

The Feast of All Saints

Sunday, November 5, 2023



Welcome to St. Clare's! We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here, and welcome to join us in Holy Communion.

If this is your first time visiting with us, we invite you to take a moment to fill out the Visitor's Card located in the pew, or the Visitor's Book in the Narthex, so that we may get to know you better. We hope that you will consider joining our community as we grow together in relationship with God and with one another.

If you have a pastoral concern or need, or would like more information about the Episcopal Church, please feel free to call the church office at 706-745-0607 to make an appointment with me.

Blessings,
Liz+



An Invitation to Holy Communion

We hope that you will accept our invitation to join us at the Table. All are welcome. The usher will signal when it is time for your pew to come forward. You may stand or kneel at the altar. There are several ways that you may participate with us. When the bread is offered, place one hand on top of the other and extend them forward to accept the bread. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice to your mouth with one hand. If you would like to receive the wine without drinking from the cup, you may either hold the bread in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will dip the bread in the chalice (called intinction), or you may intinct the bread yourself. If you prefer not to receive the wine, consume the bread, then cross your arms over your chest and the wine will pass you by. If you would like to participate, but not receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.



Holy Baptism

Prelude

Sinfonia

Johann Sebastian Bach

Silent Procession as the Names of our Beloved Deceased are Read Aloud

(names are listed on the inside back cover)

Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Priest continues

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

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

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Jesus 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 Lessons

The First Lesson: 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.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22



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| 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth. | 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them. |
| 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice. | 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him! |
| 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together. | 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing. |
| 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror. | 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. |
| 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed. | 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him. |
| 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles. | |

The Second Lesson: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

I sing a song of the saints of God

Hymnal 293

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

The Rev. Liz Schellingerhoudt

A period of silence is kept.

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

Thanksgiving over the Water

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.

Celebrant

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.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

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.*

Renewal of 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.*

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 the 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.

Baptism Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

Prayers of the People

Leader: Almighty and Holy One, you have manifest yourself in Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end: Grant us faith to see your glory, bringing life out of death, as we pray saying: You will dwell with us as our God, and we will be your people.

The hope of your Church is full of immortality, O Holy One: Let your people trust in you and abide with you in love. You will dwell with us as our God,

And we will be your people.

Almighty and Immortal One, the earth is yours and all that is in it: let your power go forth throughout the earth to make all things new, guiding the rulers and authorities in this world to forsake falsehood and to live with clean hands and a pure heart. You will dwell with us as our God,

And we will be your people.

Your home, O God, is among mortals, and you watch over your elect: Look upon all who suffer throughout the world, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. You will dwell with us as our God,

And we will be your people.

Grant us faith to see your glory in this community, O God, that we may be people of compassion and new life. You will dwell with us as our God,

And we will be your people.

We pray to you O Gracious One on behalf of all for whom we intercede; give them courage and hope in their troubles now by praying their names responsively: Charlie, Lisa, Jerry, Lamar, Sharon, Michelle W., Dennis and Rita, Faith, Alice, Linda, Marie, Leah Marie, Doug S., Clinton, B.C. and T.C., Andy, Richard, and Amy; for MaryAnn, Travis, Annie, Jane, Sally, Mary, Anne, Joy, McKinley, Katie, Edwina, Terri, Herb H., Al, Josh, Roz, Bob, Ann, Delores, Mary Lou, Pat, and Joan. We pray for those who travel, including Amy C. You will dwell with us as our God,

And we will be your people.

We lift up our heads to thank you, O God, for all your blessings and grace, especially for those celebrating birthdays including Kristy Wallace and Connor Wallace, and those celebrating anniversaries. You will dwell with us as our God,

And we will be your people.

The departed are in your hand, O God, where no torment will ever touch them for they are at peace: Bring into the heavenly Jerusalem all who have died, including the Lewiston, Maine victims, Matthew Perry, all who have died in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and all who have died in the conflict between Israel and Hamas. You will dwell with us as our God,

And we will be your people.

Priest: *O God of resurrection and new life, take away the stones that entomb us and darken our lives, and fill us with the power and peace of your eternal life, that we may see your glory and live in your light, through Jesus Christ the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Peace is now exchanged

The Holy Communion

Solo Anthem

Piè Jesu from *Requiem*
Missie Kirkland, soprano
Mary Ann Fox, piano

Gabriel Fauré

Presentation Hymn

Take my life, and let it be consecrated

Hymnal 707

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings

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

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

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S-154

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns

*For thy dear saints, O Lord
Who are these like stars appearing*

Hymnal 279

Hymnal 286

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
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.*

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest: On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.

The Blessing

Procession

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest
(vs 1-4)*

Hymnal 287

Postlude

Allegro

Arcangelo Corelli

Those who Serve

Sunday November 5, 2023

Verger - Michael Smith-Foot

Lector 1 - Michelle Crawford

Lector 2 - Lisa McElfresh

Eucharistic Minister - Lynnae Boudreau

Ushers - Kathy McNeese & Frank Kinmonth

Eucharistic Visitor - Steve Wilson

VPOD - Herb Pilcher

Altar Guild - Diana Symins

Flower Guild - Kees Schellingerhoudt

Videographer - Haley Dyer

Fellowship - Patti Albritton

Weekly Services

Sundays, HE Rite II, 10:30 AM
Wednesdays, HE Rite II, 12:15 PM
Morning Prayer is 8:00 AM M-F
Compline is 7:30 PM M-F
Choral Compline, First Sundays, 7:00 PM

Choral Compline – Join us for our monthly Choral Compline service tonight at 7:00pm.

Adult Formation

Join Liz+ next Sunday, November 12th, at 9:30 AM for Adult Christian Education. We will continue our study of the Gospel of Mark, which will last through November 19th.

Book Study Group

Thursday Book Study Group will meet on November 9th at 4:00 PM on Zoom. We will be discussing The Enneagram: A Christian Perspective by Richard Rohr and Andreas Ebert. Use the link provided in the eClare to join.

Annual Parish Meeting

Save the date! Our Annual Meeting date has been set for Sunday, November 19th, immediately following the 10:30 service. It will be a covered dish lunch. At the Annual Meeting we will thank outgoing vestry members and elect new members. This year, four members are rotating off and four new members will be added. During the service, we will have our pledge ingathering.

The Greening of the Church will take place on Saturday, December 2nd at 2:00pm. All are welcome to help! On Sunday, December 3rd, we will **make Advent wreaths** during fellowship.

Church Calendar

November

8, 15, 29 - 11:30 AM Centering Prayer in the Assisi Chapel (NO Centering Prayer on November 22)

19 - Noon - Parish's Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch

23-24 - Office closed for Thanksgiving

December

2 - 2:00 PM , Greening of the Church

3 - First Sunday of Advent; Wreath-Making during Fellowship

3 - 6:00 PM Valley River Ringers handbell choir; 7:00 PM Choral Compline

6, 13, 20 - 11:30 AM Centering Prayer in the Assisi Chapel

4-22 - 5:00 PM Evening Prayer in the Assisi Chapel, Monday-Friday

10 - 7:00 PM Advent Lessons and Carols followed by cookies and hot chocolate in the Parish Hall

24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

24 - Noon, decoration of church for Christmas

24 - 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Festive Eucharist with prelude music beginning at 7:30 and Christmas party following the service

January

6 - Epiphany bonfire and covered dish dinner

7 - Feast of the Epiphany

The Dearly Departed

Leah
Mitz
Tom
Ray Aratari
Buddy Atchison
Cheryl Austin
William Aycock
Dennis J. Barry, Jr.
Dennis J. Barry, Sr.
Steve Bass
Mike Biley
Eva Breedlove
Johnnie Broner
Jimmy Buffett
Sally Castle
Suzanne Cheek
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Lee March
Kathryn Mast
Fowden Maxwell
Daniel May
Nellie McGowan
Joe Monti
Anthony More
Bob Murphy
Ruby Neil
Doug Nuelle
Ken Oliver
Don Owen
Perry Palladino
Hugh Peacock
Naudy Pereira
Matthew Perry
Clay Pfannachue
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Marion Prindle
Joseph Ratzinger
Donnie Robertson
Joe Satterfield
Cheryl Shippey
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James Stephens
Elizabeth Trafton

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Gene Wise
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