

ALL SOULS

Sentence

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord;
'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

Prayer of the Day *

**We thank you, loving God, for all your servants, known to us and unknown, who have departed this life in your faith and fear:
give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be brought to a joyful resurrection, and be made partakers of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.**



Give Me the Wings of Faith to Rise

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.
Once they were mourning here below,
And wet their couch with tears;
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sins and doubts and fears.
I ask them whence their victory came;
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.
They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
Possess the promised rest.
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) – TNEH 225]



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Mission Statement

Christ Church seeks to be a centre for the worship of Almighty God, providing strength and assistance for all who enter, and enabling God's love in Christ to reach out to the community and world in which we live.

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

1st November 2020

Liturgical Colour: White

ALL SAINTS

Sentence

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

Prayer of the Day *

**We praise you, heavenly Father,
that you have knit together your chosen ones
in one communion and fellowship
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord:
give us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
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.**



The Vicar Writes



Today we are celebrating All Souls' Day. This is where we remember those who have gone before us and passed on the faith that we are able to enjoy and often take for granted. All Souls includes members of our family, as well as all of the saints of the church.

We are all eternal souls, part and parcel of the Supreme Lord who has come to this world to be given the chance to develop pure unadulterated love for God. It is only the physical body that dies. The body is

a necessary vehicle for the soul to fulfil its purpose in this world. The most important purpose for every soul is to learn to love unconditionally God and neighbour. The trials of the world make this a seemingly difficult task. We always seem to get distracted from our spiritual activities and material life always takes priority, if we let it.

The difficulties of this world are not meant to overcome us, we are meant to overcome them. By overcoming them we become strong and fit for the service of the Lord. Even God's Son was not spared the trials and sufferings of this world, and yet he valiantly overcame them. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we too may overcome all difficulties and develop the ego-less, selfless state where we are happy to live for God and others. Nothing is impossible for the Lord, and there is nothing we cannot achieve by his grace. With the Lord everything is fun and exciting, without the Lord life can be a nightmare. The more we are concerned only with our little self, the more we become entangled by the complexities of material existence.

That is why we are grateful to those who have gone before us and shown us the way to a happy, blissful life; not only the saints, but parents, partners and loved ones who have inspired us so much. Let us offer our prayers to God on their behalf and ask the Lord to bless them for all they have given us. Let us always be grateful and never take for granted the grace we have received from the Lord through the agencies of so many souls that have blessed our lives.

The Lord be with you,
Fr Russell

CHRIST THE KING/PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, 22nd November

Please note that it is planned – unless circumstances change once again – to commence services on the above
Sunday at: 8.00am, 10am & 5.15pm

Further details closer to the date!!



PSALM 34.1-12

I will bless you 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 forever.

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 ashamed.

Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:
and saved me from all troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around 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, O 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.

Come, my children and listen to me:
and I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Which of you relishes life: wants time to enjoy good things?

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: The unbroken chain of Christian saints through the ages without whose witness we would not experience the grace of Christ (ABM); those suffering the aftermath of natural disasters, including California.

THE CHURCH: The Church of the Province of West Africa; Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia; Archdeaconry of Stonnington; Royal School of Church Music; St James' Pakenham; All Saints Selby; St John's Toorak; St Paul's Geelong; Church of the Province of Myanmar (ABM)

THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: May God help us to examine our lives and be inspired by the saints in more closely following our Lord (ABM).

THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED: Those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

THE DEPARTED: Our own departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time (Jack Lewis, David McGowan).

NEXT SUNDAY – 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 44.1-15; Psalm 26;

Hebrews 10.32-39

Gospel: John 15.9-17

