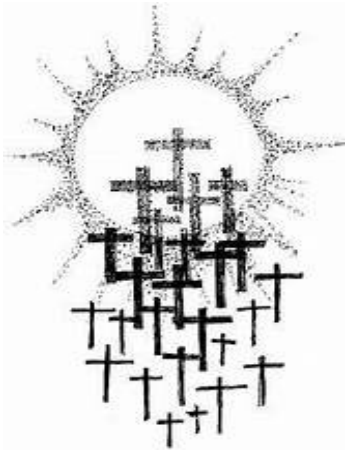


All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026

A Brief Word About Our Worship

Welcome to St. Paul's! Worship in the Episcopal Church follows a beautiful and ancient form that dates back to the earliest period of the Christian faith. We know that this style of worship is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but wait on the Lord reverently and expectantly. Once you are used to this form of worship you will find it a truly beautiful, holy, and transformative experience.

Visitors!

We are glad that you are here worshiping with us today. If the Lord is leading you to join us, please speak to a member of the Vestry or Clergy. We hope that you will return soon and often.

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About receiving Communion

As a visitor, may I receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion today?

All persons who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but wish to receive a blessing, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intention.

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About Ceremonial

Ceremonial represents the offering of the body to God. Through ceremony and rite, all the senses are being used. There is the use of sight in observing color and light and splendor; of voice in the singing of hymns and songs and the chanting of the liturgy; of smell in the beautiful of spices which make up incense; of touch in the sign of peace and the laying on of hands; of taste in the gift of communion; of hearing in the music and proclamation of the Word of God. For we are not pure spirits, and if our worship is "purely spiritual," it is incomplete because only part of us is being offered.

Kenneth Leech in *True Prayer*

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Prelude

Entrance hymn (announced)

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

Canticle: Gloria in Excelsis

Sung by all

Glory to God in the highest, and peace
to his 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 of the Day

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

Remain standing

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.*

All are seated

The First Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17; 14:13

Reader: 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 Tribulation; 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." And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Remain seated

Psalm 34:1-10,22

(Read responsively by whole verse)

1
I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall ever be
in my mouth.
2
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 who trust in him
will be condemned.

(Sung)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-3

Reader: A Reading from 1st 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Song before the Gospel
(announced)

All stand

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Reader: Let us pray for Christ's Church and the World.

A brief period of silence is kept.

Holy God, we thank you that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, for when we do not know how to pray as we ought, your Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. Hear us now through your Spirit as we come to you in prayer knowing that all things work together for the good for those who love you and called according to your purpose.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Holy and Mighty One, your Spirit accompanies the witness of your people. Bless our Bishops Rob, Michael and Fraser, our priest, Gary, and this gathering. May those who hear your Word believe and those who believe bear the good fruit of faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Holy and Immortal One, send forth rain to water the earth that it might produce what is needed for life. Help us to be wise and faithful in the use of the rich bounty of the earth, that the poor may be supplied and that we never fail to give thanks to you for all you have given us.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Holy God, you have given power to the nations and those who govern to act for the good of your people. Bless our President and Vice President, the Congress, our Governor and all those elected and appointed to serve your people, that justice and truth may prevail. Help us in the midst of our struggles to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, but to work together with mutual forbearance and respect.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Holy and Mighty One, you know how weak and frail we are. Give to those afflicted in mind, body or spirit the fullness of your healing grace, that according to your will they may be restored to health. Hear us for all those suffering or recovering from the ravages of the pandemic, and for those who have requested our prayers especially those we name before you now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Holy Immortal One, we commend to your care and keeping all the men and women serving in our armed forces and all first responders Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Holy God, source of all abundance, receive the financial commitments we make to you on this Consecration Sunday. Give us the wisdom to use them faithfully as we share what you have entrusted to us remembering: all things come from thee and of thine own do we give unto thee.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Holy and Mighty One, your Word endures forever. Keep us from being tossed about by every wind of change and chance. Help us to stand upon the firm foundation of your Word and Sacraments. Prepare us for the day when we shall be reunited with all who have gone before that we may dwell with them in your presence forevermore.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Commemoration of the Saints

Celebrant:

And now, O heavenly Father, Shepherd of your people, we give you thanks for all your saints who have gone before us in the faith, especially_____, and all others we name before you now _____.

After a brief silence, the Celebrant continues

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

People: Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind;

People: And we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.

Celebrant: For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
People: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Celebrant: All of us go down to the dust;

People: Yet even at the grave we make our song:

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are terribly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Today, as the offering is being received, please place your pledge cards in the plates. Thank you.

Celebrant: I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Piano Interlude

The Doxology

The Censing Song
(announced)

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Sung by all

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.

****It is appropriate to stand, sit, or kneel for the Prayer of Consecration****

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and give 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 he 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:

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

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of

praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him.

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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Ministration of Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The 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*.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Closing Song or Hymn

(announced)

Postlude

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A full lunch with fried chicken and all the fixin's follows in Clardy Hall.

Visitors, please join us!