



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS



4 November 2018

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, commonly referred to as *Christ Church Cathedral*.

Since its dedication on the Feast of St James (25 July) in 1884, the Cathedral has exercised a special role in the City of Grafton and also in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, whose parishes, schools and other agencies serve communities throughout the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us today.

You are sharing in worship from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which stands in the long Anglican tradition of 'common prayer' in which people, choir and clergy offer God and each other the best of ourselves ('our souls and our bodies') for the common good. We seek the peace and well-being of our nation, and especially our local community.

We are delighted that you are here: please come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or from another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to a member of the clergy after the service.

The service today is a celebration of the Eucharist during which there will be an opportunity for people to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other Christian churches are invited to receive the Sacrament here today, as their own conscience allows. Everyone is welcome to come for a blessing, even if not receiving the consecrated Elements.

The Cathedral is open every day. Free WIFI is available in the Cathedral and throughout our gardens.

You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this House of Prayer a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.



Visit the Cathedral web site for the latest news and information
www.graftoncathedral.org.au

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

You are invited to light a candle for your loved ones before the service begins, during the offertory hymn or after receiving Holy Communion.

Mass Setting St Thomas Mass (David Thorne)

Introit *Gaudeamus* (Introit for All Saints, Plainsong)

Processional Hymn

Rejoice in God's saints [TIS 470]

**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.**

**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.**

**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!**

**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

The priest greets the people.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

A minister says

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.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.

Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

This Hymn of Praise may be said or sung.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Collect of the Day.

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 Old Testament

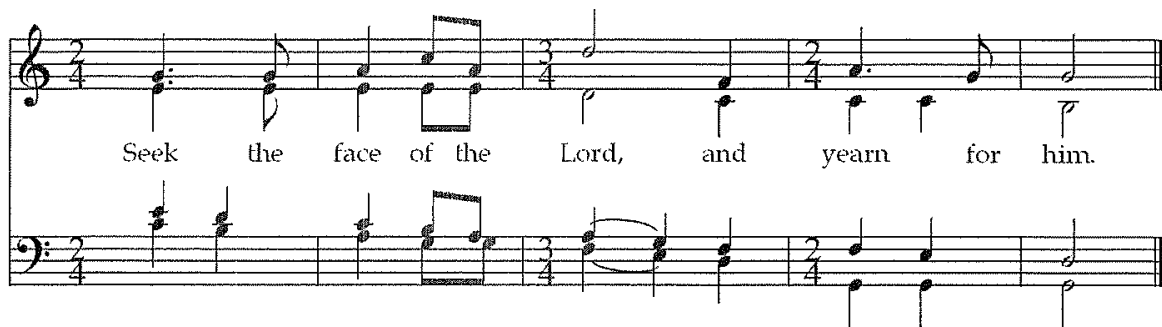
Wisdom 3:1–9

But 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 forever. 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

Anthony Gregory Murray 1905-92



Seek the face of the Lord, and yearn for him.

A Reading from New Testament

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;

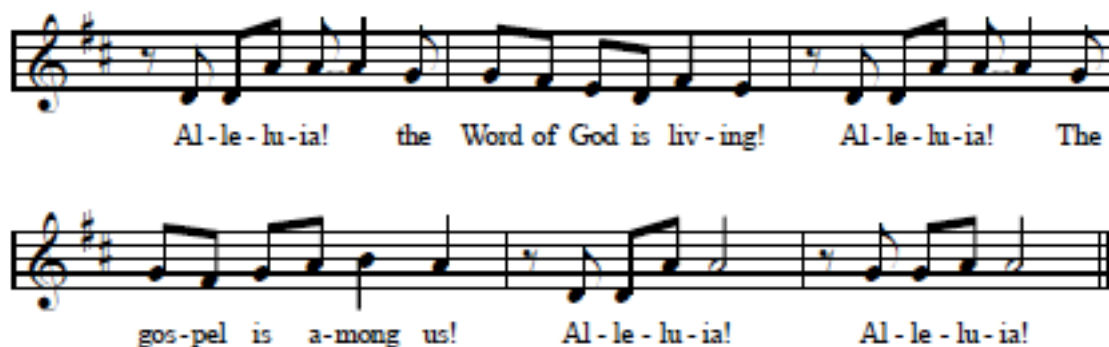
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

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. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

All stand for the Gospel reading, which may be introduced by the following chant.



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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.

The Sermon

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

A minister says

God has raised Jesus Christ to sit at his right hand. Let us therefore pray to our Father in heaven through his Son for all the world and all the saints.

O God, Heavenly Father: we thank you today for calling us your saints. In spite of our unholy lives you look at us and see Jesus' perfect life and death covering ours. Thank you for this grace, the grace we received when we were baptised.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Thank you for every Christian who has helped us on our journey and encouraged us to keep believing when we felt like giving up. Thank you for all those who taught us the faith. Thank you for those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to ensure others could hear of your love in Christ.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We remember the saints in heaven. Thank you for releasing them from the burden of sin and death in this life and for keeping your promise to them. We especially remember those from our community who have passed away in the past year and those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Merle Amos, Peggy Morell Austen, Thomas Arthur Borton, Charles George Burke, Edward Francis Colgrave, Irene Madge Crispin, Margaret Florence Cromack, Clive Dixon, Phyllis Mary Doyle, Phyllis Jean Eggins, Adele Mildred Godwin, Roy Thomas Goodwin, Shirley Joan Harris, Joan Stevens Harrison, Mary Audrey Holland, Barbara Jane Jones, Phyllis Gwendolyn Last, Suzanne Mary Lee, Beryl Jean Livermore, Caroline Ruby Lynn, Joan Elsie McDonald, Janice Irene McKenzie, Stuart Robert Messer, June Dorothy Oxenford, Norma Fay Oxenford, Kay Therese Peoples, Margaret Heather Pocock, Lyle Francis Smyth, Ronald Leslie Smythe, Laurie Clifford Stephenson, Doreen Mary Stewart, James William Summers, Colin James Thompson, Gordon Milton Wingfield, Dorothy Mary Wright, Roma June Zietsch and Shirley Alice Whitford.

Ross Baldwin, Colin Beazley, Ron Beazley, Danielle Maree Bowden, Mum & Dad Bradfield, Cec & Laurie Bultitude, Pat Bushell, Joan Cardow, Nita Cox, William & Ada Greentree, Dulcie James, Bert James and Jean James, Mackanally family, Alan McPhee, Ron Metcalfe, Pauline Moorhead, Nancy Mortimer, Olivia Reeves, Rex Shepherd, Tranter & Coleman families, and Col Ware.

Give comfort to all those who grieve over loved ones no longer with us on earth. Give them the hope only your word can offer us.

Rest eternal grant them, Lord; **and may light perpetual shine upon them.**

We pray for your church on earth, that it may remain faithful to the apostles' teaching and that it will strive for unity. We pray for all Christians, especially those under persecution, that they may imitate the martyrs in bold witness to the gospel. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are not yet part of your church and for those who have left it, asking your spirit to convince them of your love for them in Jesus. And we pray for the enemies of the church, and those who curse your saints. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Bring peace to those nations in conflict and where there is political instability. Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little. Help all people to love their neighbour as themselves. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. We look forward to being part of the crowd around your throne in heaven on the last day. In the meantime keep us looking to Jesus and help us to keep giving a clear witness to him, living the holy lives you have called us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The prayers conclude with the Cathedral Prayer

Living and eternal Christ, bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.

CHORISTERS MEDALS

Medals from the Royal School of Church Music will be presented prior to the Greeting of Peace.

The Dean says

Let us pray.

A prayer for Choir members

Almighty God, who has ordained that the hearts of your people shall be kindled by music and their minds thereby attuned to understand your divine mysteries: grant, we pray, that all who lead your praises in music may know themselves to be your ministers and that hearts of all who hear may be lifted up to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the Royal School of Church Music

O God, who saints and angels delight to worship in heaven; be with us we pray as we seek to perfect the praises of your children on earth; and grant to us even now such glimpses of your beauty that we may be made worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Those receiving their medal move to the chancel step.

The choir prays the Chorister's Prayer together:

**Bless, O Lord, us your servants who minister in your temple;
grant that we what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these words.

Peace to you from God our Creator, who hears our cry.
Peace from the Son Jesus Christ, whose death brings healing.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, who gives us life and strength.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory hymn

Thanks be to God for his saints [AM2013 #310]

**Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation,
one with us still in body, one great congregation;
with them proclaim
Jesus for ever the same,
author of life and salvation.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

Timothy Dudley Smith 1926 –

Ancient & Modern: Hymns and songs for refreshing worship (London, 2013)

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
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 offer.
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink

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

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, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

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.

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.'

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread.

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.**

The priest says

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Holy things for holy people.
Broken things for broken people.

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited to come to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the priest knows their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Anthems during Communion

Like as we do put our trust (Charles Wesley Jr., arr. R Eather)

The Lord is full of compassion (Text from Ps 103; Music: Phillip Moore)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

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

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.

Community notices and personal celebrations

Mission hymn

Shout for joy [TIS 545]

**Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;
Heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;
Christ's own peace is shared again on earth;
God the Spirit fills us with new worth.**

**No more doubting, no more senseless dread:
God's good self has graced our wine and bread;
all the wonder heaven has kept in store
now is ours to keep for evermore.**

**Celebrate with saints who dine on high,
witnesses that love can never die.
'Halleluia!' — thus their voices ring:
nothing less in gratitude we bring.**

**Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son,
praise the Spirit — three yet ever one;
praise the God whose food and friends avow
heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons now!**

John L Bell 1949 –

The priest blesses the congregation.

God give you grace to follow 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 remain with you always. **Amen.**

A minister says

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

Organ Postlude

Toccata in C (Stanley Vann)

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