

ALL SAINTS' DAY

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 A.M.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026



About All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is one of seven principal feast days in the Church calendar and is the only non-Sunday feast day that may be observed on the Sunday after the official date, in this case, November 1. While commemorations of saints and martyrs have been observed since the earliest days of the Church, it was not until the 9th century that November 1 was settled upon as a universal day of observance.

As with many Christian festivals, the commemoration begins the night before with All Hallows' Eve, known to us as Halloween, when it was believed that the veil between the living and the dead was especially thin. For those who might argue that dressing up as ghosts and goblins is a pagan ritual, I would respond that it is a deeply faithful way of confronting death and the beyond, refusing to be afraid because we know that on the other side of the grave lies eternal life.

All Saints' Day itself is a remembrance of all the capital "S" saints for whom there is no other designated date or those saints and martyrs whose names are unknown to us. All Souls' Day, or Commemoration of All Faithful Departed (November 2), is the day we remember those we have loved but see no more, those small "s" saints we hold in our hearts and our memories.

These three days of All Hallowtide give us a chance to consider our own mortality, to give thanks for saints above (the "Church Triumphant") and saints below (the "Church Militant"), affirming that we gather here each week in the presence of "saints and angels and all the company of heaven."

About today's choral music

John Rutter (b. 1945) composed his Requiem in 1985, shortly after the death of his father, and it was first performed that autumn in Dallas, Texas. Rather than setting the full Latin Mass for the Dead, Rutter shaped a seven-movement arch, weaving Latin texts together with English passages from the Book of Common Prayer and the Psalms. The intimate *Pie Jesu*, for solo soprano, offers a simple, lyrical prayer for eternal rest. The closing *Lux aeterna* joins words from the Burial Service, "I heard a voice from heaven," to the ancient plea for perpetual light, ending the work in luminous peace.

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979) is one of today's most widely performed American choral composers, known for lyrical melodies and luminous piano writing. *All Things New*, published in 2021, sets a poem by the English hymn writer Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879), whose verses trace a series of reversals: light after darkness, peace after pain, life after the tomb. Hagenberg pairs the poem with a refrain drawn from Revelation, where Christ, the Alpha and Omega, promises springs of living water and declares that he is making all things new. A gently shimmering accompaniment carries the music toward a radiant, hope-filled close.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome to St. John's! We are glad you have joined us today. Everything you need is in this leaflet or the blue Hymnal 1982 found in the pew. We invite you to prepare for worship in silent prayer during the prelude, and we encourage you to participate throughout this liturgy in singing the hymns and service music and saying the portions in bold type. Prompts are provided for you to stand, sit, or kneel where appropriate and as you are able.

Prelude

Méditation

Gabriel Dupont (1878–1914)

Welcome and Announcements, *seated*

Reading of the Parish Necrology

All rise at the sound of the church bell.

Hymn 287

"For all the saints, who from their labors rest"

Sine nomine

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

You may be seated.

The First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, 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 worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever 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 center 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."

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10,22 *Benedicam Dominum*

Thomas Norris (1741–1790)

The Psalm is sung by the choir.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia

Alleluia from "Calvary Service"

Thomas Pavlechko

Standing as able



*Choral Verse: Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.*

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Silence for reflection.

The Rev. Dr. Elaine Ellis Thomas

Anthem

III. Pie Jesu, from *Requiem*
Phred Mileski, Soprano

John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate *The congregation remains seated.*

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents I present Ethan Milligan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The congregation is invited to stand.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Ethan in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Let us join with Ethan who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
<i>People</i>	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
<i>People</i>	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.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the Candidate

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us now pray for Ethan who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
<i>Intercessor</i>	Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor</i>	Open his heart to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor</i>	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor</i>	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor</i>	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

During the singing of the baptism hymn, parents, godparents, and family members are invited to join us around the font. Any other children who are present may gather at the font for a closer view.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Ethan, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
 Ethan, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The baptismal candle is presented

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace, standing as able

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

*The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.
You may be seated following the exchange of the Peace.*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

Anthem

VII. Lux aeterna, from *Requiem*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Phred Mileski, Soprano

Presentation

The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table.

Weekly donations to the Shoreline Pantry are placed before the Altar.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A (Expansive Language)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-128 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

W. Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the



The people may remain standing or you may kneel or sit as is your preference.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



Celebrant

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Fraction Anthem S-166

Jesus, Lamb of God

G. Near



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome at God's table no matter where you are in your walk with Christ. If you need gluten-free bread, simply ask the priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing, indicate that by crossing your hands over your chest when you come to the altar rail. The first chalice following the bread is for you to drink the wine. The second is if you choose to dip (or intinct) the wafer in the wine. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.

Healing prayers will be offered during communion. After you have received the elements, you may make your way to the baptistry if you wish to receive prayer for yourself or someone you love.

Communion Motet

All Things New

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Hymn 293

"I sing a song of the saints of God"

Grand Isle

Prayer after Communion, *standing as able*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 618

"Ye watchers and ye holy ones"

Lasst uns erfreuen

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Menuet, from *Suite Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)

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