

"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE"

W. ELKINS

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
10:00 AM
ALL SAINTS' DAY

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Our morning worship begins with the first note of the organ prelude
and your silent prayers. Please refrain from conversations during this time.*

PRELUDE: *Psalm Prelude, No. 1, Set 1*

Herbert Howells (1864-1955)

(Psalm 34: v. 7)

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN 287 (1,2,5-8) • “For all the saints, who from their labors rest”

Sine Nomine

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant † Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

CANTICAL S-236 • A Song of Praise *Benedictus es Domine*

John Rutter (b.1945)

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

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.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • Revelation 7:9–17

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation.

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.”

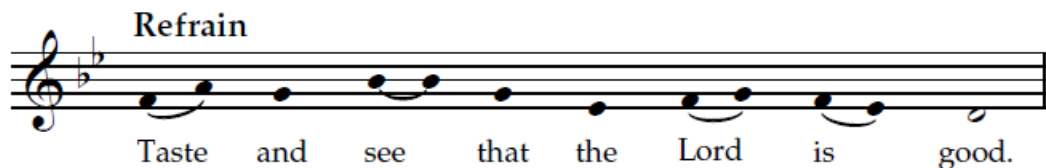
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalms 34:1–10, 22 *Benedicam Dominum*

Mode 3

The Refrain is first sung by the Choir and repeated by All, and then as indicated.



I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the LORD; let the humble hear and rejoice. **Refrain**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt his Name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror. **Refrain**

Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles. **Refrain**

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who trust in him! **Refrain**

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him. **Refrain**

EPISTLE • 1 John 3:1–3

Lector A reading from the First Letter of John.
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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN 293 • “I sing a song of the saints of God”

Grand Isle

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • Matthew 5:1–12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
Celebrant 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Philip Major

A brief silence follows the sermon.

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCE

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

God of all creation, we give thanks this day for the saints of our lives.

For their vision of hope; **we give you thanks.**

silence is kept

For the tenderness of their caring; **we give you thanks.**

silence is kept

For their example of courage; **we give you thanks.**

silence is kept

For their example of perseverance through the challenges of life; **we give you thanks.**

silence is kept

For the joy brought into the world by their creativity; **we give you thanks.**

silence is kept

For the persistence of their commitment to justice; **we give you thanks.**

silence is kept

For the grace seen in their faithfulness; **we give you thanks.**

silence is kept

For their love; **we give you thanks.**

silence is kept

Shepherd of souls, you form us in your image; you endow us with gifts of creativity, memory, and free will. As we give thanks for these witnesses to the power of your love in our lives, so strengthen in us the hope, the grace, the creativity, and the courage we see in their lives. As we draw closer to them in our memories and in our lives, may we also draw closer to you, through your gentle spirit, moving among us, we pray. **Amen.**

The people are invited to stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We remember our one holy catholic and apostolic Church and pray for the welfare of all Christians, in the Western churches and the Orthodox churches to the East. Guide us toward a unity that strengthens us as members of the Body of Christ. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Dede, our Bishop; and for Philip, our Rector. Guard our faith and preserve it in peace.

In times of trouble, I shall call upon the Lord; **Happy are they who trust in Him!**

Pray for the welfare of our nation as we prepare to vote this season. May all who have authority act honorably. We pray for our elected and appointed officials in Washington, in New York State and in our Central New York region. May they serve justice, the law, and the dignity of each of us.

In times of trouble, I shall call upon the Lord; **Happy are they who trust in Him!**

Pray that all people would work together for the common good. Remember our intimate dependence on the Earth and the life-giving elements given to us. Save us from our greed and careless.

In times of trouble, I shall call upon the Lord; **Happy are they who trust in Him!**

Pray for those who are afraid and suffer loss as war destroys everything around them. Pray for relief and deliverance for Ukraine, Gaza, and the people of the Middle East. We pray, too, for those who declare themselves as our enemies, in the hope that hate and mistrust be dispelled. May we be forgiven for injuring or offending others.

In times of trouble, I shall call upon the Lord; **Happy are they who trust in Him!**

Pray for those who suffer from sickness, loneliness, despair, poverty, incarceration, or the threat of violence. Please pray for those on our Prayer List *n.* and for those you may know who are in any kind of trouble.

In times of trouble, I shall call upon the Lord; **Happy are they who trust in Him!**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Remember those who have died, family and friends gone now from our lives, but not forgotten. Today we pray especially for *n.* and for those you have cherished and may name, silently or aloud.

In times of trouble, I shall call upon the Lord; **Happy are they who trust in Him!**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect:

God of all nations, you have bound us together in the mystical body of Christ; grant us grace to live as the saints, alive and dead, that we may take as our own a holy life that pleases you, displaying your love toward all of our neighbors, through the power of the Holy Spirit, working among us. *Amen.*

Please remain standing.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The bread and wine for communion and the offering plates are brought forward at the beginning of the offertory.

OFFERTORY

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting 73256 entering **stpaulsy** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The People are invited to sit.

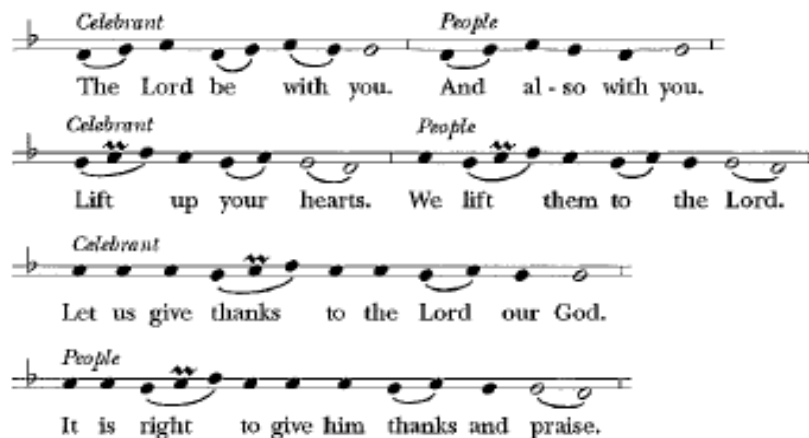
AN ANTHEM: *Justorem animæ*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God. And the pain of death shall not touch them. To the eyes of the foolish, they seemed to perish, but they are in peace.

The people are invited to stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, The Eucharistic Prayer is from the Church of South India



Celebrant

Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image.

Through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspire prophetic

voices to speak the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new.

In Christ Jesus you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to be his disciples and friends. By his death he destroyed the power of death. By his resurrection he opened the way of eternal life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-129

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took the bread and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

All **Lord, we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection, and we await your coming.**

Celebrant † Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him.

May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10–15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-155

Gerald Near (b.1942)

You are invited to consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, drink directly from the cup. The sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both. Prayers for healing are offered at the Peace Altar.

The People are invited to sit.

AN ANTHEM:

Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

If ye love me keep my commandments and I will pray the Father and He shall give you another comforter. That he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

COMMUNION HYMN 315 • “Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray”

Song 1

The People are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant

Let us pray.

All

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN 618 • “Ye watchers and ye holy ones”

Lasst uns erfreuen

DISMISSAL

People:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE • Fanfare

Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

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Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul's prayer leaders.

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

Sue B., Hillary B., Destany W., Jeanne A., and Denise D.

We remember those who have died in recent days.

The decorations on the altar today are given to the glory of God.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Georgette & Tim Schmidt

Lay Readers: Cathy Wolff, Derina Samuel

Ushers: Jeanne Stanton

Flowers: Marion Greenhalgh

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Jeanne Chu, Tiffany Minor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Bring your friends and neighbors to St. Paul's this afternoon at 4 p.m. for a Choral Evensong service, with music led by St. Paul's Choir and organist and choirmaster Jim Potts.

* On Tuesday, November 10th, the *Onondaga Historical Association* will host presentations by three finalists in the design competition for the Columbus Monument Heritage Park. The event is open to the entire city and will be held at St. Paul's. Doors open at 5:30 and presentations begin at 6 p.m.

* You can read more about the Columbus Monument Heritage Park design competition and other church events in *The Courier*. Print copies of the November edition of *The Courier* are available in the back of the Nave.

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#12. Is it a problem if I don't say the right words or don't hold my hands the right way when I am receiving the communion bread?

No. Questions like this were put to rest about 400 years ago. During the English Reformation different groups in the church attacked others for their use of vestments, candles, words, and other elements of worship. Statues and stained-glass windows were destroyed. People were burned at the stake for their religious practices.

One of the priests who endured this time of hostilities thought it was important to identify the things necessary for salvation, as compared to the things that are not necessary for salvation. He observed that most things we do in the church are not necessary for salvation. He used the term adiaphora to describe the things we do that are not necessary for salvation.

Most of our customs and practices fall into the category of adiaphora, in other words, they are not necessary for our salvation. This includes practices like the words we say as we receive communion, or the way we hold our hands, or whether we sit, stand or kneel to pray. The only thing that is truly necessary for our salvation is to allow God's love to be in the center of our lives.

If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org. Fr. Philip +



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EVENSONG

For All Saints



Sunday, November 1st at 4:00 p.m.

A reflective recital for flute and piano with Lana Stafford and Sabine Krantz, including raga-inspired music by Reena Esmail, the new work *Soft Rain* by Ian Clarke, selections from the *Flute Sonata* of Mel Bonis, and an alto saxophone work by Steven Banks arranged here for flute and piano.

Enjoy uplifting, reverent and reflective music with Lana and Sabine.

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2026

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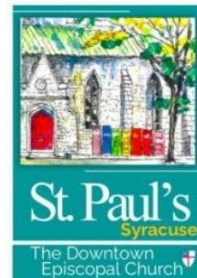
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