HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL 10.00AM FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST

3 November 2024

ALL SAINTS' DAY TE RĀ O TE HUNGA TAPU KATOA

Presider
The Reverend Ivica Gregurec, Cathedral Precentor

Preacher
The Very Reverend Anne Mills, *Dean of Auckland*

Liturgist Geremy Hema

Readers
Margaret Malan
Andrew Simpson

Communion Service in C, John Ireland



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Welcome to the Cathedral Eucharist.

Please observe silence, as the Organist offers music for reflection before the service. Following the welcome and notices, a period of silence is observed.

Introit The souls of the righteous, Stanley Marchant

God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God be at mine end and in my departing.

Please stand, when the Bell is rung. At any time in the service when we invite you to stand, you are welcome to remain seated if you prefer.

Processional Hymn



Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. Saints on earth your rule acclaim; all in heav'n above adore you. Infinite your vast domain; everlasting is your reign.

2

Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Text: C. A. Walworth

Lo, the apostolic train joins your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

4

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you, though in essence only one; undivided God, we claim you, and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

Tune: Grosser Gott, I. Franz

The Gathering

Grace and peace to you from God. God fill you with truth and joy.

Ko te rā tēnei i hangā e Ihowā. Kia hari, kia koa tātou.

(This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.) 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, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please sit.

The Confession

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God.

we have sinned in what we have thought and said,

in the wrong we have done

and in the good we have not done.

We have sinned in ignorance:

we have sinned in weakness:

we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you.

Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,

and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Kyrie is sung by the Choir.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Absolution

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

Please stand.

Gloria is sung by the Choir.

Glory be to God on high and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence

All-holy God, you call your people to holiness. As we keep the festival of your saints, give us their meekness and poverty of spirit, a thirst for righteousness, a purity of heart, and courage to be your witnesses. May we share with them the richness of your kingdom and be clothed in the glory you bestow. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please sit.

First Reading Wisdom 3:1-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24

The congregation repeats the response R. after the Cantor, and in between each verse.



The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: the world and its inhabitants.
For the Lord has founded it upon the seas: and planted it firm upon the waters beneath. *R.*

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord: or who may stand in God's holy place? Those who have clean hands and a pure heart: who have not set their minds on falsehood, or sworn a deceitful oath. R.

They shall receive blessing from the Lord: and recompense from God their saviour. So it is with those who seek the Lord: with those who seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

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: the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Text: F. Pratt Green

Tune: Hannover, AM 308

Gospel Acclamation - all repeat after the choir.



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.



The Gospel

John 11:32-44

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Sermon Dean Anne Mills

Following the Sermon, we pause to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us stand and together affirm our faith.

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and the world giving thanks for God's goodness. *Please sit.*

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

To the bidding: With all your saints,

all respond: we praise your name, O God.

The Prayers conclude with the following Collect prayed by all.

God of all saints, we bless you and thank you for their lives and witness. Help us to live as faithful disciples of your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

Please stand.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

E te whānau, we are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Please turn and acknowledge those around you by offering a greeting of Peace. During the Offertory Hymn, the bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist. A Collection is taken at this stage.

Offertory Hymn

1

Who are these like stars appearing, these before God's throne who stand? Each a golden crown is wearing; who are all this glorious band? "Alleluia!" hark, they sing, praising loud their heavenly King.

2

Who are these of dazzling brightness, these in God's own righteousness? These whose robes of purest whiteness shall their lustre still possess, still untouched by time's rude hand - whence comes all this glorious band?

3

These are they who have contended for their Saviour's honour long, wrestling on till life was ended, following not the sinful throng; these, who well the fight sustained, triumph through the Lamb have gained.

4

These are they whose hearts were riven, sore with woe and anguish tried, who in prayer full oft have striven with the God they glorified; now, their painful conflict o'er, God has bid them weep no more.

5

These, the Almighty contemplating, did as priest before him stand, soul and body always waiting day and night at his command: now, in God's most holy place, blest they stand before his face.

Text: H. T. Schenck

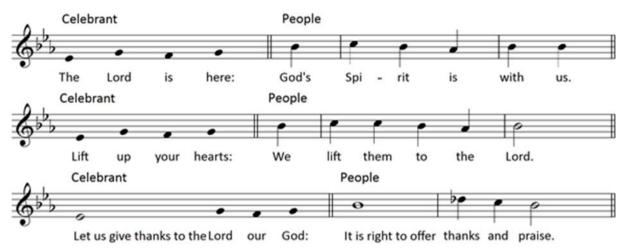
The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, 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

It is our custom to stand throughout the following prayer.



It is right indeed, everliving God, to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. He made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit. Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus are sung by the Choir.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

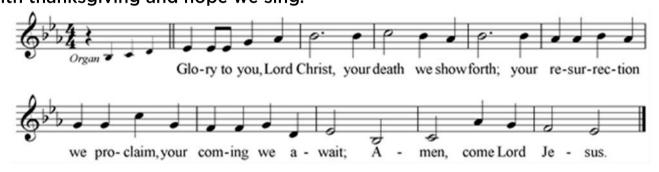
All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;

when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.

With thanksgiving and hope we sing:



Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

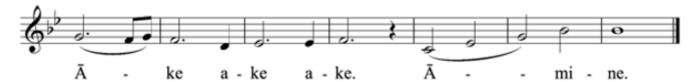


Silence may be kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka waiata tatou:





The bread is broken in silence.

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

The Invitation

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua, tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti. Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Agnus Dei is sung by the Choir.

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

All those who are baptised are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. If you feel uncertain about sharing a common cup, to receive the bread only is to receive a full Communion.

Please indicate to the administrant if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please fold your arms across your chest.

As you wait to receive and after returning to your seat, please observe silence and pray for those around you. The Presider will distribute communion at the seats of those who have reduced mobility.

Communion Motet O quam gloriosum. Tomás Luis de Victoria

O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes sancti! Amicti stolis albis, sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit. O how glorious is the kingdom in which all the saints rejoice with Christ! Clad in robes of white they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

The Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.

Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.
And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Final Hymn

1

For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesu, be forever blest.

Alleluia, alleluia!

2

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness, still their one true light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

3 (choir only)
O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

4

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest: sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia, alleluia!

5

But Io, there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array: the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, alleluia!

6

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Text: W. W. How Tune: Sine nomine, AM 296

The Blessing

May Christ who makes saints of sinners, who has transformed those whom we remember today, raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, *Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

The Dismissal of the Community

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Organ Sortie played by Dr Philip Smith

ALL SAINTS' AND ALL SOULS' DAY two different, but similar feast days

All Saints', 1 November

In the New Testament 'the saints' means all the believers who are dedicated to God. As such, the word has connections with the dedicated believers of the old covenant. In the Christian tradition particular honour began to be paid to exceptional examples of the Christian way, especially those who died for the faith, the martyrs. So the word "saint" came to describe those who have become officially recognised by the church as in some measure fulfilling their call to be saints. In the seventeenth century Jeremy Taylor wrote:

'The memories of the saints are precious to God, and therefore they ought also to be so to us: and such persons, who serve God by holy living, industrious preaching, and religious dying, ought to have their names preserved in honour, and God be glorified in them, and their holy doctrines and lives published and imitated.'

The setting aside of a special day to commemorate all saints, whether known or unknown, has a complex and rather confused history. A feast in honour of 'the martyrs of the whole world was kept in the late third century in the east, and by the late fourth century there were references to such a day on the first Sunday after Pentecost. In Rome in 610 the old Roman Pantheon was consecrated as a Christian church and dedicated to Saint Mary and All Martyrs' on 13th May that year. That may mark the emergence of the annual feast in the Western church.

The enlarging of the feast to include not just all martyrs but all saints, and the observance of the feast on 1st November is harder to trace. Pope Gregory III (734-741) dedicated a chapel in St Peter's in Rome to All the Saints on 1 November, and by the ninth century a feast to All Saints was being observed in England on 1st November. This also seems to have been the day for observing a feast to All Saints in Ireland from about that time. It is possible that the November date began in Ireland and spread from there throughout Europe.

The universal observance of All Saints' Day on 1st November was urged in 844 by Pope Gregory IV in a letter to the emperor Louis the Pious. Certainly, the feast had become a popular one and fixed on 1 November by the tenth century.

All Souls', 2 November

All Souls' Day is in many ways an extension of All Saints' Day. As the word 'saint' came to be restricted more and more to the heroes of the faith, the urge to commemorate all the members of the church who had died in the faith of Christ found its outlet in the development of All Souls' Day. The commemoration was formalised in 998 by the Benedictine abbot of Cluny, Odilo. It was he who decreed 2nd November, the day after All Saints' Day, as the appropriate day to commemorate 'all the dead who have existed from the beginning of the world to the end of time'. As the reforming influence of Cluny in many areas of monastic life spread through other Benedictine houses, so the observance of All Souls' Day grew throughout Europe and then beyond.

The feast was abolished in the Church of England at the Reformation because of its association with Masses for the dead and grave abuses happening at that time.

The day has been restored to many modern Anglican calendars as a more general commemoration of the faithful departed.

Please stand while the Altar party leaves.
You are warmly invited to remain for the Sortie and beyond, to pray and reflect.

Please join us for refreshments in the Bishop Monteith Visitors' Centre.

If you would like to make a donation to the Cathedral and its ministry,
this would be greatly appreciated.

A 'tap and go' machine is located at the rear of the Cathedral.

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Loving God, the source of all life, as we worship you and rejoice at your presence in our midst; open our hearts that we may always be a welcoming and nourishing community; empowering each other to be active in your service, through Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world. Amen.

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