ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Communion of Saints, Elise Ritter

All Saints' Day

7.30am 1 November 2026

Today is the **Feast of All Saints**, a day recognising all those who are heroes of the Church, known and unknown. A saint is not someone who has lived a perfect Christian life, so much as one through whom the light of Christ has shone in a clear and profound way. Saintliness has more to do with aliveness in Christ than moral perfection.

At this Eucharist we welcome baby **Grace,** who comes for baptism, and her parents **Anousha and Brendan,** and her family, godparents and friends, who are here today to surround Grace with their love and prayers. Together with them we pledge our support for Grace, praying that the Holy Spirit, which she inherits through baptism, may become increasingly real to her in the years ahead.

Welcome to this inspiring Anglican Cathedral where all may worship God in spirit and in truth. It is Christ who calls us to his table: any communicant member of any Christian Church is warmly invited to receive communion here. If you require a gluten-free wafer at communion, please simply ask the priest when at the Altar rail. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please ask the priest at the Altar rail.

All the words for the Eucharist are in this booklet; we hope this minimises distraction, and frees you to focus on worshipping our merciful and compassionate God. The sitting/standing notes are advisory only; please feel free to adopt the posture that best allows you to worship God fully.

Welcome also to those who join us via our YouTube stream.

TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

PRAY for The Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
The ongoing work of peace-making in Sudan and South Sudan
The Anglican Church of Australia: The Primate †Mark Short; The General Secretary – Juliet Wenden; The General Synod and the Standing Committee
The Parish of Milmerran
Anglicare Southern Qld (ASQ): Sue Cooke & staff
Anglican Schools Office, Church House: A/g Executive Director – Geoff Newton, Executive Director & staff
Parishes seeking new incumbents: Banyo, Beaudesert, Beenleigh, Booval, Chelmer-Graceville, Dalby, Drayton, Hendra-Clayfield, Jimboomba, Kingaroy, Noosa, North Pine, Nundah, Palmwoods, Rochedale, Roma, Toowong, St James' Toowoomba.
Schools seeking chaplains: St Luke's Anglican School, The Glennie School
Cathedral Outreach (November): The Archbishop's Appeal supporting the work of the Anglican Church in Melanesia to build stronger, healthier, safer and more climate resilient communities.

Candidates for Baptism this month: Grace, Kalen

In Our Community: Yvonne Kelly, Jennifer Godwin, Sherri Laurie, Barry, Lyn & Samantha Rees, Claire Gourlay, Alex McConnell, Angus Hutchings, John Miesen, Benjamin, Mavis Ralph, Margaret McNickle, Julie Rogan, Pete, Gwen Trow, Steve, Steph & family, Jen, Jeff & family, Sam & family, Heather & Tom Wood, Sarah Weston, Eve & Nathan Oslo-Stevenson-Edward's, Lorraine, Glynis & Denzil Scrivens, Beres Martin, Michael, Sophia, Mary Dorman, Peter Danaher, Robin Martin, Rebecca Irwin, Dearne Edwards, Carol da Costa-Roque, Shai & Joshua Egan, Jenny Maclean, Garth, Cheryle Edwards, Judy & John Smith, Doug & Vicki, Barbara Bosschieter, Sarah Aldridge, Rod, Kirsty McLintock, Meredith Goodall & family, Angela Simmons, Rachael, Helen Connor, Jo Pyecroft, Cindi Smith & family, Lorraine, Joy Payne, Julie Lewis, Alan Hutchings, Tracey, Shane Hubner, Craig McBride, Josie Dooley, Sally-Ann Cooper, Roger Crawfoot, Oliver Thurstan, Darren, Alison, Craig, Jillian Williams, Patricia Kable, Bryan, Denise Schellbach, Peter Robert Matthews, Veronica, Amelia Crawfoot, Brian & Chris Smith, Anne, Geoffrey, Quang Nguyen, Alice Mary, John Grogan, Doug & Gail Williams, Rose Drake, Michael, John Postle, Nancy Lee, Marie-Claire Harch, Jan Bray, Christina, Rodney and Avis Matheson and their family, Sheryelle Grant, Joan Taylor, Colin Paull, Dorothy Craig.

Recently Departed: Jacqui Gourlay

Remembrances for this week in November:

1 *ALL SAINTS.* Judy Ryland (Priest)
2 *ALL SOULS.*
3 *Richard Hooker.* David Binns (Priest), Kestell Cornish (Priest), David Johnson (Priest)
4
5 Graeme Normoyle
6 Timothy Ahearn, Margaret Lawson, Joyce Barrett
7 Penny Smith

Welcome

Social Justice Statement

St John's Cathedral is committed to the principles of social and eco justice. We actively pursue just outcomes for all.

Rostered for this service

Presider:	The Rev'd Canon Jess Grant
Deacon:	The Rev'd Dr John Rolley
SubDeacon:	Simon Tinkler
Readers:	Marijka Bosma; Bess Dunglison
Preacher:	The Rev'd Canon Julia Van Den Bos
Intercessor:	Helen Wootton
Organist:	John Gallimore

Words in Bold Type

Everyone is invited to say the words in **bold type** and to sing the hymn verses in **bold type**.

Children's Ministry

Children are very much part of our family and the children's area is available during all services. Children's ministry is offered during the 9.30am service as well as on the Cathedral YouTube Channel and on our facebook page (access via the Cathedral website).

Restrooms. Restroom facilities (including infant change table) are available across the car park on the northern side of the Cathedral.

Disabled Access. Ramp access to the Cathedral is via the north-west door (from the northern car park) and the south-east door (beside St Martin's House [SMH]). The above restrooms have disabled access. There is also a restroom with disabled access in SMH.

Further Information

The Literature Stand adjacent to the Font at the West End of the Cathedral contains information about the Cathedral and coming events.

General Information

Please ask a Steward (those wearing a yellow lanyard) if seeking assistance or information.

As our worship is corporate, we ask you to respect the presence of others by ensuring that mobile phones and other electronic devices do not distract us.

As with any big city centre, please keep your valuables with you.

If your hearing is impaired we have equipment to aid you.

Kneelers are available from the Stewards.

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For payments by credit card or using Parish*Direct*, please talk with a Steward or contact the Cathedral Office by phone or e-mail as above.

First Aid. Please advise a Steward if First Aid assistance is required.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the Cathedral community, please ask a Steward for a Welcome Pack.

Acknowledgement of Country.

We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera peoples, the First Peoples of the land on which we live, walk and work. We honour them and their Ancestors for their survival, continued traditions and spiritual connection to and caring of country, land, sky, water and sea. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and will continue to support their right to self-determination. We are committed to Reconciliation and respectfully recognise that sovereignty has never been ceded. www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/reconciliation

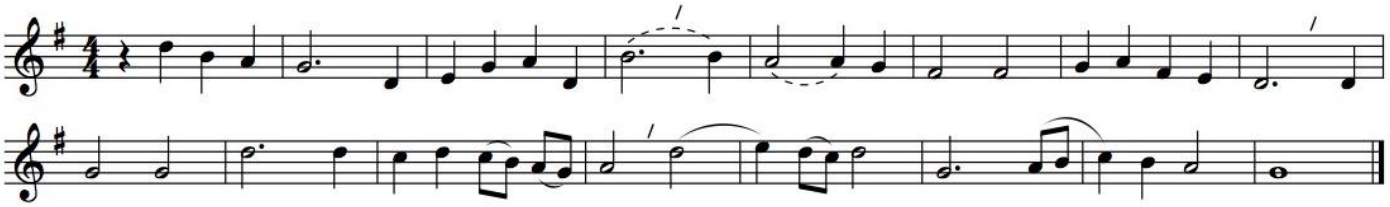
GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please stand as you are able.

Introit Hymn TiS 455 (omit vv.3, 6)

SINE NOMINE

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



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.
   Alleluya, alleluya!

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.
   Alleluya, alleluya!

4. **O blest communion,**
   fellowship divine!
   We feebly struggle,
   they in glory shine,
   all yours, all joined
   in unity divine.
   Alleluya, alleluya!

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.
   Alleluya, alleluya!

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.
   Alleluya, alleluya!

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.
   Alleluya, alleluya!

William Walsham How (1823-1897) *alt*.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Presider offers a welcome to all and an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Deacon says:
This is wisdom. Let us attend. *Silence is kept.*

The Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

Let us prepare ourselves for this celebration by calling to mind our sins and shortcomings in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness. *A silence is kept.*

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

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.

The Absolution

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

The Gloria

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 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.** *All sit.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading **Revelation 7.9-17**

A reading from the book of the Revelation to John.

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

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, singing,

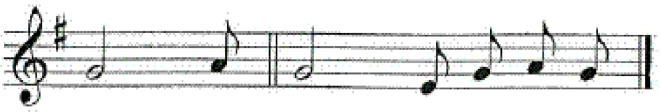
‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 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.’

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

Psalm 34.1-10, 22

(The exclusive use of male pronouns to denote the Divine is a convention adopted by the translators. This incorrectly associates God with maleness and maleness with God. Please feel free to replace ‘he’ with a pronoun of your choice)



I will bless the Lord con-| tinually:
his praise shall be al-*ways* in my mouth.
Let my soul boast of the | Lord:
the humble shall hear *it* and re-joice.
O praise the Lord with | me:
let us exalt his *name* to-geth-er.
For I sought the Lord’s help and he | answered:
and he freed me *from* all my fears.
Look towards him and be bright with | joy:
your faces shall *not* be a-shamed.
Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord | heard me:
and saved me from *all* my trou-bles.
The angel of the Lord encamps round those who | fear him:
and delivers *them* in their need.
O taste and see that the Lord is | good:
happy are they *that* hide in him!
Fear the Lord, all you his | holy ones:
for those who fear *him* nev-er lack.
Lions may suffer want and go | hungry:
but those who seek the Lord *lack* noth-ing good.
The Lord ransoms the lives of his | servants:
and none who hide in him *will* be de-stroyed.

Second Reading **1 John 3.1-3**

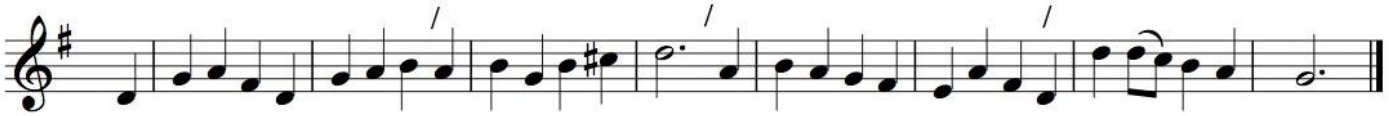
A reading from the First Letter of John.

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

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

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn **TiS 438** (t. 378) ST MAGNUS

probably by Jeremiah Clarke (c.1673-1707)

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*.

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 5.1-12**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord,
No one comes to the Father except through me.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew
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. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

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

The Sermon *(Please sit)*

The organist plays to aid our reflection, as the ministers with the family of Grace make their way to the Font. Please gather as close to and around the Font as you can.

THE PRESENTATION

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.
When he had risen from the dead, Jesus commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring Grace for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up Grace in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time Grace should make her own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation

So we welcome Grace, with her parents Anousha and Brendan, and her sponsors and family. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

I invite Grace's sponsors to present her now.

The sponsors answer **We present Grace to be baptised.**

To Grace's sponsors:

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Grace for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Grace?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Grace in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

THE DECISION

To Grace's parents and sponsors:

Before God and this congregation you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

To the congregation

Dear friends, you have heard our sisters and brothers respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that Grace may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in her . May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in her. **Amen.**

Give to her sponsors and family the desire to share with her what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May Grace know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of Christ's Church. May she proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Water is poured into the font.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit, who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Grace to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that Grace may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May she die to sin and rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour, in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The priest says to the sponsors:

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

This is the faith of the Church.
All: This is our faith:
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Grace is brought to the water.
Grace, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

AFTER BAPTISM

Grace, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming again.

A lighted candle is presented.

God has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the Body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

We greet Grace with applause.

The Greeting of Peace

We are the Body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you. *All may exchange a sign of peace.*

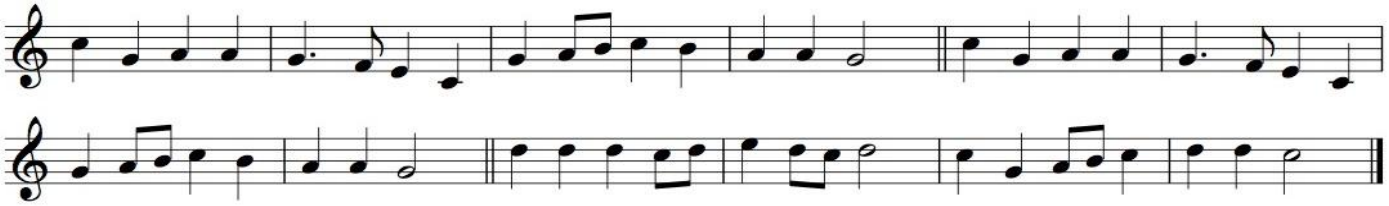
THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Our offerings are collected during the following hymn. Alternatively, you may make a financial offering using the EFTPOS machine (ask a Steward) or by scanning this QR code, or, as set out on page 3 of this booklet, by credit card or by electronic transfer.

Offertory Hymn NEH 231

ALL SAINTS

Melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch* (Darmstadt, 1698)



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?
Alleluya, hark! they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.

2. **Who are these of dazzling brightness,**
these in God's own truth arrayed,
clad in robes of purest whiteness,
robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,
ne'er be touched 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 like priests have watched and waited,**
offering up to Christ their will,
soul and body consecrated,
day and night to serve him still:
Now, in God's most holy place
blest they stand before his face.

Wer sind die vor Gottes Throne
German hymn by Heinrich Theobald Schenck (1656-1727),
tr. Frances Cox (1812-1897)

Bread and wine and our financial giving are brought to the altar.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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

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

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

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

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'.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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.

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

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 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.

The Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We eat from one loaf and drink from one cup because we are one body, the Body of Christ.

If you do not want to drink from the common cup, but want to acknowledge the sacramental presence please pause before the chalice and say 'Amen'. Please note that intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted as it is a health risk.

If you require a gluten-free wafer at communion, please ask the priest when at the altar rail.

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please ask the priest at the altar rail.

Please do not leave valuables unattended.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Post-Communion Prayer *(Please stand as you are able)*

Let us pray.

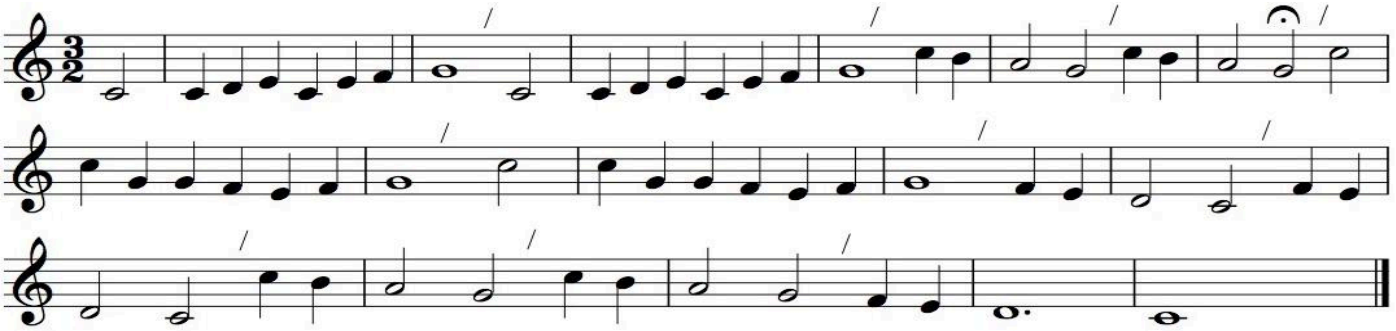
God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.
Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Announcements *(Please sit)*

Please stand as you are able.

Missional Hymn TiS 150

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Melody from *Geistliche Kirchengesäng* (Cologne, 1623)
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. **Ye watchers and ye holy ones,**
   bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
   raise the glad strain: Alleluia!
   Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers,
   virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
   Alleluia!

2. **O higher than the cherubim,**
   more glorious than the seraphim,
   lead their praises: Alleluia!
   Thou bearer of the Eternal Word,
   most gracious, magnify the Lord,
   Alleluia!

3. **Respond, ye souls in endless rest,**
   ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
   Alleluia, alleluia!
   Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
   All saints triumphant, raise the song,
   Alleluia!

4. **O friends, in gladness let us sing,**
   supernal anthems echoing:
   alleluia, alleluia!
   To God the Father, God the Son,
   and God the Spirit, Three in One,
   Alleluia!

John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow all the saints in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Please remain standing as you are able whilst the ministers depart during the Organ Voluntary.

Refreshments will be served in the North Aisle. Hope to see you there.

A special welcome if you are here for the first time today; please do stay and introduce yourself.

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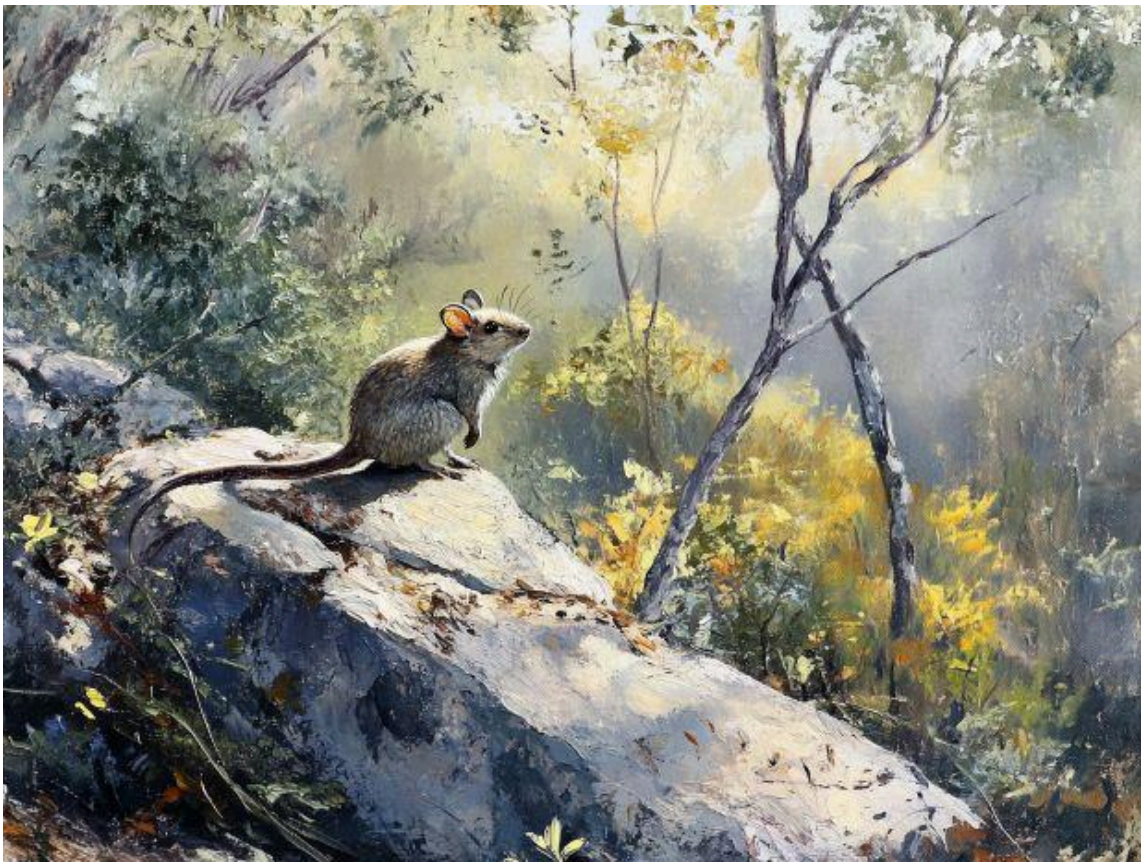
Next Sunday: 8 November, 24th Sunday after Pentecost: Defence Sunday

Services	Readings
7.30am Holy Eucharist *	**Eucharists:** Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25; Ps 78.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18, Matthew 25.1-13
9.30am Choral Eucharist *	
5.00pm Holy Eucharist	**Evensong:** Ps 63; Judges 2.7-19; Matthew 24.21-35
6.00pm Choral Evensong *	

* Also on-line via our YouTube Channel; link from the Cathedral website (address on page 3).

The Antechinus



Therefore, humble yourselves before God's mighty power, that you may be exalted by God on the appointed day. (1 Peter 5:6)

The Antechinus, a small marsupial, reveals a profound truth about humble sacrifice. Dedicating its life to a single breeding season, the male expends all his energy to ensure his offspring's survival, echoing the teachings on humility and surrender. In this ultimate act, the Antechinus embodies the strength found in yielding to a greater purpose rather than clinging to survival.

This small creature's journey reflects the natural cycle of life and renewal, reminding us of the quiet strength that comes from accepting our place within creation's rhythm. Inspired by the Antechinus, we, too, can find courage in humility, trusting that in surrender to God's design, we will ultimately be lifted up by divine love.
Reflection:

1. How can I embrace humility by recognising my unique role within the larger picture of creation?
2. In what areas of my life can I practice trust, letting go of control to allow for growth and renewal?

Prayer:

Divine Creator, grant me the grace to embrace humility and trust in your guiding hand. Help me find strength in accepting my place within your creation and peace in your perfect timing.

Embracing Diversity

If we love God, we should love our sisters and brothers as well; we have this commandment from God. (1 John 4:21)

The Australian green tree frog is a marvel of adaptability, possessing the extraordinary ability to modify its skin colour to seamlessly blend into its surroundings. This remarkable creature serves as a poignant reminder of the inherent beauty and wisdom found in embracing diversity within the tapestry of life. Just as the green tree frog finds safety and belonging by harmonising with its environment, we too are called to open our hearts and minds to the rich array of experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds that comprise our human family.

In the eyes of the Divine, each individual is a unique and cherished expression of love, created with intention and purpose. When we embrace this truth and extend our love to all of our sisters and brothers, regardless of their differences, we align ourselves with the very heart of God. By celebrating the diversity within our communities, we not only honour the sacred commandment to love one another but also bear witness to the breathtaking complexity and interdependence that permeates all of creation.

Reflection:

1. How can I cultivate a deeper appreciation for the diversity within my community, recognising it as a reflection of the Divine's creativity and love?
2. In what ways can I actively demonstrate love and acceptance towards those who may be different from me, embodying the commandment to love my sisters and brothers?

Prayer:

Creator of all, may I open my heart to embrace the beautiful diversity within your creation. Guide me to love all of my sisters and brothers unconditionally, just as You love each of us.

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