

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ALL SAINTS' DAY
MASS OF CREATION



HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 3, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

*As we continue to grow as a parish, a way to offer hospitality is to wear your nametag.
If you do not have a name tag, please let the office know, we would love to get you one!*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall – just look for the red signs. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service. For those with small children, a nursery is available every Sunday, however our youngest members are always welcome in worship. Thank you for being here!

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom.

A word about the “Mass of Creation” which we will use during October and November: Each year, the ecumenical church celebrates the “Season of Creation”, culminating with the Feast of St. Francis, on October 4th. For us, the Blessing of the Animals takes place on that same day. Through the month of October, in our Sunday School classes, Adult Forums, and with the choir in worship, we remember that we are now in a “season of prayer and action” for the “protectors of our common home”. Our worship will be guided by the work of Marty Haugen’s “Mass of Creation”, which remembers St. Francis and his ministry and through musical settings of St. Francis’ prayer/poem, “All Creatures of our God and King.”

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have an announcement, you would like the clergy to share,
please fill out the form on our website or let the office know no later than Thursday.*

PRELUDE *Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)* Jean Langlais

OPENING HYMN *For all the saints* **HYMNAL 287** (vs. 1-4)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing as you are able*)

Officiant Reveal among us the light of your presence
People that we may behold your power and glory!

COLLECT FOR PURITY **BCP 355**

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.

GLORIA (*the congregation sings the refrain; the choir sings the verses*)

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth

peace to peo - ple of good will.

1. We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. (*Refrain*)

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us. (*Refrain*)

3. 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. (*Refrain*)

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 indescribable 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 FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9 (*please be seated*)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM 24 (*read responsively*)

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

*Verses 1&2 sung before the gospel reading; verse 3 sung after the gospel reading***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 11:32-44 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

THE NICENE CREED (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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. (*pause*)
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 (*please kneel as you are able*)
([https://www.liturgylink.net/2014/10/30/litany-for-all-saints/.](https://www.liturgylink.net/2014/10/30/litany-for-all-saints/))

Eternal God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
we praise you for the saints of all times and places
who have walked the road of faith before us and beside us.
For their witness to your love
and their commitment to your justice,
for their trust in your mercy regardless of the circumstance,
we give you thanks and praise.

God of all creation,
we praise you for all your servants
who have witnessed to your truth,
who have shown us your love,
who have inspired us to have hope.

God of grace and peace,
we praise you for people of all ages
who reflect your goodness in the world.
Guide us to continue their faithful work
as we, too, walk in the light of your love.

God of all saints,
today we remember
the saints from among this community
who have departed our company this year especially John Logan, Jr., Paula Wolf,
Vivian Lord, John Graeter, Douglas Smith, Peter Plaxa, Jeannie Zeller,
Thomas Hartman, Glenda Broad, Kent Strickler,
and those we now name in the silence of our hearts or aloud...

We thank you for their courage amidst strife
and their hope in the face of death.
Continue to inspire us by their faithful witness,
that we, too, might join in bringing
your justice, mercy, and peace to our world.

Celebrant Eternal God, as we walk this pilgrim way, make our faith firm, our hope
clear, and our love pure, that we might join the saints of all the ages in
praise eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

People 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 truly 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 Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the
grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BCP 830

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever
they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or
sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes
understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Eileen Pugliese
in loving memory of her sister, Mary Smith, on the anniversary of her birth.*

*The flowers in front of the chancel are given for the glory of God and in loving memory
of Stefan Latshaw, Jr. by the Latshaw Family.*

THE OFFERTORY *My eyes for beauty pine* Herbert Howells

THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* **HYMNAL 380 v.3**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER II

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 God thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of
 hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

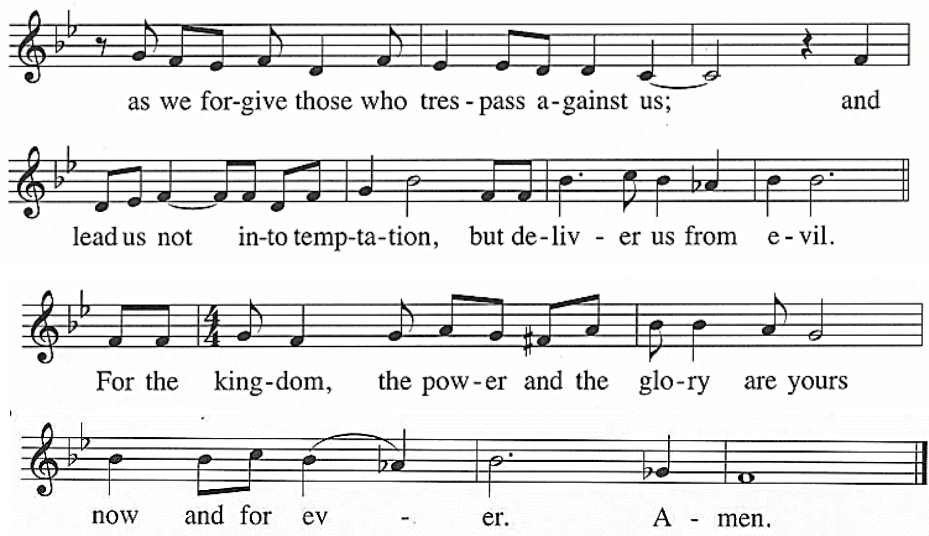
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name; thy
king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es,



as we for-give those who tres - pass a-gainst us; and
 lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

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

THE INVITATION

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.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are also available.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*I sing a song of the saints of God
 For thy dear saints*

**HYMNAL 293
 HYMNAL 279**

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People *We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

BENEDICTION

Prayer of St. Francis

Helen Litz

THE BLESSING

Go on your way rejoicing; Surrounded as you are by such a great cloud of witnesses, take courage as you face each new challenge, and comfort when you pick yourself from a fall, In whatever good you choose to do, precede it with hope, accompany it with prayer, and follow it with thanksgiving. The blessing of God Most Wonderful, whom the saints have trusted as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will be with you now and ever more. *Amen!*

CLOSING HYMN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

HYMNAL 618

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the power of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

POSTLUDE

Built on a Rock the Church Doth Stand

Wilber Held

Following worship, please join us in the Parish Hall for breakfast and our Annual Meeting. We look forward to continuing the celebration with you!

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel to the very we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastor Amanda,

Namaskāra and hello from one of the highest points in the world - Everest base camp in Nepal! When my friends told me they wanted to get closer to God this weekend, I didn't think they meant literally! Yet here we are at nearly 18,000 feet and I can see the summit of Mt. Everest, the tallest mountain in the world off in the distance. Just now I saw a Himalayan black bear cub with its mama and a single snow leopard. A couple of wolves came close to camp last night, maybe because they smelled dumplings, curries, and pizza (yes pizza!) we had last night.

Besides being a beautiful country with stunning mountains, Nepal is one of the most ethnically and religiously diverse nations in the world. While most of the people here belong to a religion called Hinduism, it's also the birthplace of Lord Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, and a small but mighty Christian community.

Earlier this week I was in the small city of Tansen, a beautiful place in the foothills that has a magnificent view of the Himalayan mountains. I was visiting the United Mission Hospital, a hospital that brings together doctors from around the world and Nepal to care for more than 100,000 patients a year. It's run by eight Christian churches and focuses not just on medical care but also education, gender equality, the environment, and working to bridge the gaps between different ethnic groups within Nepal. Because the streets can be so steep here, many people who need emergency care arrive on the back of motorcycles instead of ambulances!

In a scary world that seems to be focused more on what divides us, it was great to be in a place that brings people together to care for each other, no matter what you look like or what you believe in. I heard there's a big election this week, so make sure to look out for each other and know that we have so much more in common with our neighbors than what some people may say. Alavidā, and talk to you next week.

John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

9:00 AM All Saints' Celebration!
10:15 AM Parish Wide Breakfast &
Annual Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

4:30 PM TLC
6:00 PM Ministries Council

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Election Day Bake Sale

Worship at 8am, 12pm, 6pm

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

12:00 PM Healing Service
2:00 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Clergy Day Off

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM Fall Cleanup

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Coffee Hour after each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM EFM Presentation
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

FALL CLEANUP: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH AT 8:00 A.M.

As we prepare for the winter months, we have a lot of outside work to complete. Please bring a rake, leaf blower, gloves, or anything else you might need to help us ready our campus for the winter season. Thank you for helping us be good stewards of this incredible campus!

CRAFT AND HELPERS' WORKSHOP – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17:

Join us from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for our craft and helpers' workshop! More information can be found on the display table in the Parish Hall.

- Craft workshops will require an RSVP so we can plan materials. (Think Mason Snow Jars and Ink Tile Coasters!) RSVP to beth.marionwarren@gmail.com.
- Helpers' workshops will be open and flexible to join. (Think upcycling "Vintage Elegant" items; assembling and finishing our upcycled items into gifts, etc.!) RSVP to mwear2016@outlook.com.

WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

OUR MINISTERS

All Baptized Members

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