



All Saints II. 1911, Wassily Kandinsky Expressionism, allegorical painting. Lenbachhaus, Munich, Germany

# All Saints 5 November 2023

#### Welcome to St Philip's

We acknowledge the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we worship, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present and emerging. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who worship with us.

**St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan** We are asking folk not attend church if they feel unwell, to be aware of their hand hygiene and to be mindful of social distance. Thank you. Masks are available for those who wish to wear one

**Pew sheet & Order of Service:** the full Pew sheet with more news and reflections is available on our **website**. The QR code in the pews will direct you to the current edition, please use your phone/tablet and follow along. Service cards, Pew Bibles and Prayer Books are also available.

**Offertory:** at the 'offertory' our gifts are brought forward, an opportunity for you to make your contribution. A self-serve EFTPOS machine is available in the foyer. St Philip's EFT details are also available if you would like to make a direct transfer or support us through a regular transfer: 702-389 05202512. Giving cards are in the foyer if you wish to place something in the offertory bag after giving electronically.

**Communion:** if you are baptised you are welcome to receive communion. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward.

**To volunteer** as a reader, sidesperson, welcomer or another role on the Roster then please email rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au

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# From the Rector

Dear Friends

The great Jewish Rabbi Abraham Joshua Herschel said 'much of what the Bible demands of us can be comprised in one word...remember.' November is a month of remembrance. Today we remember the lives of the saints. During the week we commemorated All Souls and remembered all those largely unnamed people who have lived lives of faith. Next Sunday 'Remembrance Sunday' we will recall all those whose lives were taken and given in conflict.

Rowan Williams once said: When we celebrate the Saints, we celebrate those who have given evidence, who have made God believable by how they have lived and how they have died. The saints are the people who recognise that arguments will finally not win the day. God does not make himself credible by argument. God does not respond to our doubts, our intellectual querying, our uncertainty, by delivering from Heaven a neatly annotated list of logical propositions with which we cannot disagree. (I'm afraid that Professor Dawkins can bang on the doors of Heaven as long as he likes if that is what he expects to happen.) God deals with us by our life and a death, by Jesus. And God continues to deal with us by lives and deaths that make him credible, that make Jesus tangible here and now.

I hope and pray that as a community St Philip's can continue to do just that.

Every blessing to you all, Martin

# Eucharist for All Saints

Introit Hymn 455 (TiS) (10am)

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the world their Lord by faith confessed, your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You were their rock, their fortress and their might, you were their captain in the well fought fight; in deepest darkness still their one true light. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

So may your servants, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine, all yours, all joined in unity divine. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest, the peaceful calm of paradise the blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

But see, there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory calls passes on his way. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest shore, through heaven's gate the holy people pour; the Three-in-One for ever they adore. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

William Walsham How, 1823-97

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:10

In the name of the Father ₱ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

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.

Hebrews 12.1

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

pardon you ♣ and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### 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 righthand of the Father: receive our praver. 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.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:
We praise you heavenly Father,
that you have knit together your chosen ones
in one communion and fellowship
in the body of Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:
give us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we might come to those inexpressible joys
you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns
one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

#### **Today's Readings**

A reading from the book of Revelation (7:9-17)

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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

 $^{13}$  Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'  $^{14}$ I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one

that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> 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.'

For the word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10,22

I will bless the Lord continually:

his praise shall be always in my mouth.

## Let my soul boast of the Lord:

the humble shall hear it and rejoice.

O praise the Lord with me:

let us exalt his name together.

## 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:

vour faces shall not be ashamed.

## Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:

and saved me from all my troubles.

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 never lack.

## Lions may suffer want and go hungry:

#### but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants: and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

A reading from the first letter of John (3:1-13)

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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.<sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual hymn 448 (TiS) (10am)

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell with us in lowliness, our pattern and our King:

still to the lowly soul he will himself impart, and for his cradle and his throne chooses the pure in heart.

Lord, we your presence seek; this blessing now renew: give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for you. Alleluia.

#### Alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2.9

#### Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12)

#### 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. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

#### **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.

#### **Prayers of the People**

In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: Ben, Hugh, David, Otto, Bob, Noel, Deborah, Sue, Molly, Ian, Katherine, Matt, Wendy, David & Margot, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital or care.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose year's mind falls at this time: Mary McGivern-Shaw (5/11/2021), Joyce Webster (10/11/2010), the victims of war, terrorism, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us and those remembered only by God.

We pray for our Wardens, Councillors and Clergy Appointments Board members at this time in the life of our Parish Community:

Bountiful God, give to this parish, a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfill our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

#### **The Greeting of Peace**

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

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

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace

#### Offertory Hymn 497 (TiS) (10am)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descending comes full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light comes shining from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraphs, cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, lord most high!"

From the Liturgy of St James 4<sup>th</sup> cent. tr. Gerard Moultrie 1829-85

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, 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 set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

#### Blessed be God for ever

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite.

May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

#### Amen.

#### 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.

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

for the glorious pledge of the hope of our calling which you have given us in your saints; that, following their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

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.

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, and be one with him and with each other in peace and love.

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.

Let us proclaim 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 po

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 bread and 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.

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.

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia. The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.'

Matthew 5:8

#### The sending out of God's people

Let us pray: 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;

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

#### Recessional hymn 153 (TiS) (10am)

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 share 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 saint forgets how to praise. In loving, in living, they prove it is true: Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Fredrick Pratt Green 1903-2000

# Reflection

At age 16, I thought that aspiring to holiness was out of the question. If you really wanted to be holy, I thought, you had to be a priest, nun, or brother. And you had to spend your days doing "religious stuff" like praying, preaching, teaching, or serving the poor. But I had developed an interest in the opposite sex and was headed toward a career in music. So, I was disqualified. The best I could hope for was to avoid breaking the 10 commandments, confess when I failed, not miss Church on Sunday and toss a few bucks in the collection each week. But true sanctity? That was out of my reach.

If holiness were about marital status or what you did for a living, I would have been right. But holiness is not about what you do but with how much love you do it. Holiness is really the perfection of faith, hope, and sharing in God's very nature, which is love (I John 4:8). We are talking about a special kind of love here, the love that gives freely of itself to another, that even lays down its own priorities, interests, and very life, for another.

So is holiness difficult to attain? No. It is impossible. At least on our own steam. But that's the thrill of it all. God invites us into an intimate relationship with Him through Jesus. He takes up residence within us and makes it possible to love with His love. Grace is the love of God that comes into our hearts as a free, undeserved gift and enables us to be like God.

So that means spending all our time in chapel? No, it means doing daily, ordinary things with extraordinary love. So, holiness is for every baptized person, regardless of personality type, career, age, race, or marital status. In baptism, we are all reborn with the spiritual muscles necessary to get us across the finish line. Yet these muscles must be nourished and exercised if they are ever to develop and carry us the full distance. God provides the necessary nourishment in the Word of God and the Eucharist. And he sends us ample opportunities to exercise.

a bit to finish school, to excel at sports, to win the heart of the love of our lives. But when it comes

to the things of the Spirit, we often settle with being couch potatoes.

Leon Bloy, a French Catholic writer, once said "the only tragedy in life is not to become a saint." Holiness is about realizing our deepest, greatest potential, becoming who we were truly destined to be. What a shame it would be to miss it!

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

#### News

Next Saturday **Pandora's will hold their annual Summer Launch.** There will a Fashion Parade at 11am and all the usual great bargains. Get yourself ready for the warmer month with the latest styles from Pandora's!

**Update on Rector appointment processes.** Following on from the recent Special Parish Meeting the next step in the process for appointing a Rector is a Parish consultation. The Archdeacon, Paul Cohen will chair a meeting for all Parishioners on 3 December following the 10am Eucharist. The purpose of the meeting is to elicit ideas about your hopes for the Parish and what characteristics you would like in a new Rector. These ideas will feed into the preparation of a broader profile of the Parish to inform the Clergy Appointments Board in their deliberations. The parish representation on that board will be Chris Cheah, Alison Davidson and Sarah Gowty.

The Revd Emma Street will act as Locum during the interregnum.

**St John's Care** are in need of quality bedding: linen, doonas, or blankets in good clean condition, they are also in need of pet food which is very much in demand. Donations are also now being sought for Christmas.

Food Items... cereal, fruit cups, school lunch snacks, jam, sardines. Christmas Presents... Gift cards for teens, Lego, Sports Equipment, Dolls, Figurines, Board games, Arts & Crafts.

**The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture** are joining with the Canberra Short Film Festival at 3pm Sunday 12 November 2023 for a special screening at Dendy Cinemas Canberra for the *Spiritus*Short Film Prize. The films that will be screened focus on stories that reflect on the human spirit and wisdom for the common good.

# This week @ St Philip's

Today All Saints

8amEucharist9amParish Breakfast

**10am Eucharist and hymns** (followed by morning tea)

Tuesday 7 November Feria

10am-Noon Men's group

Wednesday 8 November Saints, martyrs, missionaries and teachers of the Anglican

Communion.

10am-Noon Pandora's Preparation and sorting

7pm Parish Council

Thursday 9 November Feria

**10am Eucharist** (followed by morning tea)

Saturday 11 November St Martin, bishop of Tours (d.c387)

10am-1pm Pandora's Summer Launch & 11am Fashion Parade

**11am Eucharist** - Canberra Aged Care

Sunday 12 November Remembrance Sunday

**8am Eucharist** 9am Parish Breakfast

**10am Eucharist and hymns** (followed by morning tea)

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 25 November St Philip's Advent Dinner and Rev'd Martin & Susan's farewell

Details & RSVP will be emailed to the parish this week.

Sunday 26 November Christ the King, Rev'd Martin's final services @ St Philip's

# Rosters

		5-Nov-23	12-Nov-23	19-Nov-23	
Sunday of Month	1	1st	2nd	3rd	
Liturgical Season		Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	
Flowers		Susan J	Susan J	Jeannette M	
Celebrant		Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				Rev'd Scott	
Sidespeople	1 <u>_</u> [	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	Rhonda & Susan	8am
Liturgical Assistant	8am	Susan J (server)	Ellie P (Liturgical assistant)	-	
Audio Visual Operator		?	?	?	
1st Bible reader - OT		Russell M	Alison D	Julianne S	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Margaret M	Alistair D	Rebecca P	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Scott	-
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)	10am	Rev'd Scott	Rev d Martin	Rev a Scott	10am
Sidespeople & Welcomer		Fred A & Janene B	Helen & Hardy	Jeannette M, Laura W	
Liturgical Assistant		?	Rebecca K (Lit assistant)	Rev'd Martin (Lit assistant)	
Audio Visual Operator		?	?	?	
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist		Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
1st Bible reader - OT		Laura W	Lyn P	Liz D	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Ann M	Ashton R	Colin D	
Morning Tea		Barbara G	Janene B	Ann M	
Additional details/notes					