



WORSHIP BULLETIN:
NOVEMBER 1, 2026 **8:45 AM**
Holy Eucharist Rite II **Prayer B**
All Saints' Day

PRELUDE:

Instrumental

For All the Saints

Composed by: Wilbur Held

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 287) For All the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest

OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

GLORIA:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal.

(S 278) Glory To God

COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p. 357

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.**

FIRST READING:

Revelation 7:9-17

The people sit.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10,22

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

SECOND READING: 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.

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

GOSPEL HYMN:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.*

(H 625) Ye Holy Angels Bright

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

All stand.

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

Instrumental

Improvisation

Composed by: John Partridge

THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz

THE CREED: **BCP p. 358**

All stand

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. 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:

All remain standing

CONFESSION OF SIN: BCP p. 360

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.

ABSOLUTION:

THE PEACE: **BCP p. 360**

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace 

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- As Our Stewardship Campaign Draws to a Close – Please turn in your pledge cards by Nov. 8 & join us for lunch in the Parish Hall after our 10 am service. Additional pledge packets are at the back of the church.

- Wednesday, November 11 – Eucharist and Bible Study are cancelled on Veterans Day.

- Save the Date - Tuesday, November 24, at 7:30 pm - Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service w/ Congregation B'nai Israel.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION:

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: BCP p. 376

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

The following is sung by the choir only.

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Composed by: Dale Wood

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.*

(H 293) I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

SURSUM CORDA:

BCP p. 367

The People remain standing.

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.

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS:

*Celebrant and people
Please refer to your hymnal.*

(S 130) Holy Holy Holy

The Celebrant continues...

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

THE LORD’S PRAYER: BCP p. 363

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, forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.*

(S 152) Christ Our Passover

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

All are welcome to come forward for communion. If you're new to the sacrament, please reference the card in the pews with more information. The bread is given with the words, 'The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.' The wine is given with the words, 'The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.'

COMMUNION SOLO:

Instrumental

Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

Composed by: Charles Gabriel
Improvisation by: John Partridge

COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.*

(H 620) Jerusalem, My Happy Home

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: BCP p. 366

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING:

The Celebrant blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.*

(H 618) Ye Watchers and ye Holy Ones

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Instrumental

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

Composed by: Johann Gottfried Walther



The flowers at today's service are given in celebration of:

Fred's Birthday and Fred and Mittie's Anniversary.

Fred & Mittie Railsback

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



* As Our Stewardship Campaign Draws to a Close – Please turn in your pledge cards by Nov. 8. Additional pledge packets are at the back of the church.

* Weds., Nov. 11 – Eucharist & Bible Study are cancelled.

* Save the Date - Join us for Fall Bingo on Sat., Nov. 21, 3 –5 pm – more details to follow.

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Sue Hammond
R.C. Whitehead
Jude Augustus Emery
Neal Mulholand
Regina Williams
Michelle Ellett
Marty & Sue Kovach
Mark Stafforini
David Michael
Marta Kinney
Donna Lawson

Jim Jewell
Jim Turner
Jack Carr
Dick Bryan
John
David Gibbs
John Helm
Lolli Hilton
Norma Cook
Mark Park
Cathy W.
Art Patey
Erik C.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Mary Gibbs

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves
SFC Mike Moverley, 1st Battalion 143rd Field Artillery, U.S. Army
Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann, U.S. Army Airman
Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force
SA Michelle Severa, PA, Air National Guard
Staff SGT Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force
Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army
Airman 1st Class Nevaeh Jarvis, U.S. Air Force
Captain Greg Arnold, U.S. Navy

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11/6 Sue Hammond
11/6 Judith Judson-Baker
11/1 Richard Padfield & Mark Duncan

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	John Partridge	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Debi Hall	Barry Cunningham
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay	Donna Patey
LEM	Jim Brown & Cathy Cellini	Donna Patey & Marjorie Lowry
Shared Prayers		
Ushers	Mark & Jeanne Brown	Kim Rodekohr & Brandon Bailey
Altar Guild	Donna Patey & Eileen Fisk	
Flower Guild	Blanche Hilman	
Verger	Gene Ekenstam	
Coffee Hour	Laura Peabody-Park & Bob Lawson	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:

John Partridge, Traditional Music Director
Cameron DePalma, Contemporary Music Director
Eric Foster, Communications Director
Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator
Tim Markley, Archivist
Kylie Lazarek, Nursery Staff
Heather Pritchard, Nursery Staff

VESTRY:

Ann Lindsay, Senior Warden
Richard Padfield, Junior Warden
Donna Patey, Treasurer
Charlie Kilbourne, Gerri MacGregor, Jim Peterson, Brandon Bailey, Kathryn Gojack, Megan Klingensmith, Michelle Fitzgerald

MISSION:

St. Paul's welcomes all people at any stage of their spiritual journey to worship together, care for the community, and live the message of Jesus Christ.

VISION:

We strive to be an active, diverse and welcoming community where people come together to worship and deepen their faith.

VALUES

COMMUNITY:

We support our neighbors through service & compassion. We are a safe space & a supportive community where members are cared for by one another.

INCLUSION:

We are an inclusive community where people of all identities, backgrounds & histories are welcome to find & continue their spiritual journey.

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST:

We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow & strengthen one's faith at St. Paul's.

NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

When you enter a St. Paul's Episcopal Church service or event, you enter an area where photography, audio, live streaming, and video recording may occur.

CALENDAR

All Saints Day

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Nursery Hours (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) & Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 4 - 6 pm Cursillo Potluck / Ultreya (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



MONDAY: 11/2

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
 8 pm AA Meeting (P)

TUESDAY: 11/3

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 1 - 2:30 pm +Organ Practice
 6 pm Worship Committee Meeting (U)

WEDNESDAY: 11/4

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10 am +Communion
 11 am Bible Study (L)
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)

THURSDAY: 11/5

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 2:30 - 4:30 pm +Bagpipe Practice
 7-8:30 pm +Choir Practice

FRIDAY: 11/6

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting (U)
 7- 9 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 11/7

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 7 am Men's Meeting (R)

 Voena Fall Tea Fundraiser
 12 - 3 pm (P)
 (PH in use from 8 am - 4 pm)

 5 pm +Piano Recital
 Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Single Service - Stewardship Luncheon

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Nursery Hours (U)
 10 am +Communion
 11 am Stewardship Luncheon - (P)
 11 am Godly Play (Elementary School) & Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 4 pm Meditation (U)
 8 pm AA (P)



KEY

- +** = CHURCH
- P** = PARISH HALL
- U** = UNDERCROFT
- R** = RECTORY
- K** = KITCHEN
- L** = RECTORY LIBRARY
- O** = OUTDOORS