



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All Saints Sunday November 1, 2026, 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here, just as you are, to experience God's love.

St. John's is a compassionate Christian community of healing, hope, and hospitality at the heart of Centreville's Historic District. First consecrated on July 14, 1854, St. John's was partially burned in the Civil War, rebuilt, expanded, and is now home to many faith communities. To learn more about us, talk to one of our clergy, chat up a neighbor, join us after worship, and visit us at stjohnscentreville.org.

All Saints Day commemorates all the saints of God, known and unknown. It is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of four days recommended for baptisms.

Today's service follows the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP). Responses are in bold. Music can be found in the blue hymnals in your pew. Participate as the Spirit moves you!

Services are live-streamed, so please be aware that you are being recorded. Cell phone use—texting, pictures, video, social media—is encouraged, but please silence your devices and disable Wi-Fi during worship.

The Word of God

Prelude

Please take your seat as the music begins and prepare yourself quietly for worship.

Opening Hymn: H 287, vs.1-4, "For all the saints, who from their labors rest"

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Song of Praise: S 280 "Gloria to God"

Gloria in excelsis

Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 245

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

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

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Response: Psalm 34:1-10,22, *Benedicam Dominum*

BCP, p. 627

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.**

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.**

Gospel Hymn: H 625, "Ye holy angels bright"

Darwall's 148th

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **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."

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

Sermon: The Rev. Kevin Laskowski

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP, p. 292

Prayers of the People, All Saints Necrology, and Prayer for an Election

Prayers are adapted from Gail Ramshaw, ed., Intercessions for the Christian People (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1990). If you'd like to add a loved one to the parish prayer list, please contact clergy or the parish office.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

At this time, the gifts of God in bread and wine and the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward in thanksgiving. Thanks to all who have pledged a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to God's mission here at St. John's.

As the Spirit moves you, please give generously by cash or check or use the QR code at right to donate online via Square. Donations of food and other items for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and the Katharine K. Hanley Family Shelter can be given to the usher or to the church office.



The Presentation of Alms & Oblations: H 380, v. 3 "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Sanctus: S 125, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

Eucharist Prayer continues

BCP, p. 368

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: S 161 "Lamb of God"

Agnus Dei

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. The ushers will invite you forward to receive the blessings that come from God's altar. To receive the wafer, extend one hand over the other. If you wish to receive the wine, take a sip by guiding the offered chalice to your lips. Dipping the wafer into the wine yourself is not permitted. The bishop's customary requires the minister to do it for you. If you wish the minister to intinct, make a dipping motion or point to the minister when you approach. If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than Communion, please cross your arms over your chest as you approach.

The table belongs to the Lord and the invitation comes from God. There are many kinds of blessing that come from it. Please come forward to receive them.

Communion Hymn: H 620, "Jerusalem, my happy home"

Land of Rest

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn: H438, "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!"

Woodlands

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Office Closed. The church office will be closed, November 3, 2026.

Growing the Kingdom! Our fall stewardship campaign has begun! Prayerfully consider your financial commitment to St. John's for 2027. Fill out a pledge card, give it to an usher or place it in the model church, or pledge online using the QR code at right. Join us in Growing the Kingdom!



Thanksgiving Boxes! St. John's has committed to provide 35 boxes of groceries to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) for Thanksgiving. Please pick up a box in church or in the church office, shop for and fill the box with the listed items, and return it during worship or to the parish office. Help our neighbors celebrate the holiday and rejoice in thanksgiving.

Friendsgiving, November 23, 6-8 PM. Join us for a Friendsgiving potluck in the parish hall. We'll give thanks to God and thanks for one another as we celebrate the close of our annual pledge campaign. RSVP online.

Save the Date: Football Watch Party, November 29, 4:25 PM kickoff. Join us in the parish hall to watch the Commanders-Cardinals game. Details to follow.

Coffee Hour. Please join us in the hall after the service for coffee and refreshments.

Adult Lectionary Forum. If you'd like to discuss today's readings in greater depth, grab coffee and a snack, and join Fr. Kevin in the library after the service.

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant:	The Rev. Kevin Laskowski	Lector:	Susan Pike
Music Director:	Mandy Hull	Alms Counters:	Larry Pike, Lee Griffith
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