

Sentence

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

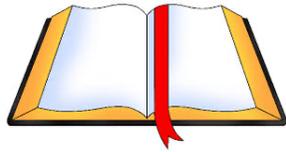
1 Corinthians 15:57

Collect

Alleluia!
Eternal God,
humanity is made in your image;
you call us by name,
help us to always recognise your voice
and to respond willingly,
that we might witness to the resurrection.
Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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Readings

Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Prayers

This Sunday in the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Bishop Steve and Lorraine; and for our Archdeacon Keith Gover and Anne. This week we pray for the Parish of Upper Clutha and Damon Plimmer (Vicar, Doreen McKinlay (Priest Assistant), and Barry Entwisle (Priest Assistant). We Pray also for the members of the Social Justice Commission.

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All Saints' Church

The open door

Fourth Sunday of Easter
25 April, 2021

Anzac Day holds a special and significant role in the history of New Zealand. But in an increasingly secular and atheistic society, why do more and more people gather each year at religious services to mark this day?

The very word 'cenotaph,' at which many of these services are held, means 'empty tomb' when translated from the New Testament Greek. So already it is possible to discern the christian idea of resurrection life woven into the themes of the day. It is also often possible to find various verses from scripture inscribed on these monuments. But one of the paradoxes the church faces on a day such as this, is how we honour the fallen without betraying the gospel of the Prince of Peace. Elizabeth Raine writes the following: "Honouring the fallen does not require us to swallow the propaganda of war. We can honour the fallen and acknowledge their sacrifice without having to support the system that sacrificed them. We can honour the memory of those who have been sacrificed in war without having to endorse either the ideologies that they were sacrificed to defend, or the actions by which they defended them. We can honour the fallen while allowing their memory to raise pertinent questions about the powers that were prepared to sacrifice them... As a people of God, we should stand with all the victims of war and oppression and with all those who have been sacrificed down through the ages. And we should bear witness along with them that the powers of corruption and death can be defeated by the power of love and life, through words of reconciliation, love, peace and forgiveness, spoken not just to our friends, but to our enemies as well. Perhaps then peace can be a real possibility in our world."



Service at 9.30am: Printed Order of Service

Opening	New Zealand National Anthem (Te Reo/English)
Gradual	The King Of Love My Shepherd Is
Offertory	Rejoice the Lord is King
Communion	As We Break the Bread
Closing	God is Our Strength and Refuge

Your organist this Sunday is: Alan Menzies

Anointing

Anointing is a traditional spiritual practice that has been around since biblical times. It was initially a rite of inauguration, but also became associated with the recovery of the sick. Anointing was also used by the early Christians as a way of reviving themselves or energising their bodies so as to be able to continue their work and witness. Occasionally anointing is used by those who are seeking protection in spiritual warfare. Isaiah 21:5 - anointing the shield.

Anointing serves a range of purposes and you are more than welcome to come forward for anointing immediately after communion. Please make your way to the altar end of the choir stalls and we will meet with you after the Eucharist.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." (Luke 4:18)



2021 Lenten Appeal Results

This year the Lenten Appeal for the Anglican Missions Board has raised \$81.30 during the giving period. This money will be sent to the AMB for them to put towards the projects that most need our support and encouragement over the coming year. Thank you to all those who were able to contribute to this worthwhile cause, your efforts help to reach those most in need in our world.

Baptism

On Sunday 2nd May at the 9.30am service we are privileged to welcome Alex into the family of Christ through the waters of Baptism. Please note this date in your diary and make a plan to be at church that Sunday to support Mandy and Lee as they present their daughter to the church.

Calendar...

<i>25 April</i>	Today
Said Eucharist	8.00am
Community Prayer	9.00am
Choral Eucharist	9.30am
<i>27 April</i>	Tuesday
Music and Movement	10.00am
Parish Prayers	5.15pm
<i>28 April</i>	Wednesday
Said Eucharist	10.30am
LHOP at the Mitchell's	7.30pm
<i>2 May</i>	Sunday
Said Eucharist	8.00am
Community Prayer	9.00am
Holy Eucharist	9.30am
Night Church	7.00pm

Roster

Ministries for Today...
8.00am J Trotter
9.30am <i>Sidesperson</i>
M Gratton
<i>Worship Leader</i>
W Cooper
<i>Chalice</i>
L Cooper
<i>Readers</i>
P Thomas
P Lee
<i>Morning Tea</i>
G Donaghy
J Gray
Ministries for Next Sunday...
8.00am J Trotter
9.30am <i>Sidesperson</i>
J & D Murphy
<i>Worship Leader</i>
K Jones
<i>Readers</i>
S Pratt
J Whitfield
<i>Morning Tea</i>
S Slater
J Gray

Giving at All Saints

As a Parish we are very lucky and extremely grateful for the wonderful generosity of our Parishioners. We celebrate and thank you for your contribution to the running of the Parish, Missions, various appeals and the organisations we support.

There are different ways that you can give or contribute to the Parish.

- **Internet Banking:** Gifts given in this way still count towards your annual gifting receipt for IRD purposes. Our account is with the **ANZ, account number - 06 0925 0171362 00**. Please use your **name** as the reference so the Parish Recorder can issue a receipt for tax purposes at the end of March each year.
- **Envelopes:** These are available through the Parish Recorder and you can make a donation using your envelopes. The amount you give remains entirely confidential and you will receive a receipt for tax purposes at the end of March each year.
- **Cash:** This can be put in the collection plate as it circulates during the Offertory Hymn. Cash is not able to be receipted.
- **Bequest:** Please speak with your advisor or trustee about leaving a bequest to the Parish.