

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALL SAINTS' DAY



HOLY BAPTISM WITH EUCHARIST:
ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 1, 2026 AT 10:15 A.M.

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 (*look for the red signs*). A nursery is available for our littlest members during this service, however, please know children are always welcome in worship. In addition to worship, Sunday School takes place for our children & youth every Sunday at 9:00 A.M. in the Christian Education wing and Coffee Hour follows both of our services in the Parish Hall! Please join us for a cup of coffee or snack, so we can get to know you or fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offertory plate. Thank you for being here!

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our service comes from the Book of Common Prayer, Enriching our Worship, and the 1982 Hymnal. This service is filled with vibrant music, the reading of sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. With 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.*

In addition to Sunday services, we also offer a Healing service with Holy Eucharist every Wednesday at noon and on Thursday at 9:00 a.m., Brother David leads Morning Prayer in the Mary Chapel. All are welcome to join!

FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS

Our friends at home: Ellen Keller, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Peggy Zuke, Theresa Sullivan, and Jim Crothers

Our prayer list: Judy Modene, Cheryl & Rhoda, Collin, Eileen Waite, Sandy Patrone, Marshall, Leslie Tahsler, John Lawrence, Elly, Heidi, Danny & Kenneth, Briz Skiles, Kate Benson, Maxwell Good, Ruth McFarland, Lamonica, Amie, Ric Crabbe, Knute Jacobson, Wendell Gibbs, Mary Hinkle

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Chorale

Joseph Jongen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For All the Saints

HYMNAL 287

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People *One God and Father of all.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God 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: Revelation 7:9-17 (*please be seated*)

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."

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

PSALM 34:1-10,22

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I 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 will be punished who trust in him.

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 3:1-3

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.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* **HYMNAL 293**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joe Pritchett

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Presenter *I present Ezra Alexander Carter Suliveras to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?
Candidate *I do.*

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer *I do.*

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer *I do.*

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer *I do.*

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People *We will.*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking
of bread, and in the prayers?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent
and return to the Lord?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in
Christ?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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 BAPTISM

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

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

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

Let us welcome the newly baptized by saying together,

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

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

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 in
loving memory of Stefan K Latshaw Jr. by the Latshaw Family.*



Thank you for your generosity as we seek to live into our mission and ministries. Together, our gifts make this community of welcome, reconciliation, and service possible. You can place your offering in the plates when they are passed or by using our secure QR Code. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasures!

THE OFFERTORY

Sing Me to Heaven

Daniel Gawthrop

*In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss
Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute
In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices
And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song
Wraps me in song*

*If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song
If you would mourn me and bring me to God
Sing me a requiem
Sing me to Heaven*

*Touch in me all love and passion
Pain and pleasure, touch in me
Touch in me, grief and comfort
Love and passion, pain and pleasure*

*Sing me a lullaby
A love song
A requiem, love me
Comfort me, bring me to God
Sing me a love song
Sing me to Heaven*

THE PRESENTATION*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;***HYMNAL 410***To his feet thy tribute bring**Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing;**Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

On this All Saints' Day, we remember the company of heaven, the saints known and unknown, and those close to our hearts whom we love but see no longer. As we join our voices with theirs around the heavenly altar, we lift up the names of those who have entered into rest since last All Saints' Day and we give you thanks for...William Chester Jr., Mary Swisher, Frances Kinderwater, Sydney Walden, Sandy Grove, Barbara Graeter, Peggy Buscher, Ricky Smith, Nancy Nemith, and Ron Wenger.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2**EOW***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 our thanks and praise.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

THE SANCTUS*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***HYMNAL S-128***Hosanna in the highest.**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**Hosanna in the highest.*

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."

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 John, and 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 has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

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

THE INVITATION

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. If you are unable to come to the altar, please let an usher know and we would be happy to bring communion to you!

COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>Blest Are the Pure in Heart</i>	HYMNAL 656
	<i>Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing</i>	HYMNAL 526

SENDING FORTH OF 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

EOW

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Go forth now into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone. Love and serve the Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Jerusalem the Golden

HYMNAL 624

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Sine Nomine

Arthur Hutchings

THE SISTERHOOD OF ST. JOHN'S

Today is the day! All women of St. John's are warmly invited to join the Sisterhood of St. John's for Angels Among Us: A Gathering of Giving today from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, refreshments, and conversation as we create simple ornaments and tags for our Annual Angel Tree. No crafting experience is needed, and all supplies will be provided. Whether you're new to St. John's or have been part of the parish for years, we would love to have you join us. **Childcare will be provided.**

With love and blessings,
The Sisterhood of St. John's



The Countdown is on!
T-19 days until the
Extra Give and we
fund the Food Pantry
for another season!
Mark your calendars
and please help us
spread the word!



St. John's Traveler Letter:

Did you know St. John's has pilgrims who travel to the 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,

This week's Province includes churches in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Guatemala, and Costa Rica, and is known as Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, or IARCA. Four of these five diocese were formed by the Episcopal Church of America. I'm spending most of the week on the Pacific coast beach here in Jaco, Costa Rica, so please forgive this letter if there's some sand in the envelope. I will make a trip in to San Jose for church services on Sunday which is about a two hour drive if I can hitch a ride, or about a six hour bike ride through some beautiful country. But I'll confess I've been most looking forward to surfing while here, and helping some local school students.

In many ways Costa Rica is viewed as paradise after a long journey. The Anglican Province of Central America includes the lands just south of Mexico - Guatemala - down to Costa Rica - just north of Panama. This is a stopping spot for people migrating north to escape crime, violence, and corruption in countries such as Colombia and Venezuela. In order to get here they have to survive the infamous Darien Gap, a treacherous 60+ mile hike through forests, swamps, and climbs up mountain slopes without a roadway in sight. For those who make it, Costa Rica provides a welcome and sometimes life saving respite. Even so, Costa Rica has one of the largest rates of income inequality in the region. It's estimated that while wealthy tourists bring a sense of affluence to resort areas, 25% of all families here live below the poverty line. Many organizations, including Episcopal Relief & Development, sponsor volunteers to provide mission efforts that will increase literacy rates and reduce extreme poverty. After early morning surfing I'll be helping to teach basic math to students who are working toward becoming carpenters and masons, so that they can help build better houses for those in need. And the need here is great, so please send some good wishes to the poor who are living here in this paradise.

Good wishes and blessings to you,
John Traveler

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All Baptized Members

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