

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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All Saints' Day

Holy Baptism

Welcome to the weekly worship that has been celebrated in Anglican churches for centuries. This leaflet includes everything you need to participate in today's service. Congregational responses are in italics.

1. As the congregation sings an opening hymn of praise, the cross leads the procession into the church. In this way, the cross draws us into worship, as Jesus said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32).
2. At the beginning of each service, a greeting is exchanged. The baptismal acclamation includes both a seasonal introduction and a call and response specific to the sacrament (Eph. 4:4-5).

Hymn [1] – Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise;
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Chorus:
Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age: our God is all in all.

KEITH GETTY, KRISTYN GETTY, STUART TOWNEND (2009)

The Acclamation [2]

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the 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 [3]
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading [4] **– 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."
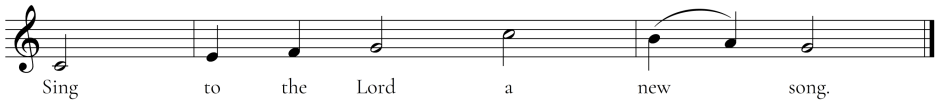
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

3. A "collection" of the prayers of the church, this prayer sets forth a theme that unifies the worship that follows.

4. The Bible is our foundation and final authority in all matters of Christian faith and life (2 Tim. 3:16).

   Each week we read from one of the four Gospel accounts of Jesus' life as well as another passage from either the Old or New Testament.

The Psalm [5] – Psalm 149



Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
Let them praise his Name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. *[Antiphon]*

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.
Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds. *[Antiphon]*

Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples; *[Antiphon]*

To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;
To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah! *[Antiphon]*

5. Churches—and synagogues before them—have been singing the psalms since they were composed. Singing the word of God has immense power; God wrote the psalms, and he loves to hear them sung. Singing psalms transforms us by instilling the word of God deeply into our hearts and minds, acting as a theological framework for our emotions and prayers (Ephesians 5:19).

6. The Gospel is read in the midst of the people as a symbol of Jesus' incarnation, that Christ came into the world to live as one of us, to die in our place, and to be raised again for our justification (John 1:14).

Hymn – Living Waters

Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken? Peace unspoken, rest beside these living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone, rise up in these living waters.

Chorus
There's a river that flows with mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore.
Praise the Lord of living waters.

Spirit moving, mercy washing, healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline, life is in these living waters.

Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ, he is our living water.

KRISTYN GETTY AND ED CASH (2016)

The Gospel [6] **– Matthew 5:1-12**

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon [7] **– The Rev. Nick Lannon**

The Exhortation [8]
Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God;" and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that these Candidates, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the church as living members of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to these Candidates that which by nature they cannot have.

The Presentation of the Candidates [9]
Celebrant:
The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

[Adults and older children]

Celebrant: Have you already been baptized?
Candidate: No
Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?
Candidate: I do

[Infants and younger children]

Presenters:
I present *N.N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

7. The sermon in a Christian church both helps the congregation understand the meaning of the biblical texts that have been read and proclaims the Good News about Jesus: that though we are great sinners, he is a greater savior (1 Tim. 1:15).

8. The congregation is charged to pray to God that he will pour his grace out on the candidates for baptism, because they can only be made new by his merciful love. The exhortation incorporates Christ's words to Nicodemus (John 3:5) as well as his Great Commission (Mat. 28:18-20).

9. Children are presented for baptism by parents and godparents. Baptism is the sacramental beginning of the Christian life, a journey filled by discipleship, Holy Communion, and growth in Christ-likeness. The candidates presented will not be alone; in addition to the Holy Spirit, they will be helped by their families and their church (Proverbs 22:6).

Celebrant:
Today, on behalf of these children, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that these children are taught, as soon as they are able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. They must come to put their faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of their souls. When they have embraced all these, they are to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that they may publicly claim the Faith for their own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his Kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Presenters:
I am, the Lord being my helper.

Profession of Faith [10]

Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?
I renounce them.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?
I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?
I do.

10. Candidates who can speak for themselves publicly proclaim their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and his finished work for them. Infants and small children have faith proclaimed on their behalf, a faith which they will claim for themselves at their confirmation (Romans 10:9-10).

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?
I will, the Lord being my helper.

[The celebrant then addresses the congregation, first inviting them to stand.]

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?
We will.

The Apostles' Creed [11]
Let us join with this Candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I do. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?
I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
I do. 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. Amen.

Litany for the Candidates [12]
Let us now pray for these Candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

That these children may come to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That all these Candidates may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.
We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

11. A very early statement of faith, and long connected to baptism, this creed—attributed to Jesus' original and closest followers—is mentioned by Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan, in the year AD 390.

12. After affirming their faith in the words of the Creed, the people petition the Lord in prayer; in this case for the baptismal candidates in particular (John 14:13).

That they may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.
We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That they may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.
We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That they may proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.
We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That as living members of the Body of Christ, they may grow up in every way into him who is the head.
We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That, looking to Jesus, they may run with endurance the race set before them, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.
We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants . Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over the Water [13]
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him 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 in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

13. This prayer not only traces the rich imagery of water through the Bible (Genesis 1, Exodus 14, and Matthew 3), it also lays out the theology of the sacrament: this is more profound than a ceremonial washing. In the waters of baptism, the person who would have to save themselves is put to death and a new creation is raised to life in Christ.

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 made regenerate 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, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful 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 [14]

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

The Peace [15]

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with your spirit.

14. As Jesus prepared to leave his disciples to do ministry on their own, he gave them the formula for baptism: the triune name of God (Mat. 28:19). The church has been baptizing with these words ever since.

15. The members of the congregation, remembering their own baptisms and the peace they have with God, share that peace with one another (Col. 3:15).

16. As the music team makes its offering to the Lord, the congregation takes a moment to prepare their hearts for the communion service.

Offertory [16] **– Stand Firm**

Soldiers of Christ, lift up your eyes!
Upon unseen battlefields the ranks of evil rise.
Not flesh and blood, not of this world,
But powers of the shadowed skies
Who've set the earth in peril.
Yet the night is far spent and the day is in sight;
So, cast away your darkened works
And bear the armor of light.

Therefore, take up the armor of God:
Belt made of truth, breastplate of love,
Feet bound with joy, faith-gilded shield,
Helmet of life, and the sword of the Spirit

And stand firm in Christ Jesus,
Draw strength from His might.

Stand firm so that faith may be turned into sight.
Stand firm, O soldier, stand firm in the war
sin, and death, and the devil will lose.
Stand firm as our Lord sees His victory through.
Stand! Stand firm in the Lord!

Soldiers of Christ, lift up your shield!
In the valley of death's shadow
Sin lies silent and concealed.
Arrows of fire, nocked on the bow,
Are released to bend your soul's desire
Toward a life of sin and woe.
Yet, in this vale where shadows increase,
The gates of hell shall not prevail
And death will lose its sting.

Soldiers of Christ, see what now looms:
Upon the shore the dragon stands,
Seeking soldiers to consume.
Woe to the earth, woe to the sea,
The devil comes down unto you
For he knows his time is brief.
Thus, on your guard! Learn to recoil
From the serpent who deceived us.
Stand firm against his wiles.

17. Representatives of the congregation bring the offering forward and it is set on the table with our offerings of bread and wine. Everything we have comes from God, and it is only from his generosity that we can give at all (James 1:17).

Therefore, take up the armor of God:
Belt made of truth, breastplate of love,
Feet bound with joy, faith-gilded shield,
Helmet of life, and the sword of the Spirit

When death comes forth to claim you,
Take heart in how the Lord has saved you.
Remember, we are more than conquerors,
For in the power of Christ,
Though you die, you shall live!

Stand firm in Christ Jesus,
Draw strength from His might.
Stand firm, so that faith may be turned into sight.
Stand firm, O soldier, stand firm in the war
sin, and death, and the devil will lose.
Stand firm as our Lord sees His victory through.
Stand! Stand firm in the Lord!
Oh, stand! Stand firm in the Lord!

W.E. SCHLOPY (2026)

The Presentation Hymn – Gospel Doxology [17]
[The congregation stands]
Your perfect law exposes me, I feel my sin and desperate need
My best good works are powerless, to satisfy your righteousness
But there is one who lived for me, his life, my only victory
His death forever sealed in time, that I am his and he is mine
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,
And of your own have we given you.

The Communion Service [18]

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy, [19] *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 Prayer of Consecration

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. [20]

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he 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." [21]

18. During the prayers in advance of the distribution of Holy Communion, parents who would like their nursery-aged children to participate in the sacrament are invited to retrieve those children and bring them into the sanctuary. Please remember to bring the check-out tag to the nursery.

19. The first section of this refrain, called the Sanctus, is the song of the seraphim in Isaiah's vision (Isaiah 6:3), while the second section includes the words from the crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem (Matt. 21:9). It is a hymn of praise that joins the voices of the faithful with the angels in heaven.

20. Here is the core of the Gospel: Jesus died on the cross as the substitute for sinners. God's anger at sin is poured out, but not on those who deserve it. In Christ, he takes it back into himself, a perfectly satisfying atonement for anyone who puts their faith in Jesus (2 Cor. 5:21).

21. Recitation of Jesus' words and acts has been central in all Eucharistic prayers since the third century. This form of the story

is based chiefly on Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11 and Luke's story of the Last Supper (Luke 22).

22. We pray as Jesus taught his disciples (Matt. 6:9-13).

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.*

The Lord's Prayer [22]

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

The Breaking of the Bread
Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the Cross.
Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access [23]
We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

The Ministration of Communion
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.

[The table is Christ's, not ours; all baptized Christians, being repentant of their sin and having received Christ's absolution, are welcome to receive communion. To receive, come forward when your row joins the line in the center aisle and extend your hands in front of you with your palms up. Then, proceed to your side's chalice and either take a sip of wine or dip your wafer into the wine before consuming it. Then return to your seat. If you are not baptized, you are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing; indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are interested in baptism, please see a member of the clergy. Gluten free elements are available on the table; if you would like to partake of those, please cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the celebrant and then serve yourself.]

23. Referencing Jesus' interaction with a Syrophoencian woman (Mark 7:24-30), this prayer ensures that we do not approach God's table because we deserve to, but because God is merciful in Christ.

The Post Communion Prayer [24]

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Welcome

The Blessing [25]

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.*

24. This prayer sums up what God has done with us in Holy Communion and reminds us that he is now sending us out as missionaries into the world (Eph. 2:10).

25. Based on Philippians 4:7, this blessing asks God to keep us ever mindful of what he's done for us, and reminds the congregation that no matter where we go from here, God has promised to be with us (Matthew 28:20).

26. Here, we are sent out into the world in mission, fueled by the worship service in which we have just participated. The Holy Spirit will empower us to go—as we pray in the Post-Communion Prayer—do all the good works that God has prepared for us to walk in. These good works are his gift to us, the fruit of the Gospel.

Hymn – For all the Saints

For all the saints,
Who from their labors rest.
Who thee by faith
Before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus
Be forever blessed.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock,
Their fortress, and their might:
Thou, Lord, their Captain
In the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
Drear, the one true Light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

O may thy soldiers,
Faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them,
The victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion,
Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle,
They in glory shine;
Yet all are one
In thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

WORDS: WILLIAM WALSHAM HOWE (1864), MUSIC: RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1906)

The Dismissal [26]

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

November 3, 7:00 pm
Women's Study

On the first Tuesday of each month, the women of Grace Church (18+ or high school graduate) meet to study the names by which God identifies himself in Scripture.

November 20, 6:00 pm
Men's Steak Dinner

Join the men of Grace Church (18+ or high school graduates) for our annual Brazilian steakhouse feast! It'll be a time of great meat and great fellowship. The cost of this dinner is only $15, a great discount! However, if your finances allow it, please consider a "hospitality registration" at $40, to allow the church to offset the cost for others.

November 22, 5:00 pm
Choral Evensong

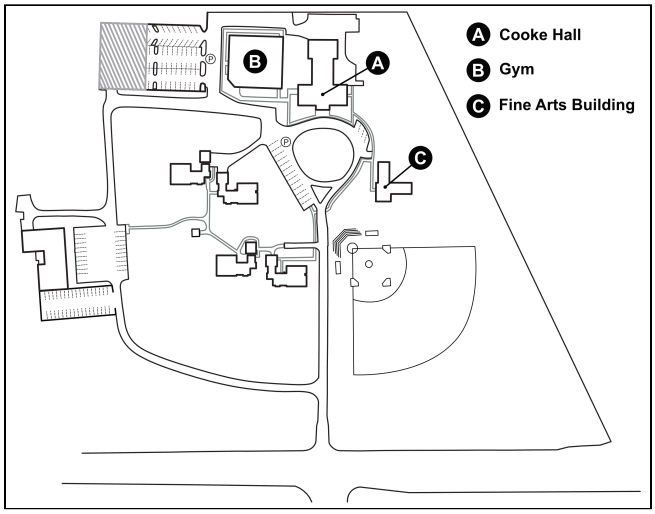
Join us on Sunday evening, November 22 for a service of Choral Evensong. This 1662 Prayer Book service of Evening Prayer, set to beautiful music, is a unique opportunity to worship God in a particularly beautiful way. It is a service of prayer, scripture reading, and song. Join us!

December 13, 5:00 pm
All Ages Ladies' Christmas Dinner and Welcome Baskets

Join us for an all-ages Ladies' Christmas party! We'll meet in Cooke Hall have a catered dinner, a not-so-secret sister name exchange, and we'll also bring items for and pack welcome baskets for newly arrived refugee families (coordinated through Refuge International). Additionally, please bring something to share for dessert!

Visit our Events page to explore full details and registration info for all of our upcoming events.

Join us on Wednesday nights! Details and dinner sign-up here.



Sunday Morning Classes

Nursery (under age 3)
Fine Arts Building, Main entrance

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-6)
Cooke Hall, Downstairs

7yrs-2nd grade
Cooke Hall, Library

3rd-5th grade
Fine Arts Building, Main entrance

Youth (6th-12th grade)
Gym Lobby

A Biblical Worldview (Adults)
Fine Arts Building, Side entrance

Numbers (Adults)
Cooke Hall, Worship space

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