

All Saints Day



St. John's Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church of Sandwich, Est. 1854

October 31 and November 1, 2026

We remember those who have died and been buried through St. John's since the last All Saints Day.

Anne Jane Bankston

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The Prelude *Shall we gather at the river?*

The Processional Hymn *For all the Saints, who from their labors rest,*

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People ***One God and Father of all.***

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Setting by Dale Wood

The Hymnal 1982, 287, verses 1-4

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

The Collect of the Day

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 Gloria *said at 5pm; sung at 9:30.*

The Hymnal 1982, S-280

**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 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response, Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Benedicam Dominum

We will say the Psalm responsively by half verse.

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.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn *I sing a song of the saints of God*

The Hymnal 1982, 293

The Gospel *Please stand, as able.*

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Alan R. Hesse

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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.***

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Anthem *Let saints on earth in concert sing*

The Offertory Prayer *at 5pm and 9:30am then, all standing in body or spirit.*

Celebrant Receive, O God, these fruits of the earth and of our hands: bring to completion in them the work of your creation, so that, transformed by the Holy Spirit, they may be for us the food and drink of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

The Book of Common Prayer, page 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People ***And also with you***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Celebrant 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.

People ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.

You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Celebrant 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, Mary, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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

Celebrant 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:

The Sanctus *said at 5pm, sung at 9:30am.*

The Hymnal 1982, S-129

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

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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."

Celebrant Remembering now Jesus' work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Celebrant Lord God of our Forebears: God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel.

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.

People ***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, page 364

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.**

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Fraction Anthem *sung at 9:30am.*

The Hymnal 1982, S-163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you would rather receive a blessing rather than receiving Holy Communion, simply cross your arms. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms when the minister comes to you following the bread and wait for the words "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

If you are not able to join us at the communion rail, please indicate to an usher you would like to receive and we will bring communion to you.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please dispose of your communion cup as you exit, near the first pews on the piano side or in the chapel.

The Communion Hymn *You shall cross the barren desert*

Wonder, Love and Praise, 811

Verse 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you
 shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in
 safe - ty though you do not know the way. You shall
 speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un - der - stand.
 You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al-ways.
 Come, fol - low me, and I will give you
 rest.

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

2 If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
 you shall not drown,
 If you walk amid the burning flames,
 you shall not be harmed.
 If you stand before the pow'r of hell
 and death is at your side,
 know that I am with you through it all. ***Refrain***

3 Blessed are your poor,
 for the kingdom shall be theirs.
 Blest are you that weep and mourn,
 for one day you shall laugh.
 And if wicked men insult and hate you
 all because of me,
 blessed, blessed are you! ***Refrain***

The Postcommunion 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.

The Blessing

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

The Recessional *For all the Saints, who from their labors rest*

The Hymnal 1982, 287, verses 5-8

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *'Saints Day' Postlude*

Lorraine Forsdick

Liturgical Note: Introduction to the readings come from Frederick Borsch's "Introducing the Lessons of the Church Year, 3rd Edition" Morehouse 2009.

On Our Parish Prayer List: We pray for healing and wholeness for Amy, Mary, MaryAnn, Cheryl, Marilyn, John, Allen, Mia, Jimmy, Lily, Catherine, Ann Regina, Gerry, Herb, Al, Olivia, Jessica, Shaun, Bailey, Ellie, Michael, Harper, and Hugh. Have compassion for those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of David G. Sharpe, by the Sharpe family.

In our diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The churches of the South Shore Deanery: **Church of St. John the Evangelist** (Duxbury), **Society of St. Margaret** (Duxbury), **Trinity Church** (Marshfield), **Christ Church** (Quincy), **Parish of St. Chrysostom** (Quincy), and **Trinity Church** (Randolph).

Serving This Weekend

Celebrant: The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

Director of Music: Misao Koyama

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ames and Jared Cohen

Lectors: Lillian Woo and Wendy Nevins

Acolyte: Will Hibbard, Jr.

Altar Guild: Jann Czarnetzki, Judy Cohen, Dee McLaughlin, Sharon Therriault, Wendy Nevins, and Teddy Hibbard

Ushers: Alan Carlson and Mary Howe

Hospitality: Volunteers needed for serving coffee after worship. Sign up in Parish Hall

Announcements

Mark your calendars:

Thanksgiving – November 26 (Office closed Friday Nov. 27)

Christmas Fair – December 4 and 5

THANK YOU: to everyone who donated candy for Halloween on Main Street, and a special thank you to Sue Nee who loaned some of her inflatable collection which decorated the front of the church for this huge occasion.

FOOD DRIVE: Please consider making a donation to the Massachusetts Military Foundation's food drive. The donation box is located in the Narthex. If you have questions about this program, please see Ashton Bradford.

OUTREACH QUESTIONNAIRE: St. John's Outreach Committee is asking you to complete the **questionnaire** which is on the table in the Narthex. You can drop it in the collection plate, or leave it in the basket in the Narthex. We can email a copy for you to complete and return by mail or email. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FAIR BAKE SALE: Bakers needed! Melissa Abbott reminds you that baked goods can be frozen ahead of time for the Fair. Let's get a head start on stocking up for the bake sale. Donations can be delivered to the office during business hours.

GENTLY USED CHRISTMAS: Now is the time to bring in your gently used Christmas items for the Christmas Fair. It's only a month away! Leave them in the Narthex (clearly marked) or deliver them to the office during business hours. The Christmas Fair committee thanks you.

CARING FOR CREATION COMMITTEE: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86013659293>. Join us on Fridays at 10am via Zoom. Ask Steve Tom or Fr. Al for details.

THANK YOU: Dr. Katie Ghantous of the UMASS Amherst Cranberry Station for the informative presentation on Tuesday, October 27th, part of the **Caring for Creation** series of monthly presentations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AS LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: St. John's needs additional LEM's to serve at both Saturday 5 PM and Sunday 9:30 AM services. We have only two sharing the Saturday service, and currently 3 sharing Sunday, which will decrease to 2 after January 1. This is not sufficient, when one includes vacations and unexpected absences for illness, accidents, etc. We need to double this number. If you feel called to volunteer for this ministry, email Charlie Diana at charles77d@comcast.net.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS CREW: Currently there are 3 steadfast volunteers who maintain our buildings and grounds. This ministry could use a few additional volunteers to help share the weekly cleaning and maintenance of our facilities. No experience is necessary and we appreciate whatever time you can offer. Please prayerfully consider how you might offer your time and talents to this ministry. Contact Fr. Al, Alan Carlson, or call the office during business hours.

COFFEE MUGS: St. John's Coffee mugs are now available for purchase at \$9.50. See the office if you are interested.

October 31 - November 7, 2026

Saturday, October 31

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

3pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, November 1

9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist with Sunday School

10:15am Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

Monday, November 2

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall

4:30-5:30pm, Lasit Theater Group, Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 3

Election Day

12noon AA, Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 4

2pm Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall

Thursday, November 5

12noon AA, Parish Hall

4:30-7pm Lasit Theatre Group, Church

6pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, November 6

10am Caring for Creation Zoom link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86013659293>

Saturday, November 7

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. John's!

*Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member,
please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!*

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice, and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.



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