# St. John's Episcopal Church

## Georgetown Parish

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## Holy Eucharist

El Día de Los Muertos / All Saints Day

November 1st, 2026

10:00 AM

# Welcome to St. John's Church, Georgetown Parish

Please know how happy we are to share this day with you! We hope you will fill out the "Welcome" card that you'll find in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate so we can send you more information about our vibrant community. Or just scan the QR code to add your name directly to our email list.

## Name Badges

Please pick up or make your own name badge as you enter the church. You may leave your badge in the bins in Blake Hall after coffee hour. Childcare is available from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the atrium. Ushers are here to assist you. We are very glad you are here!

**Clergy**
The Rev. Dr. Laura Natta, Rector
The Rev. Sarah Duggin, Associate Rector

**Director of Music**
Aaron Goen

**Verger**
John Wise

**Acolyte/LEM**
Laura Ivey

**Flower Guild**
Alison Bates

**Ushers**
Garrett Rasmussen
Judy & John Ryan

**Lector**
Matthew Jernstedt

**Intercessor**
Anthony Vernon

**Sacristans**
Hatam Mummadli

**Technology**
Andy Fiske

**St. John's Choir**

**Soprano**
Kate Vetter Cain
Alicia Woodberry
Carolyn Carson
Emily Franksen
Kelly Waller

**Alto**
Derek Greten-Harrison
Meghen Miles Tuttle
Virginia Elgin
Margaret Huckaby
Jeanne Morin

**Tenor**
Rexford Tester
Bryan Wells
Raymond Honeycutt
Tyler Metteer

**Bass**
Mark Duer
Jay Tuttle
Jim Johnson
Howard Spendelow

## Join us for Contemplative Prayer & Eucharist on Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel of the Carpenter

**Prelude** from *Fantasia on 'Sine Nomine'* Craig Phillips

## Liturgy of the Word

**Processional Hymn 287** "For all the saints" vv. 1, 5, 6-8

### Reading of the Necrology

### Opening Acclamation

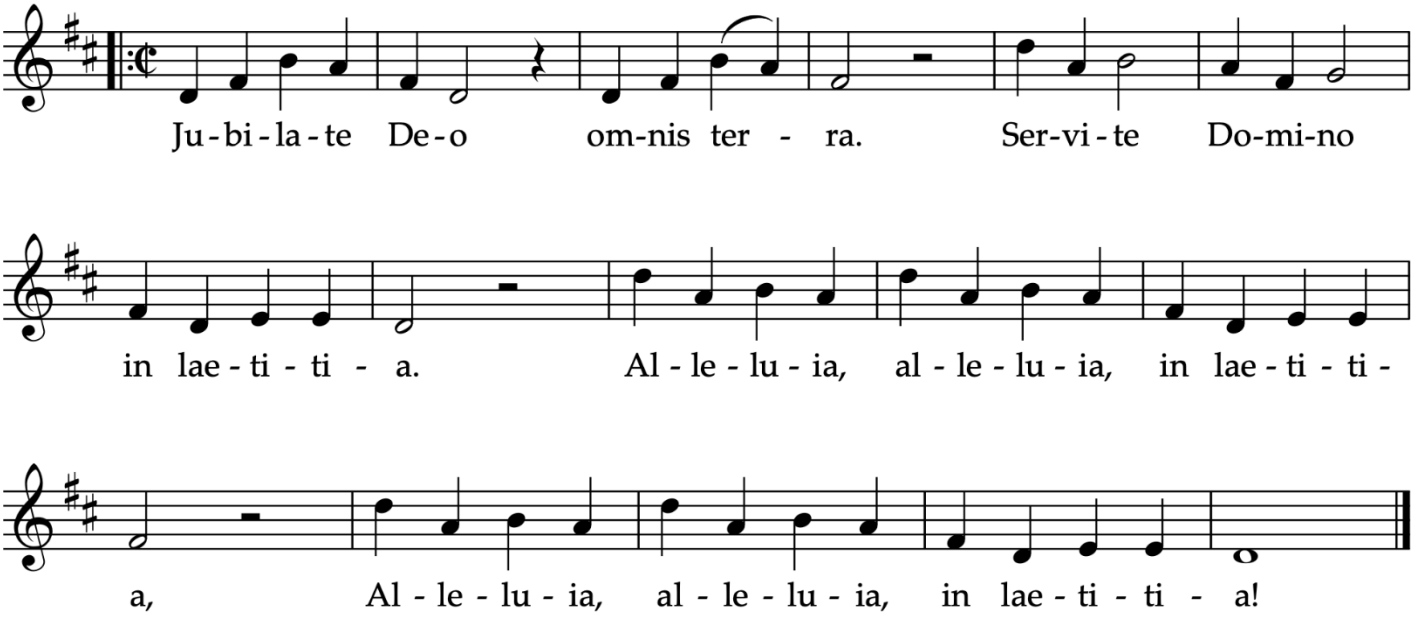
**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**People:** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever, Amen.**

### The Collect for Purity

**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.**

### Song of Praise

*sung three times*




### The Collect of the Day

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

Provident God, your love brings us to birth, your providence guides our lives, and by your promise we return to dust.

Creator of the Universe, in your grace you promise us that those who die still live in your presence. Their spirits have simply been transformed but have not ended. We pray in gratitude and hope for family, relatives and friends who have gone before me, and for all the dead known to you alone.

Accompanied with Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead and now lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, may they rejoice in Your kingdom as you unite us together again this sacred morning to worship you.* Amen.

* Día de los Muertos Prayer, Sr. Joni Luna, Sisters of Providence, St.-Mary-of- the-Woods, Indiana

*Please be seated*

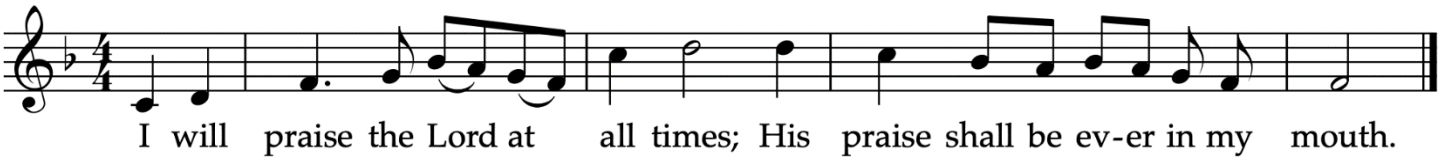
**The First Reading** **Revelation 7:9-17**

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."

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

**Psalm 34:1-10, 22** J. Marcus Ritchie

*The Cantor(s) intone(s) the* ***Antiphon****. All Repeat. Then as indicated.*




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.

***Antiphon***

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!

***Antiphon***

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. ***Antiphon***

**Sequence 293** "I sing a song of the saints of God"

**The Holy Gospel** **Saint Matthew 5:1-12**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint 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."

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. Sarah Duggin

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## The Nicene Creed

**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.**
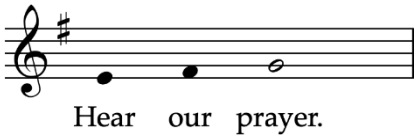
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*The Cantor sings the introduction. All respond as indicated.*

Cantor: *Living God, we ask that you breathe and move in us daily. Strengthen our hearts with your boundless love and refresh our souls with your wisdom. Let us pray together as the People of God, saying, God in your mercy,*
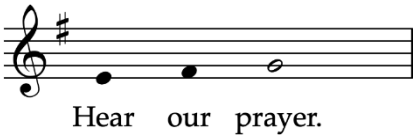
**All:**




Intercessor: Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of joy. For special moments that enrich our interactions – held hands, long hugs, sparkling laughter and the soft tears of beauty.

Cantor: *God in your joyful mercy,*
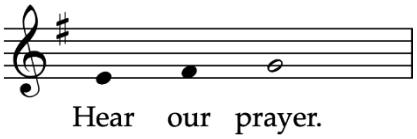
**All:**




Intercessor: Loving God, help us to see others as reflections of you, granting us courage to act as one with you, that we may seize the moments you give us to heal, include and celebrate all people and the world in which we live.

Cantor: *God in your kind mercy,*

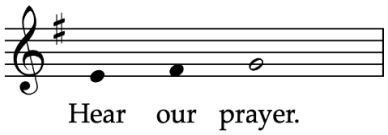
**All:**



Intercessor: Almighty God, guide us in all our interactions with one another, that we may better model peace and understanding in our work and lives and shape our human systems to be just and sustainable.

Cantor: *God in your blessed mercy,*

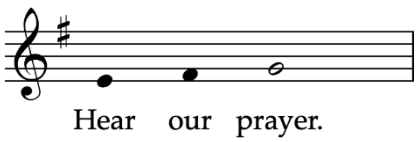
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Intercessor: Creator God, guard all those in danger, trouble or who know loss and surround them with the light of your constant presence.

Cantor: *God in your profound mercy,*

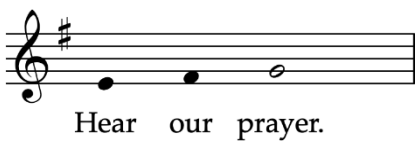
**All:**




Intercessor: Gracious God, relieve and sustain all dear ones in any kind of need or trouble: We pray together for: **Amy, Benzie, Betsy, Bob, Charles, Craig, Dal, Danny, David, Elizabeth, Ethan, Jan, Jennifer, Jim, Joan, Juan Carlos, Karen, Katie, Larry, Maria, Nick, Oliver, Owen, Paula, Reuben, Stephanie, Tom, Trent and Virginia.** Heal, O God, all those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, and uplift all victims of violence, war, accidents or natural disasters.

Cantor: *God in your infinite mercy,*

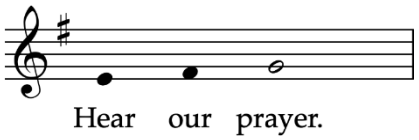
**All:**




Intercessor: We pray for those working abroad to better the world, and for all people who have been wounded, held hostage or wrongly imprisoned.

Cantor: *God in your healing mercy,*

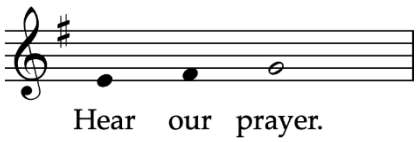
**All:**




Intercessor: We pray for all those who have died, especially for DJ Kovic and Harry L. Wilber Jr.

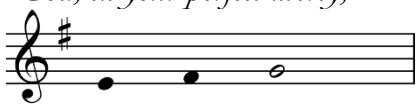
Cantor: *God in your loving mercy,*

**All:**



Intercessor: We pray for the intentions of the individuals in this community – stated now - either silently or aloud.

Cantor: *God, in your perfect mercy,*

**All:** 


*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

## The Confession

**Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
**People: And also with you.**

Please consider making an offering using the QR Code to support St. John's ministries.

## Offertory Anthem

William Henry Harris

Faire is the heaven where happy soules have place
In full enjoyment of felicitie;
Whence they do still behold the glorious face
Of the Divine, Eternall Majestie;

Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins
Which all with golden wings are overdight. (covered)
And those eternall burning Seraphins
Which from their faces dart out fiery light;

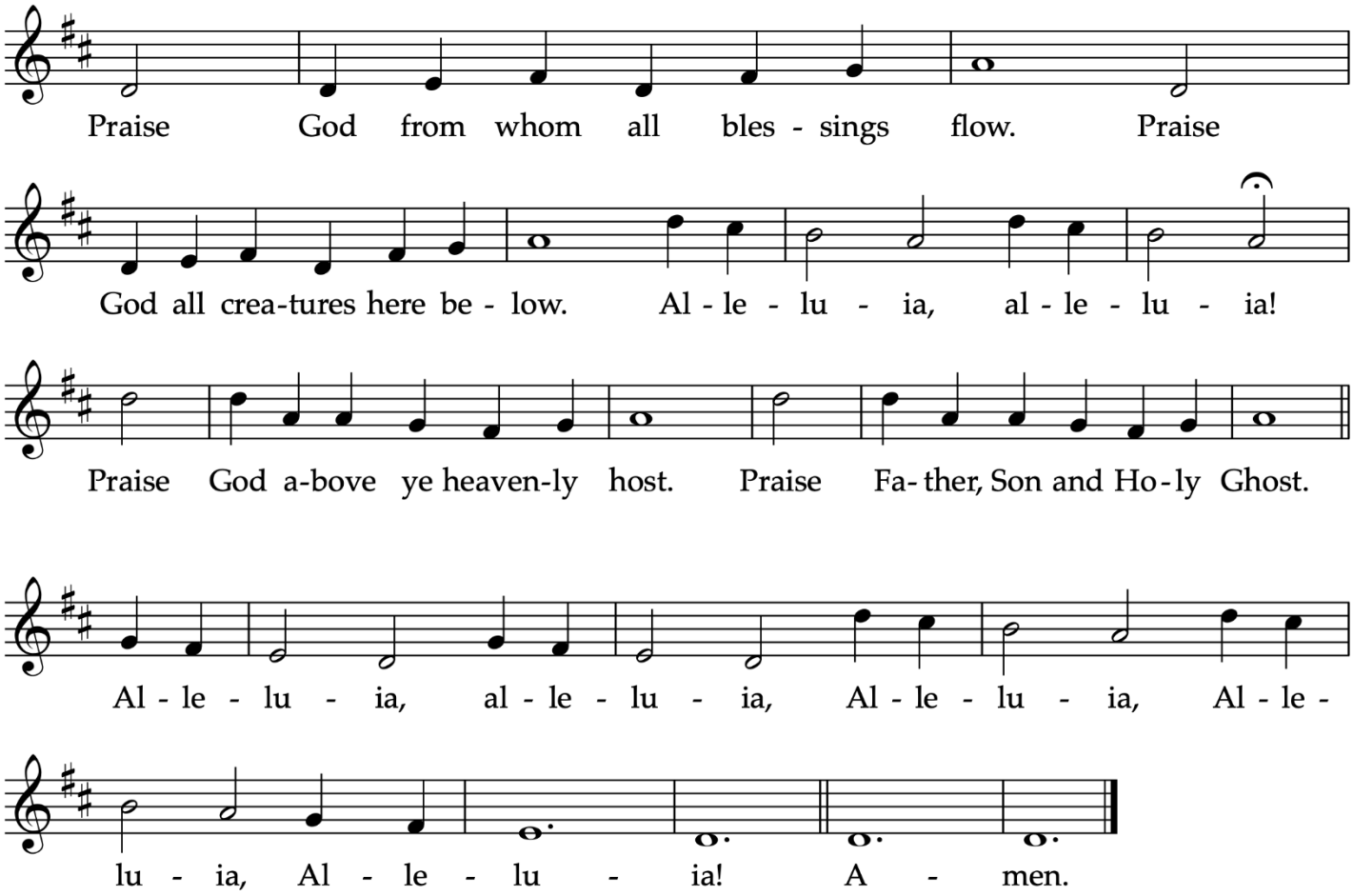
Yet fairer than they both and much more bright
Be the Angels and Archangels
Which attend on God's owne person without rest or end.

These then in faire each other farre excelling
As to the Highest they approach more neare,
Yet is that Highest farre beyond all telling

Fairer than all the rest which there appeare
Though all their beauties joynd together were;
How then can mortal tongue hope to expresse
The image of such endlesse perfectnesse?

-Edmund Spenser

**Doxology** *Laßt uns erfreuen*




## HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

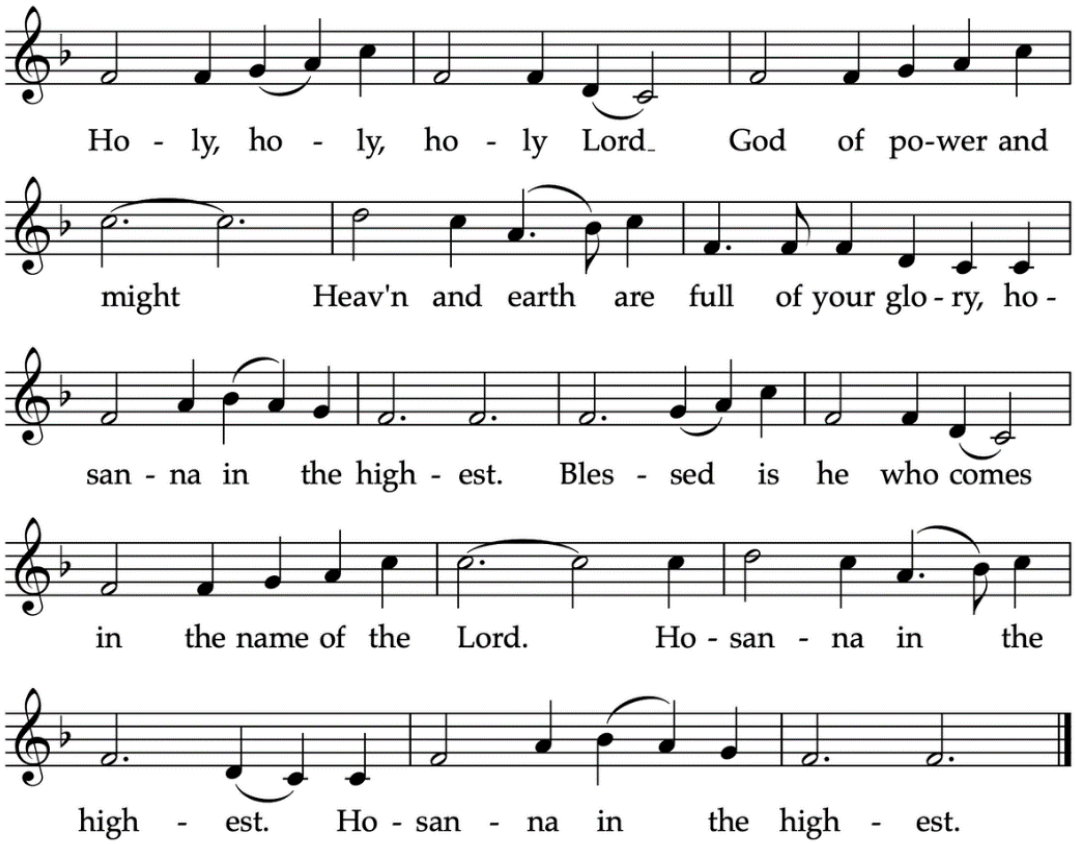
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus** *Land of Rest*




*The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:*
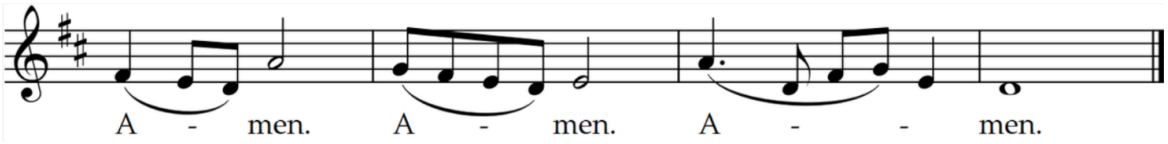
And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,**
**as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our forebears: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob of Sarah, Ruth and Naomi; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

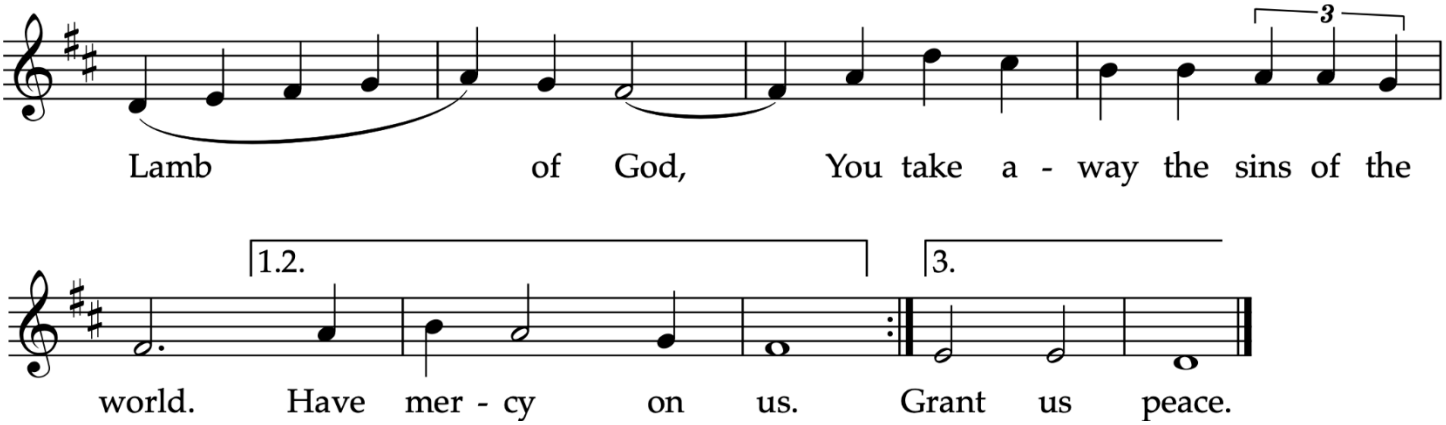



And now as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

**The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary):**

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 for ever. Amen.

**Fraction Anthem** Richard Isele




The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and know that all are welcome at God's Table.

## Communion of the People

*All those who seek a closer relationship with God in Christ are welcome to receive communion at St. John's. Communion bread will be distributed at the chancel steps. If you would like to receive wine, please sip from the cup. Please do not dip the bread in the cup. The communion minister will wipe the cup and turn it for the next person. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of communion, please cross your hands over your chest.*

**Motet** *The Beatitudes (traditional orthodox)*

## Post Communion Prayer

**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.**

## Welcome & Announcements

## Blessing

Celebrant: Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you. Be gentle with yourself and with one another, for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God. Be alert and hesitant, for sometimes God is but a whisper. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

**Hymn 625** "Ye holy angels bright"

## Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Fugue from *Fantasia on Sine Nomine* Craig Phillips

**Pastoral care available.** If you or a loved one needs prayer or assistance, our clergy and Stephen Ministry are ready to help. If you are feeling worried or hopeless, or are sick, and you would like to receive communion, a visit by a clergy member or Stephen Minister can be scheduled. To arrange an in-house or virtual visit, please contact the parish office at 202-338-1796.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**From The Rector:**



As November rolls in, our faith calendar gives us a gift we often don't realize we need: permission to pause and remember. In the church, we mark All Saints' and All Souls' Days with quiet reflection and prayer. In Mexican culture, that same window of time blossoms into *Día de los Muertos* - a vibrant festival of bright orange marigolds, glowing candles, favorite foods, and real laughter. While the styles look very different on the surface, both traditions point toward the very same truth**: love doesn't end when someone dies, and keeping their memory alive is an act of deep, joyful connection.**

In our fast-paced culture, we're often nudged to "move on" or push grief to the margins. But science and our own lived experience tell us something completely different: taking time to remember is vital for our mental well-being. Grief isn't something to get over; it's simply love with nowhere to go. When we intentionally bring to mind the people who shaped us - recalling their quirky habits, their wisdom, or the sound of their laugh - we rewire our relationship with loss.

Remembering turns an ache into genuine gratitude. It grounds us, soothes the nervous system, and reminds us that we are made of the love people poured into us over a lifetime.

Spiritually, that gratitude is where prayer comes alive. When we speak the names of those who have passed, we tap into that "Great cloud of witnesses" our tradition talks about. Just like families who build *ofrendas* (remembrance altars) at home to welcome their loved ones back with light and hospitality, we bring our memories to God's table. Acknowledging that death is part of the human journey doesn't diminish life; it actually makes our days sweeter, softens our hearts toward one another, and reminds us to cherish the people sitting right next to us in the pews.

I invite you to lean into this practice with us over the coming days. Please send in the names of your loved ones - family, friends, mentors, or anyone who left a mark on your heart - so we can speak their names aloud in our parish Necrology during our All Saints' and All Souls' services. You're also warmly invited to bring in a framed photo of someone you miss to place around our worship space this season. Come share their smiles, tell their stories, and let's hold one another in love as we remember together.

+Laura



## This week 11/1 WE CELEBRATE ALL OUR SAINTS!

Today, our Coffee Hour we will honor the heritage of Dia de los Muertos with food, joyous music, and time together celebrating our beloved saints from all our families!

**11/8 GMC in da house!!!!** The Rev. Reggie Payne-Weins with be our guest preacher. After the service, Georgetown Ministry Center Executive Director, Claire Wilson will join us to tell us about upcoming happenings at GMC.

## 11/8 at 3PM St. John's own *Georgetown Concert Series*



Another concert comes on the heels of our gorgeous season opener earlier this month. Our guest artists, the ***DC Singer Collective***, will perform a stunning set of music from renaissance Italy in a program called "The Road to Ferrara" on Sunday, November 8 at 3pm. This local group is back by popular request! Don't miss them this time around.
Tickets: https://stjohnsgeorgetown.org/upcoming-concerts/ .

## 11/9 and 11/12: THE GREAT SHOE SHARE!!!!!

On Thursday, November 12 from 3:30 - 6:30 PM, our community will once again join **THE GREAT SHOE SHARE**, an annual offering of dignity and care for our un-homed siblings in the District. This year, Feast on the Street is shifting the model: rather than asking parishioners to shop for shoes, all footwear has been purchased in advance so that every participant receives exactly what they need. We are instead inviting you into two simple but meaningful acts of solidarity - **sponsoring one or more participants (Suggested donation of $50 per sponsee, but all donations for sponsorship are welcome!),** and **holding your sponsee in prayer throughout Advent**, lifting them up as beloved members of our shared human family.

If you feel called to take part in the distribution of shoes on November 12, please note that **a mandatory workshop will be held on Monday, November 9 at 6:30 PM at St. John's**, with an additional brief training on the afternoon of the event. There are two links: one to sponsor participants **sponsor participants here**, and one to sign up for distribution and training **DISTRIBUTION AND TRAINING** We undertake this work in the spirit of **Ubuntu - "I am because we are"** - recognizing that our wellbeing is bound up in one another, and that acts of compassion strengthen the fabric of our community.

**As we enter Advent, a season of expectation and holy longing, may this offering become a practice of hope. Your sponsorship, your prayers, and your presence help remind our neighbors that they are seen, valued, and never forgotten. Thank you for joining us in this work of love. In case you need QR codes…. here they are!**

**Sponsor a participant**

**Distribution and Training**

# A Message From The Senior Warden!



As we continue our journey of relevance and connection within our community, we are thrilled to announce the **"Growing In Before We Grow Out"** initiative. This endeavor is rooted in our commitment to deepen the bonds among our congregation before we extend our outreach beyond our doors.

**Introducing Our "Come As You Are" Gatherings**

In the spirit of connection, we invite you to participate in our intimate **"Come As You Are"** dinners. Throughout the coming weeks, you will receive invitations from Vestry members to these special gatherings. They are curated experiences designed to encourage open dialogue, foster relationships, and share our collective hopes for our church and community. At St. John's, we hold dear the belief that **"Be You. Be Here. Belong."** isn't merely a slogan; it's a call to embrace one another's unique stories and experiences. These evenings promise to be enriching opportunities to gather, connect, and grow together. **SO….Anticipate an Email Invitation!** Please keep an eye on your inbox for your personal invitation from a Vestry member. We warmly encourage you to join us for these evenings of fellowship and meaningful exchange—let us come together, celebrating our shared journey as one family and building a stronger community.

-John Ryan, Senior Warden

## <u>This Fall – FAITH IN *ACTION*</u>

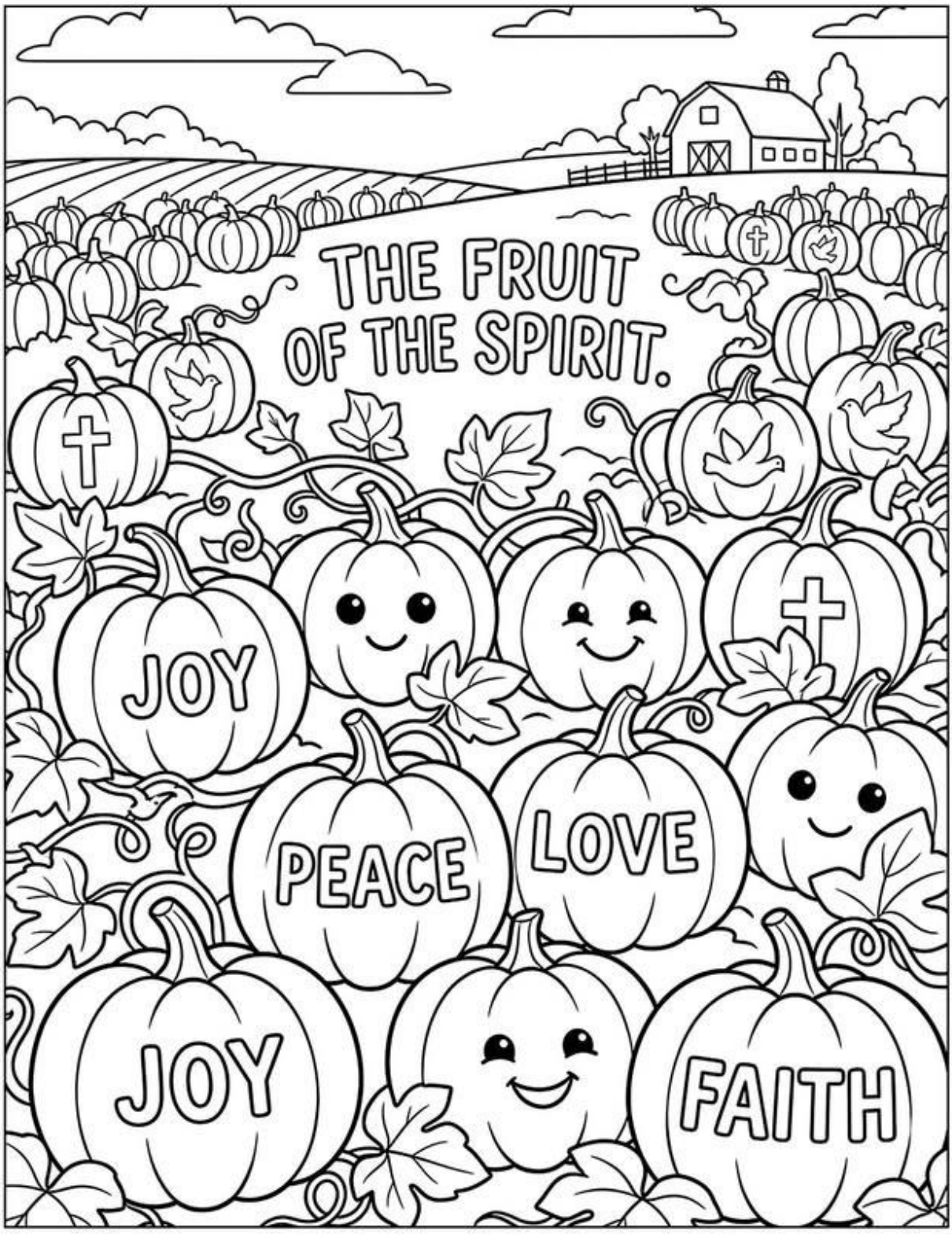
**How do we put our faith into action in the world around us?**



As people of faith, we are called not only to worship together, but also to live out the Gospel in the public square—with compassion, courage, and a commitment to the dignity of every person. This fall, we invite you to join us for *Faith in Action*, a monthly Coffee Hour series exploring how our faith can shape our engagement with some of the most important issues of our day.

**In November**, we'll turn our attention to selected topics and consider together what faithful action might look like in our own community. We hope you'll join us. Come to listen, learn, ask questions, share your perspective, and discern how God may be calling us to put our faith into action. And if you feel called to help lead a discussion on one or more of these subjects, please let us know. There is a place for every voice and every gift in this work.


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