer

Saturday 7th
9am Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th November
24th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30am Sung Eucharist
11:15am Parish Council meeting

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