



The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge
Kevin Anderson, Organist

All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Please be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is a house of prayer for all people.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL | *Sine Nomine* For all the Saints

Hymnal 287
vv. 1-4

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord 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.**

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT | Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Daniel.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM | Psalm 149 *Cantate Domino*

The Psalm is read responsively as indicated.

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE | Ephesians 1:11-23

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give

you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Land of Rest* Jerusalem, my happy home

Hymnal 620

THE GOSPEL | Luke 6:20-31

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated for the sermon.

SERMON

Rev. Bob Farrow

All stand as able.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Book of Common Prayer 232

All stand as able.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

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 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.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
All Saints' Sunday

*from Planning for Rites and Rituals Year C:
A Resource for Episcopal Worship*

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

The Lord takes great pleasure in us. God cares for us and hears our prayers. So let us pray: "We offer our prayers; Our hope is set on you, O Christ."

Bless your Church, O Lord. Increase our faith in you. Increase our love for one another. Increase in us a spirit of wisdom. We offer our prayers;

Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

Bless the human family, O Lord. Bless the poor. Bless the hungry. Bless those who now weep. We offer our prayers;

Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

Bless this good creation, O Lord. All things were made through you and by your resurrection they are given new life. We thank you that you are already making all things new. We offer our prayers;

Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

Bless this community, O Lord. May we be known as a generous people – doing to our neighbors as we would have them do to us. We offer our prayers;

Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

Bless those in need, O Lord. You adorn the poor with victory; you fill those who are hungry. Make happy those for whom we pray. We especially pray for Debbie, Patricia, Ryder, and Katherine. We offer our prayers;

Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

Bless the saints who now rest from their labors, O Lord. Give to them the kingdom of God as a possession – for ever and ever. We offer our prayers;

Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Loving God, you have showed us how to love you by loving others more than we love ourselves. Hear our prayers and answer us as may be best for us and to your glory. All this we ask through Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Together

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.

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

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays: Mary Jane Hartenstine, Lynn Norris, Jeff Cody, Aleisha McMurtry, Sydnie Brown Moody, and Connie Blackmon

THE NECROLOGY

With hope in Christ and in the resurrection to eternal life, we remember those dear to this congregation who have died:

David Joseph Johnson

Brian John Winsness

Ruth Minton Smith

John J. Winsness

Jerry R. Winsness

Whit Gilliam

Tommy Daniels

Hans Butzon

Paul Luce

Craig Luce

John C. Dixon, Jr.

Charles M. Smith

Frances Maxey Minton

Margaret Jones Winsness

George & Margaret Garrett

Tony Cox

James & Vivian Daniels

Jane Butzon

Harriet Luce

Shelley Luce

Alan Luce

Buddy Cox

Portis Johnson, Jr.

Christopher D. Shuler, Sr.

Florence E. Pace

William L. Sinclair, Jr.

Laurette Cox

Madison L. Cox, Sr.

Mary B. Johnson

Ben H. Pace

Benjamin E. Pace

Pamela Cunningham Renfroe

THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

It's the first Sunday of the month! All cash in the offering plate (unless otherwise designated) will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This fund is one of the ways we share the love of Christ for all people, by assisting our Harris County neighbors with rent and utilities – and the need has been great this year.

OFFERTORY HYMN | Tell Out My Soul

Hymnal 437

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100th*

Please stand as you are able for the presentation of the offering.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.**

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

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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:

SANCTUS | Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel as able.

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.

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:

Together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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,

**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

Celebrant: *Alleluia*. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia*.**

FRACTION ANTHEM | *Agnus Dei* Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of the Fraction Anthem is written for a two-part setting. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The word "us." is written with a period.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line of the Fraction Anthem continues the two-part setting. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody continues with the same simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The word "us." is written with a period.

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Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

After taking communion, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the front of the church for special prayer and blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN | Jesus paid it all

Performed by Kevin Anderson

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

RECESSIONAL | *Lasst uns erfreuen* Ye watchers and ye holy ones Hymnal 618

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Join us for coffee and fellowship

in The Gathering Room, to the left as you exit the nave.

St. Nicholas' mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.

Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Debbie Potts, Patricia Collins, Ryder Hughes, and Katherine Johnson. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon, Mike Sawyer, and Jewell Wells.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

VESTRY

Rose Brent, *Senior Warden*
Martha Dimon, *Junior Warden*
Carolyn Cox, Sheri Cody,
Kathy McMurtry
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: John Brent
Usher: Charles & Lynn Norris
Virtual Minister: Katherine
Eucharistic Minister: Drucye Cox
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson

TODAY: First Sunday Brunch – it’s going to be good and there’s plenty; please join us!

BackSnacks needs food! Easy-to-prepare entrees such as canned ravioli or spaghetti and meatballs, mac-and-cheese, or ramen noodles are especially appropriate.

Hospitality Committee - This team will welcome visitors and coordinate Sunday coffee, 1st Sunday Brunch, and the Christmas meal, along with other special events. Contact Erin or Rose if you are interested in this ministry.

Hey, did you see a big orange sheet with a list of light bulb jokes (from the r/Episcopalian subReddit, by the way) in your bulletin last Sunday?

Yeah, that one!

We really needed you to pay attention to it and respond – only four were returned last Sunday. There are more on the table in the narthex; please pick one up and fill it out. Thanks!

Licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministry - Eucharistic Ministers minister to their fellow congregants by assisting the priest with Eucharist on Sunday morning. Eucharistic Visitors bring communion to homebound members of our church family. See Father Bob if you would like to explore this ministry.

St. Nicholas Book Club News -The November read is *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. See your weekly newsletter for more. The Book Club next meets after Evening Prayer on November 5.

2025 Christmas Family: As is our tradition, St. Nicholas has partnered with Harris County Family Connections to adopt a family and a senior for Christmas. The Giving Tree will go up soon with tags for shopping. Consider teaming up with someone to make the load lighter – and don't forget to write on the list who you drew! Gifts should be wrapped and received at St. Nicholas **by November 23**.

Advent begins November 30: We would like to have our traditional Advent wreath-lighting and readings by families in the parish. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Erin in the church office and sign up for a Sunday (Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21).

Also in Advent: **Flowers & Music** donation envelopes will go out November 2. This is a special way to honor a loved one.



**Tell Out
My Soul**

Kick off is TODAY! Check your email for a special message from Father Bob that went out on Friday – and begin your prayerful contemplation of what St. Nicholas means to you. See more on our website: www.stnicholashamilton.org/stewardship-2026.