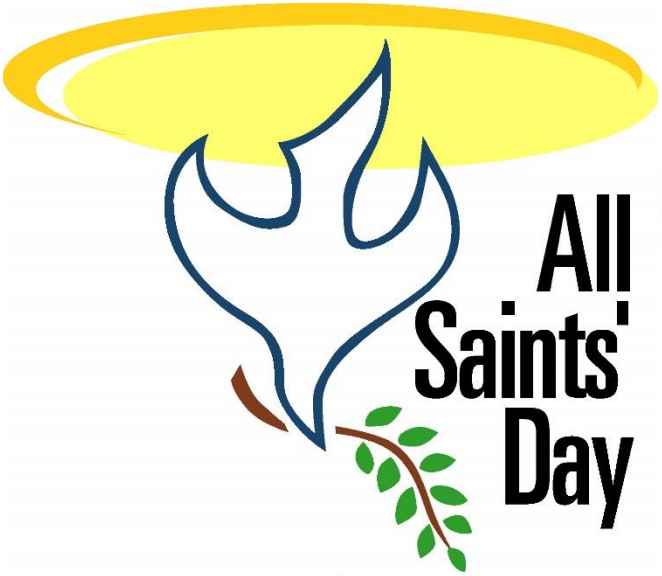
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welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist
on

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost: Year A

November 1, 2026
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9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Introit Hymn ~ 823

Who are these like stars appearing,
these, before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing:
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia, hark! They sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.

Who are these in dazzling brightness,
clothed in God's own righteousness,
these, whose robes of purest whiteness
shall their lustre still possess,
still untouched by time's rude hand?
Whence came all this glorious band?

These are they who have contended
for their Saviour's honour long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph by the Lamb have gained.

These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.

These, the Almighty contemplating,
did as priests before him stand,
soul and body always waiting
day and night at his command:
new in God's most holy place
blest they stand before his face.

Words: Heinrich Theobald Schenck (1656-1727) from Wer sind die vor Gottes Throne, German; translation: Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.

Welcome

Opening Sentence: ***"Major Saints"*** Page 99
You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
Ephesians 2:19-20

THE INVOCATION Page 101

PRESIDENT:
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
ALL: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:
Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY Page 101

ALL:
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.

THE KYRIES Page 102
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Page 102

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. ***Amen.***

The Collect: ***"All Saints' Day"*** Page 190

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

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.*

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17
Lectors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Paul Blackman
9:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Henderson Griffith

A reading from the Word of God written in the Revelation to John, the seventh chapter, beginning at the ninth verse.

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."

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 ***Benedicam Dominum*** Page 508

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now: and shall be forever.
Amen.

(Please sit)

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3
Lector: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens
9:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Calderon Walrond

A reading from the Word of God written in the First Letter of John, the third chapter, beginning at the first verse.

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.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 511

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866), with others

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
Gospeller: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne, J.P.

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

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."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.
ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

The Sermon ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

(Please stand, as able)

The Nicene Creed Page 104

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or 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,
one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of 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.
With the Father and the Son He is worshipped 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.**

(Please sit or kneel)

The Bidding Prayer – The President

Lord God, as we celebrate the gift of the Saints to encourage us with their examples and to strengthen us by their prayers, so we pray for your Church, that we may continue in their path of faithfulness all our days.

Intercessor: 7:00 a.m. ~ Prof. Anne St. John, GCM
9:00 a.m. ~ Mr. John Moore, M.F.

For the leaders of the world, that they would promote justice, holiness, life, and work together for the good of all persons, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

For our church community, that we would model our lives after the holy men and women of God, becoming more like Christ in all ways, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the saints of God, and for the love and mercy they have shown to the world, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

For those who are sick or suffering in any way, may they be comforted with the love of Christ, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

For an openness to the transforming grace of Christ, that we would have the fortitude to boldly follow the example of our Lord, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

For all those who have died, especially people who have died that the light of Christ would shine upon them, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

For our own needs and intentions, that we now recall in our hearts [6 second pause], we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

Let us pray.

O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

ACT OF PENITENCE Page 123

DEACON:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and

will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8,9)*

A period of silence shall be kept.

DEACON:
Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM A Page 123

ALL:
Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.

ALL: *Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION Page 124

PRESIDENT:
Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
ALL: Amen.

(Please stand)

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE "A" Page 124

PRESIDENT:
We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one Body and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:
Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT:
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP ~ 411 MP

Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love in our eyes
May now your love sweep this nation
Cause us O Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of neighbourly love that is real
Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love.

Words: Dave Bilbrough
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TENOR SOLOIST ~ *Mr. Everett Suttle "At the River"*

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 695

O what their joy and their glory must be,
those endless sabbaths the blessèd ones see;

crown for the valiant, to weary ones rest;
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.

What are the Monarch, his court, and his throne?
What are the peace and the joy that they own?
O that the blest ones, who in it have share,
all that they feel could as fully declare.

Truly Jerusalem name we that shore,
vision of peace, that brings joy evermore.
Wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er,
nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.

There, where no troubles distraction can bring,
we the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing,
while for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise
thy blessèd people eternally raise.

There dawns no sabbath, no sabbath is o'er,
those sabbath-keepers have one evermore;
one and unending is that triumph-song
which to the angels and us shall belong.

Now in the meanwhile, with hearts raised on high,
we for that country must yearn and must sigh;
seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,
through our long exile on Babylon's strand.

Low before him with our praises we fall,
of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all:

of whom, the Father; and in whom, the Son;
through whom, the Spirit, with them ever One.

Words: Pierre Abélard (1079-1142), from O quanta qualia sunt illa Sabbata, Latin; translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B" Page 126

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:
Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER Page 126

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God: *(Go to page 130)*

PROPER PREFACE ~ *"Saints' Day"* Page 129

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For in the saints you have given us an example of godly living; that rejoicing in their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the crown of glory. (*Go to page 131*)

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:

ALL:

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!

(Please sit or kneel as able)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING "A" Page 131

PRESIDENT:

All Holy and glorious Father,
our Creator God,
we give you thanks
because in your loving wisdom
you brought all things into being,
and are truly worthy of praise
from every creature you have made.

Again and again
we have turned away from you;
yet in every age your steadfast love
has called us to return,
to live in union with you:
for it is your eternal purpose
to put new life into all things
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ
who took our human nature upon Him
you have redeemed the world
from the bondage of sin:
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
you have gathered a people to yourself,
to make known in every place
His perfect offering which He made
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples
and said: “Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And 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.”

PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.
ALL:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:

And so, Heavenly Father,
rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice
made once for all upon the Cross;
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;
His Glorious Ascension into heaven;
and looking for His Coming in glory;
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving;
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood of
your Son, our great High Priest,
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.
Unite us with all Bishops,
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,
and with the whole people of God,
living and departed,
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,
that we may be found ready to join the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,
and all your saints,
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him for whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father Almighty,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Page 144

PRESIDENT:
As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done

on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD "A" Page 145

PRESIDENT:
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

THE COMMUNION
(All baptised members of the Church, as inspired, may come to the altar and receive Holy Communion)

The Invitation "Form "A" Page 145

DEACON:
My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL: Page 146
Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. ***Amen.***

THE AGNUS DEI Page 147

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.



The Administration of Communion/Spiritual Communion

TENOR SOLOIST ~ *Mr. Everett Suttle "Panis Angelicus"*

The Communion Hymns ~ 825 & 826

For all thy saints, O Lord,
who strove in thee to live,
who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.

For all thy saints, O Lord,
who strove in thee to die,
who counted thee their great reward,
accept our thankful cry.

O Lord, thy name we bless,
and humbly pray that we
may follow them in holiness
who lived and died in thee.

Thine earthly members fit
to join thy saints above,
in one communion ever knit,
one fellowship of love.

All praise to thee, O Lord,
the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, God adored
while endless ages run.

Words: Richard Mant (1764-1848), alt.

Hymn 826

Give me the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below,
and wet their couch with tears;
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears.

I ask them whence their victory came;
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER "A" Page 147

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

THE BLESSING ***"Saints' Days"*** Page 151

God give you grace to follow His Saints in faith and hope and love; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. ***Amen.***

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TENOR SOLOIST ~ Mr. Everett Suttle *"In the Garden"*

The Recessional Hymn ~ 819

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness still their one true light.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON:
Go in peace and serve the Lord.
ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude ***(Worshippers are invited to sit silently to listen to the voluntary, but those who wish to leave at this point may do so quietly.)***



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
YEAR A

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
Comment: *"The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb"*
This lesson presents a **vision of those who have survived great tribulation and now worship before the throne of God and the Lamb.** These myriad saints come from all over the world and have been purified through their own sufferings in association with the sacrifice of the Lamb. But now the Lamb (which is a figure for Jesus) will be their shepherd, and they will suffer no longer. Such a vision would be a great consolation to those undergoing persecution.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22
A hymn of blessing and praise to the Lord for deliverance.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Comments: *"We are God's children"*
In this lesson we learn that **through God's love, disciples are now children of God; their destiny is to be like Christ.** Those who did not recognise Jesus will not recognise his disciples either. Though the mystery of what those disciples are to become has not been fully revealed, Christians know that a dramatic change has taken place in their lives; an earnest of the transformation underway. Those who stand in this hope will purify themselves as Christ is pure.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
Comment: "*Blessed are the poor in spirit*"
The gospel is **the opening sayings of the Sermon on the Mount, words of both comfort and challenge.** The values of the kingdom are quite different from worldly standards. Those who are to find blessings will know want and thirst, if not because of their own circumstances, then for the sake of others. Those who hunger for righteousness will find fulfillment, but first they must suffer persecution.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Financial Stewardship: Donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC Caribbean, Bridgetown Branch, Swift/BIC Code: FCIBBBBB Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606. **"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under**

compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." *(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

CATHEDRAL MISSION, MINISTRY and MAINTENANCE

In pursuit of the enhancement of the Cathedral's ministry today and tomorrow, the Parochial Church Council recently launched Phase 1 of our 3-Year Appeal: US$50,000/BDS$100,000. This phase will:

1. Repair our roof, replace windows, and repair the Chapter Room – US$20,000.00/BDS$40,000.00.
2. Refurbish bathrooms to dignified, approved standards – US$10,000.00/$20,000.00.
3. Launch St. Michael's Digital Ministry to reach Barbadians at home and abroad - $40,000.00.

Let us make this a reality with a three-tier Donor Path: Corporate Neighbours, Individuals of Goodwill and Congregation. Sincere thanks to all who have already made contributions. In addition, thanks to all who have made commitments to the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure; and to the Fund-raising plans for the rest of the year.

Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week ~ November 1 to 7, 2026

1 Mr. George N. Small
Ms. Susanne R. Thompson
Mrs. Veronica P. Thompson
2 Mrs. Denise Noel-Debique

4 Ms. Susanne Ifill
Ms. Pearl N. Collymore
Ms. Markeita G. Griffith
5 Ms. Alicia A. White
6 Mr. Elvis DaC. Haynes
Ms. Marcia A. Ifill
Mrs. Marie U. Kelly-Clarke
Mrs. Debra Skeete-Alonza



May God bless and strengthen you.

EMAIL ADDRESS NOTICE: Further to the announcement of Caribsurf that it will discontinue its email domain on September 30, 2026, members whose email address ends with @caribsurf.com are asked to update their Cathedral records with their new address, as soon as possible. The cooperation of everyone concerned would be greatly appreciated. Please note that the Cathedral's new email address is: **stmichaelcathedral1665@outlook.com**

"Christ shows himself in the faithful ones today, in every place, and at the right time."



SICK: Please remember the sick or injured of our parish and wider community, especially Daphne Browne, Margaret Browne, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, Winfield Downes, Sheila Forde, Alice P. Hall, Martin

Haynes, Beverley Hinds, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Judy King, Helena Lyte, Marcia Oxley, Sheila Sealy, Claudette Sealy, Eleanor Small, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Henderson R. Williams, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Sir Wilfred Wood, Basil Worrell, and Ernesta Yarde.

CONGRATULATIONS:

The Cathedral is pleased to record heartiest congratulations to the following graduates of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus:

1. Dr. Aleezah Alleyne, MBBS
2. Mr. Jabari Jones, M.Sc., Financial and Business Economics
3. Mrs. Janine Sealy Oliver, MSc in E Governance for Developing States

BEREAVEMENT



Please pray for the family of the late:
Mrs. Norma Jones, Dean Jeffrey's first cousin, who died in her adopted home, San Diego, California, USA. Her funeral service will be held in St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, San Diego, on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

DIOCESAN NEWS

SPECIAL SERVICE: The Diocese of Barbados will host a service to mark the 60th anniversary of the Independence of Barbados and its 5th anniversary as a Parliamentary Republic on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

ANNUAL BUDGET SYNOD

The Annual Budget Session of Synod is to be held on Monday, November 9, 2026, at The Ivan Harewood Centre, Christ Church Parish Church, Church Hill, Christ Church at 6.00 p.m.



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings November 1 to 7, 2026		
Day	**Morning Readings**	**Evening Readings**
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost:	Psalms 111, 112 2 Esdras 2:42-47 Hebrews 11:32—12:2	Psalms 48, 150 Wisdom 5:1-5, 14-16 Revelation 21:1-4, 22—22:5
Monday	Psalms 56, 57, [58] Ecclesiasticus 38:24-34 Luke 12:49-59	Psalms 64, 65 Nehemiah 6:1-19 Revelation 14:1-13
Tuesday	Psalms 61,62 Ecclesiasticus 43:1-22 Luke 13:1-9	Psalms 68:1-20(21-23)24-36 Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 42b-47 Revelation 14:14—15:8
Wednesday	Psalm 72 Ecclesiasticus 43:23-33 Luke 13:10-17	Psalm 119:73-96 Nehemiah 13:4-22 Revelation 16:1-11
Thursday	Psalms [70], 71 Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15 Luke 13:18-30	Psalm 74 Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36 Revelation 17:1-18
Friday	Psalms 69:1-23(24-30)31-38 Ecclesiasticus 51:1-12 Luke 13:31-35	Psalm 73 Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36 Revelation 17:1-18
Saturday	Psalms 75, 76 Ecclesiasticus 51:1-12 Luke 14:1-11	Psalms 23, 27 Ezra 9:1-15 Revelation 18:1-14 *Collect for Proper 27*

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