

**SAINT JOHN'S**



**ANGLICAN CHURCH**

## PEW SHEET

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Welcome to Saint John's! Public worship is gradually being reintroduced in accordance with government restrictions and with cleaning and safety protocols in place. In line with government restrictions, all services are at the moment restricted to 50 persons outdoors and 20 persons indoors. Please contact the Vicar ([vicar@saintjohns.org.au](mailto:vicar@saintjohns.org.au) or 0431 308 703) if you are intending to join. Small weddings and funerals within current regulations may still be conducted, please contact the Vicar directly for ministry needs.

You can find out more about us as well as resources for Worship at Home at [www.saintjohns.org.au](http://www.saintjohns.org.au).

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**SERVICES**

**Sunday**

8:00am - Eucharist (Outdoors)

9:30am – Eucharist (Indoors)

3:00pm – Eucharist (Indoors)

**Weekday Eucharist**

9:00am - Tuesday (St. Agnes) (Indoors)

10:00am – Thursday (St John's) (Indoors)

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# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Please stand when the bells are rung. The ministers enter as the organ plays 'March in D' by David Johnson*

✠ 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.**

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ Jesus said ‘This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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.**

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

## 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

Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to  
be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things  
that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Judges.

[4:1-10]

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand." ' Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes:  
you who are enthroned in the heavens.

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:**

**or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to the Lord our God:

until he show us his mercy.

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:**

**for we have had our fill of derision.**

Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:  
and with the contempt of the proud.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. [5:1-11]

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. [25.14-30]

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

*The Sermon is followed by a period of reflection as the organ plays ‘Andante Tranquillo’ from Five Short Pieces by Percy Whitlock*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together stand to affirm the faith of the Church.

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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

God of all hope, bless the mission of the church as it seeks to watch and wait for your Kingdom. May all Christian people live as children of the day and not of the night, that they may encourage and build up one another in the faith, using their talents and gifts for the benefit of others and to your glory.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of all bounty, bless those who exercise their gifts in government, in commerce, in the building up of society. Enable those whose talents cannot be used through no fault of their own, those who are suppressed and silenced. Raise up the poor and oppressed and all who are frustrated in their attempts to reach their potential. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of all creativity, bless those whose gifts bring joy and delight to this world: for musicians and artists, writers and craftspeople. Give wisdom and skill to those whose gifts work for the benefit of society: for scientists and research workers, creators and inventors. May we share your gifts justly and use them rightly. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of all health, look with your compassion on all those who are sick, in pain, recovering from operations or weary in mind or body. Meet the needs of all your people, and particularly from our own community: Marg, Ali, Patricia, Christine, Phil, Anne, Gail, Jean, Bill, Greg, Roger, Warwick, Andrew and Bob.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We rejoice in the saints of God, all who share in your triumph over death and now have the glorious liberty of the children of God. We commend to you friends and loved ones now departed, remembering particularly this day Heloise Pereira, and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Phyllis St. Clair Cox, Lillian Hampton Turner, Hazel Shankly, Edward McDonald Walker, Thomas Vesian Wallace. May they rest in peace: **and rise in glory.**

## 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.**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

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.**

*The priest continues in thanksgiving...*

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.**

*The priest continues with the prayer of consecration...*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

... we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be 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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE 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.**

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion. It will be assumed during this time that you wish to receive the consecrated bread only. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead. Please come forward using the window-side aisle in two distinct groups: those in the North-side pews first followed by those in the South-side pews.*

*During Communion our Director of Music, Lachlan McDonald, will play one of his own compositions 'Halcyon'*

# BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Notices may be given here.*

*The priest prays a post-communion prayer, followed by*

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

*The priest says this blessing:*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 peace, to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*The ministers depart as the organ plays the Postlude 'Fantaisie' from Hommage a Frescobaldi by Jean Langlais*

<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>This Week 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>	<b>Next Week 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>
<b>8.00am Eucharist</b>		
Welcomer	David and Robin Richards	TBA
Cleaner	--	TBA
<b>9:30am Eucharist</b>		
Welcomer	John Stuckey	TBA
Cleaner	John Stuckey	TBA
<b>3.00pm Eucharist</b>		
Welcomer	--	--
Cleaner	Claire O	
<b>Weekly Duties</b>		
Bins	<i>Including Recycling</i>	TBA

# NEWS & NOTICES

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## SOCIAL DISTANCING AND COVID PRECAUTIONS

Please continue to observe Social Distancing (1.5 meters between members of different households) while attending services, including during the 'Greeting of Peace'. Please note that masks must be worn at all times. Stations for hand sanitisation are available at the entrance to the church. If you feel unwell, or consider yourself to be at risk, please feel encouraged and supported to continue to isolate at home: 'Worship at Home' resources will continue to be provided until the end of November, after which the Worship at Home liturgy can be used together with this pew-sheet. Unfortunately it is not yet possible to offer refreshments or hospitality after worship but this will be revised and re-instated as soon as possible.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Electoral Roll has closed and no further names may be added until after the AGM. The AGM will be held, as far as is possible, in person at St John's at 11:30am on November 29th with an additional option to participate by Zoom. The Roll is available for inspection at the Vicarage and in the church after services on Sundays.

The Vicar is also calling for nominations, particularly for members of Parish Council. Nomination forms are available from the Vicar and must be returned to him before 8am on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

It's that time of year again to start thinking about ordering your Christmas Pudding from St John's – homemade puddings which are far superior to anything you can buy elsewhere, without the fuss of doing it yourself. It's also a great seasonal fundraiser for the church. This year we are only selling small puddings (feeds 6 to 8) at \$35 – they must be pre-ordered, please contact Robin 0412 545 002.

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## CASSEROLE DONATIONS

An important part of our parish's ministry over the past months has been reaching out to those who are isolated or in need of help while at home through our regular casserole deliveries. We are running low and would greatly appreciate any offers of help to cook up some casseroles which can be frozen and stored in our dedicated 'Casserole Bank' freezer. If you can help please speak to Sally Wallis (0400 291 340).

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