

Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys



Sunday 30th October 2022

Sung Eucharist 9.30am

ST MICHAEL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

39 O'Leary Street, Wangaratta

Vicar: The Venerable Neil Hicks

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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Welcome and Greeting

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.
Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Sentence

Blessed are you when people hate and revile and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6.22–23

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-
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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.**

Introduction to Confession

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Short time of reflection

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

cf Psalm 51

The Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis.

**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.

Silence is kept.

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
that 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.**

Please be seated

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah (65. 17-25)

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred
will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 149

1. O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song:
praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
2. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
3. Let them praise him in the dance:
let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
4. For the Lord takes delight in his people:
he adorns the meek with his salvation.
5. Let his faithful ones exult in his glory:
let them sing for joy upon their beds.
6. Let the high praises of God be in their mouths:
and a two-edged sword in their hands,
7. To execute vengeance on the nations:
and chastisement upon the peoples,
8. To bind their kings in chains:
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
9. To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed:
such honour belongs to all his faithful servants.
Praise the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (1. 11-23)

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy,
for surely your reward is great in heaven;
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their
ancestors did to the false prophets.

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those
who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who
abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other
also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold
even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if
anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to
others as you would have them do to you.

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

The 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

The Priest says:

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.

The minister says:

We give thanks for all who through faith have built up your church, for those who quietly served you and the community; we remember especially any who have inspired us. May we become the people you have called us to be, a chosen people, a holy people. May we each fulfil our vocation and use our gifts to your glory and the relief of those in need.

Lord, make us to be numbered with your saints
in that glory which is everlasting.

Bless, O Lord, all peace-makers: guide the work of the United Nations and all those who are striving for peace and freedom. We pray for all who seek to promote justice, integrity and right dealings, for all who work for fair trade, and all relief organizations.

Lord, make us to be numbered with your saints
in that glory which is everlasting.

We give you thanks for all who have inspired us, who have enriched our lives by their goodness and faith. We pray for all who are seeking to live a godly and saintly life. We ask your blessing upon our community, our homes and loved ones; we remember before you all who are lonely and fearful.

Lord, make us to be numbered with your saints
in that glory which is everlasting.

We pray for all who watch and wait for your coming,
for the weary and the worn, the hungry and the rejected,
all who long for justice and freedom,
all who weep because of injustice.

We pray for all who suffer for their faith:

the scorned and the persecuted, the mocked and the ignored.
Remembering before you Lord those for whom we have asked to
pray: Vi Bussell. Dot Adams. Jayne Jarrad. Neliya Don Leonard.
Nina Colson. Bronwyn. Josef. Kaye McKenzie. Kate Jessup.
John Parkes. Nancy Backlund. Ross Backlund.

We pray for friends and loved ones who are suffering,
that they may be strong in their faith.

Lord, make us to be numbered with your saints
in that glory which is everlasting.

We give thanks for all who have triumphed in your Name,
all who have been undefeated and undiminished
and now share in the communion of saints in your kingdom.
Of local remembrance this week we give thanks for:
Bert Symons, Roma Vincent, Dorothy Pike, Mick Chapman,
Win Roberts, William Gerrett.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Lord, make us to be numbered with your saints
in that glory which is everlasting.

The priest says:

Holy God, you call us to be holy;
we give you thanks and praise for the sanctity of the saints,
the virtue of virgins, the perception of the prophets,
and the witness of martyrs. May we be inspired by them and live
and work to your praise and glory;
**through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

God, who has called you to his presence and his peace,
make you to be numbered with his saints.

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

*All may exchange a COVID Safe
Sign of Peace.*

Offertory Hymn TiS 108, tune Darwall

*during which the Gifts of the People
are presented for the Holy Communion
and the Offering is Presented*

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.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

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
Jesus 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.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

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.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**



Communion Anthem— *One Bread, One Body*

[Chorus] **One bread, one body
One Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many
Throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord**

[Verse 1] Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man, no more [Chorus]

[Verse 2] Many the gifts
Many the works
One in the Lord of all [Chorus]

[Verse 3] Grain for the fields
Scattered and grown
Gathered to one, for all [Chorus]

John Foley, SJ, (1939—)

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

After Communion Hymn [tune, O Waly Waly]

1. For all the saints who've shown your love
in how they live and where they move,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.
2. For all the saints who've loved your name,
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,
who've sung your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude again.
3. For all the saints who've named your will,
and shown the kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,
accept our gratitude again.
4. Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly pow'rs,
Your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

John Bell (1949—)

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.

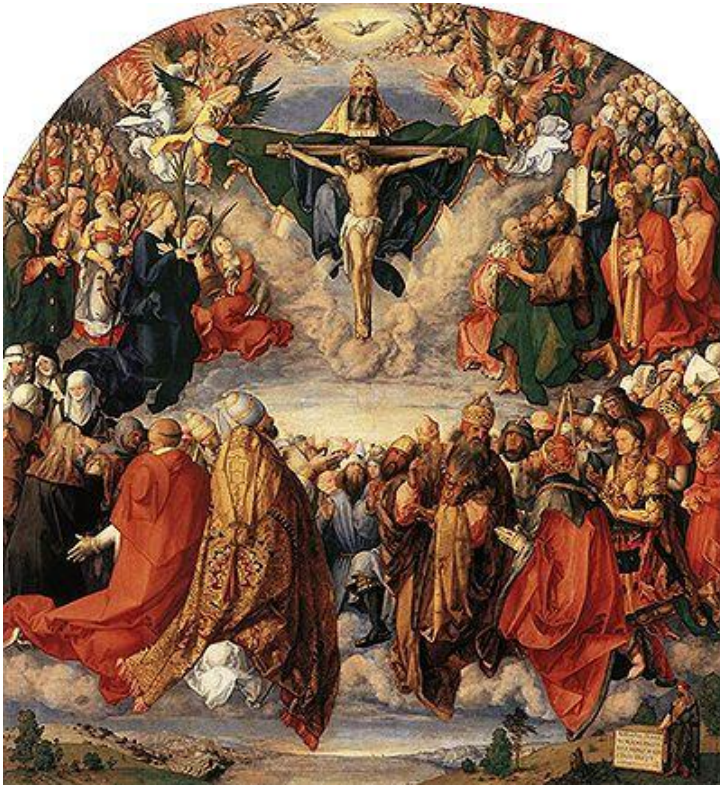
Thanks be to God.

All Saints' †



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This complex altarpiece was completed by Albrecht Durer in 1511 and can now be found at the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, Austria. It is known as the Adoration of the Trinity and also sometimes as All Saints.

The altarpiece depicts the Trinity, with God the Father holding a crucifix with a still-alive Jesus. Above them, in a cloud of light surrounded by cherubims, is the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. God the Father wears an imperial crown and a wide gilt cloak, lined in green and supported by angels.

The artist paints a host of male and female saints of Heaven, inspired by Augustine, who are led by John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary, respectively. Below, the human multitudes are divided between religious men and women (left, led by the pope), and laymen, led by the Holy Roman Emperor. At left, near a cardinal who is perhaps interceding for him, is the aged Matthäus Landauer, wearing rich garments and putting down his hat. A peasant, with one of his tools, represents the poor classes. On the right is an enigmatic queen whose face is entirely hidden by a veil, which leaves only the eyes visible.

The lower section is occupied by a large landscape with the dawn above a lake, among hills, inspired by landscapes by Albrecht Altdorfer and Joachim Patinir. There is also a self-portrait of Dürer holding a cartouche with the signature and date inscription:

