

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
WITH THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS



NOVEMBER 2, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

Following our worship service this morning, everyone is invited to join us for our all-parish breakfast and Annual Meeting. We look forward to celebrating the ministries of the past year and electing our newest vestry members!

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. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the Parish Hall. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the restrooms. Thank you for being here!

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. 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. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our Wednesday healing service at 12:00 P.M. is an invitation to lay before God the people and situations in need of healing. This service, using the Book of Common Prayer and other resources, is grounded in healing prayers, anointing with holy oil, and the sharing of the sacrament. The service is short enough to accommodate lunch breaks yet full enough to transform hearts.

Every Thursday at 9:00 A.M. Brother David leads Morning Prayer in the Mary Chapel. This quiet, contemplative service is open to all and is a wonderful way to begin one's day. The service lasts about 20 minutes.

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 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Sir Hubert Parry

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing as you are able)* **BCP 355**

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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 *Glory to God* **HYMNAL S-278**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 (*please be seated*)

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *I sing a song of the saints of God* **HYMN 293**
 (sing vs. 1&2 before the Gospel reading; vs. 3 after the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31 *(please remain standing as you are able)*

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

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
 for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
 for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
 for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
<i>People</i>	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of the past, on this feast of All Saints we remember before you, with thanks,
the lives of those Christians who have gone before us: the great leaders and thinkers,
those who have died for their faith, those whose goodness transformed all they did; Give
us grace to follow their example and continue their work. God of love,
grant our prayer.

God of the present, on this feast of All Saints we remember before you those who have
more recently died, giving thanks for their lives and example and for all that they have
meant to us. We pray for those who grieve and for all who suffer throughout the world:
for the hungry, the sick, the victims of violence and persecution. God of love,
grant our prayer.

God of the future, on this feast of All Saints we remember before you the newest generation of your saints, and pray for the future of the church and for all who nurture and encourage faith. God of love,
grant our prayer.

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises. God of love,
grant our prayer.

Celebrant As you have sustained your saints through centuries of service, keep us faithful, here and now, until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven; in Jesus' name we pray. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

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

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

The clergy asperges the people with holy water.

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 altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory
of Stefan Latshaw, Jr by the Latshaw family.*

OFFERTORY *What Are These That Are Arrayed in White Robes* Sir John Stainer

THE DOXOLOGY *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.* **HYMNAL 380 v.3**

Today, as we gather around God's holy table, we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and who share in the heavenly banquet Christ has prepared for us all. We remember Peter Youngquist, Jane Way, Carole Humphrey, Debbie Carter, Carol Greenfield, Darleen Pfeiffer, Johann Whitcomb Ross.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

THE SANCTUS	<i>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.</i>	HYMN S-129
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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 gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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:

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

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and 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. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, you can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping your wafer into the separate intinction cup. 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. When finished, please exit to your right. Gluten free wafers are also available.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Let saints on earth in concert sing
Rise up, ye saints of God!*

Bell Choir Ensemble

HYMNAL 526

HYMNAL 551

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.

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

HYMN 618

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughn

*Just as the Prelude is meant to quiet our hearts and prepare us for worship,
the Postlude is meant to ignite our spirits in reflection of the service
and prepare us to go out into the world and share what we have experienced.*

THE ALTAR GUILD IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS!

If you enjoy taking care of beautiful things, please consider joining the St. John's Altar Guild. The mission of our Altar Guild is to spiritually prepare and maintain the altar, sanctuary, and its furnishings to support the work of our priests and the church's liturgical life.

This "behind-the-scenes" ministry involves preparing for services by caring for vestments, linens, vessels, and candles, and ensuring the worship area is prepared for worship. Your service would be in partnership with the clergy, vergers, and other altar guild members approximately once per month. If you'd like to learn more about the Guild, please contact Sherry Qualls at shqualls@gmail.com or 717-278-0511.

St. John's Traveler Letter:

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

Dear Pastors Amanda and Joe,

Nkɔmbɔ from the small town of Apewoskia in Ghana! That's how you say hello in this small town in a small country in western Africa. I have a view of the vast, blue ocean just beyond a main street of bright yellow, blue, and green buildings overlooking a white sandy beach ringed by tall palm trees.

As I sit here, however, I can't ignore the fact that this view was shared by millions of people, not by choice, who passed through this town as Black slaves, about to be sent to America to work on plantations and farms. These slaves passed through the nearby Cape Coast Castle and the "Door of No Return," which, for many, was the last look at the continent on which they were born and where they called home. The collection of underground dungeons in the Castle could hold up to a thousand people, often in complete darkness, before they were forced onto ships with even worse living conditions.

Of all the disturbing things I witnessed walking through that castle – as American President Barack Obama did in 2009 – perhaps the most disturbing was the small Anglican church that existed above one of the dungeons. It is impossible to reconcile the teachings of Jesus with what went on in that Castle, yet that's what happened for hundreds of years. As the former Archbishop of Canterbury said when he visited in 2023, "It is a stain on the wider church that some Christians did not see their brothers and sisters as created in the image of God, but as objects to be exploited."

It's a burden that we all carry and one that must guide how we are called to help the poor, the homeless, and the lonely and promote peace throughout the world.

Sending you blessings as always,
John Traveler

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

9:00 AM Joint Worship Service
10:15 AM Parish Wide Breakfast
10:45 AM Annual Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

4:30 PM TLC Gathering

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Election Day Bake Sale

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Immigration Clinic

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

12:00 PM Healing Service
2:00 PM Bible Study (Parish Hall)
6:00 PM The Parents Exchange
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

1:30 PM Wedding

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM Sunday School
9:15 AM Adult Forum
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Parents Exchange:

Calling all parents! If you are in the midst of raising kids – this gathering is for you! Join the clergy this Wednesday, November 5 at 6:00 PM for dinner, conversation, and spiritual nourishment. Dinner is provided as is child-care for our youngest members. Any parent of school aged and younger kids is invited!

Adult Forum:

Join us next Sunday, November 9th, at 9:15 a.m. in the All Purpose Room as we begin our next Adult Forum series on Communal Prayer. Come as you are and join the conversation! All are welcome. Forum will take place on Sunday, November 9, 16, 23.

Makers Market:

Our annual Makers Market is quickly approaching and we need your help! Please consider volunteering or contributing to the variety of goods we offer. More information about how you can get involved can be found in the Parish Hall.

Mark your Calendars:

November 4 – Election Day Bake Sale
November 15 – Fall Clean Up!
November 20 – Transgender Day of Remembrance at 6:00 PM
November 21 – ExtraGive!
November 22 & 23 – Makers Market
November 23 – Evensong at 5:00 PM
November 27 – Thanksgiving Morning Prayer in the Chapel

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.

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