

# WELCOME

to St. Andrew's By-the-Sea

The Episcopal Church in Destin, Florida

part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, ST. ANDREW'S WELCOMES YOU!**

**ALL SAINTS (24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.**

**HOLY EUCHARIST • RITE II**

*Before service speak to the Lord to prepare to worship.*

*During service the Lord will speak to you.*

*After service speak to one another.*



**Presider:**

**Preacher:**

**Organ:**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister:**

**Lay Reader:**

**Intercessor:**

**The Rev. James J. Popham, J.D., M. Div.**

**The Rev. Jo P. Popham, M. Div.**

**Don Lee Hutchison, D. Min.**

**Jim Cooper**

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**Barbara Nelson**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ALL SAINTS/PENTECOST 24 – NOVEMBER 3

**TODAY** we observe All Saints Day. Jo's sermon recalls Jesus' encounter with the death of his friend Lazarus. Jim's *Gem* is about the "Communion of Saints."

**PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT** Our vestry continues to wrestle with the complexities of developing our property. They are striving to be good stewards of our very valuable property and give precedence to the long-term interests of the parish in a manner that furthers the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. The vestry remains grateful for the variety and intensity of views expressed by members of the parish and would appreciate everyone's prayers as they discern God's vision for St. Andrew's.



The theme of our annual stewardship campaign is Walk in Love: "The Gospel invites us to

Walk in Love with our neighbor in their footsteps, with the outcast and the marginalized, with those who need us. As we spread the Good News in our world, we carry the love and support of our congregation and our prayers into our communities. When you share your many gifts with your neighbors, every step is walking in love."

**CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS** On, Friday, December 20, Candlelight Concerts will be in our sanctuary for concerts at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the 6 p.m. concert of Christmas music (\$43 – \$72) are available to the public at <https://feverup.com/m/254438>. The concert at 8:30 p.m. tentatively will feature the music of Queen. Tickets (also \$43 – \$72) available to the public at <https://feverup.com/m/250940>.

**THE BLUE DOOR IS OPEN** Last week the Blue Door announced a new, truncated schedule effective in mid-November. The schedule will continue to wind down through the end of the year. Beginning in January, 2025, the Blue Door will be open for full service on Wednesdays only. The weekly food distribution will continue on Tuesdays as usual. Pastoral care also will be available on Tuesdays. The Blue Door no longer will be open on Mondays and Fridays. The decision to reduce our schedule was made reluctantly, but for a number of good and substantial reasons. We have been blessed with a dedicated, capable, and faithful all-volunteer staff. But our staff and especially its leadership has been stretched and stressed to the limit. The strain has been compounded by the increasingly hostile response to our unhoused and needy sisters and brothers in communities across the country, which has resulted in a clientele that is more transient and troublesome to deal with on a day-to-day basis. Second, health concerns have required Ron Marro and previously Kathy McGee, who have led the Blue Door so faithfully and capably, to step down from active leadership and day-to-day involvement in the Blue Door. Third, a reduction in services will provide an opportunity for all volunteers to take a breather. Moreover, it allows time for our clergy, vestry, and Blue Door leadership and volunteers to reassess and reimagine the Blue Door going forward. In the meantime, the Blue Door is open. Ericca Cavender-Caldwell has stepped in as interim coordinator. Volunteers who have worked on Mondays and Fridays will continue to have opportunities to work on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church  
Blue Door Homeless Outreach Ministry**

**Blue Door Pantry needs:**

|                            |                           |                          |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bottled Water              | Pork & Beans              | Tuna – Snack Packs       |
| Electrolyte powder packets | Cheese crackers           | Canned Vegetables        |
| Juice boxes                | Ramen Noodles             | Macaroni & Cheese        |
| Gatorade                   | Baked Beans               | Canned Chili/Chili Beans |
| Peanut butter crackers     | Crackers – all types      | Granola bars             |
| Fruit Cups or cans         | Peanut Butter             | Canned Chicken           |
| Vienna sausage             | Jelly                     | Chunky soups             |
| Nutrigrain/granola         | Cereal – individual boxes | Breakfast bars           |
| Beanie Weenies             | Spaghetti Sauce           | Ravioli/Canned pasta     |

**Blue Door Men's Clothes Closet needs:**

|          |           |             |
|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Shorts   | Jackets   | Sneakers    |
| T-shirts | Belts     | Flip Flops  |
| Pants    | Shoelaces | Sandals     |
| Jeans    | Gloves    | Swim Trunks |

**Blue Door Women's Clothes Closet needs:**

|             |          |          |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| Jeans/Pants | Leggings | Bras     |
| Shorts      | T-shirts | Belts    |
| Flip Flops  | Sandals  | Sneakers |

**Blue Door General Merchandise needs:**

|                        |                           |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rain Ponchos           | Disposable gloves         | Bug Repellent             |
| Sleeping bags          | Toothpaste                | Toothbrushes              |
| Backpacks              | Tampons / Pads            | Lip balm                  |
| Combs/Brushes          | Band-Aids                 | Nail clippers             |
| Body Wash/Soap         | Neosporin                 | Q-Tips                    |
| Sunscreen              | Personal Wipes            | Deodorant                 |
| Batteries (**AAA, AA)  | Small Tarps               | Foot Powder               |
| Shampoos - Travel size | Conditioner - Travel size | Body lotion - Travel size |

**Blue Door Operating Items:**

|                   |                               |                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Paper Towels      | Paper Plates/cups/coffee cups | Napkins                   |
| Toilet Paper      | Plastic Utensils              | Hand Soap                 |
| Laundry Pods      | Dryer Sheets                  | Bleach                    |
| Coffee            | Coffee Pods                   | Coffee Creamer/Sugar      |
| White bath towels | Trash bags                    | Styrofoam food containers |

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude**

*For All the Saints*

by Douglas Wagner

**Welcome and Announcements**

**A Litany of All the Saints and Procession**

Let us go forth in peace,

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Verse 1** of Hymn # 287 *For all the Saints who from their labors rest*

Holy ones present at our beginnings:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Abraham and Sarah,

Isaac and Rebecca,

Jacob and Rachel and Leah,

makers of the covenant, forebears of our race:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Elizabeth and Simeon,

Joseph, Monica and Helen,

exemplars in the love and care of children:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

John the baptizer, map-maker of the Lord's coming:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

**Verse 2** of Hymn # 287 *For all the Saints who from their labors rest*

Holy ones who showed the good news to be the way of life:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Thomas the doubter,

Augustine of Canterbury,

Francis Xavier,

Samuel Joseph Schereschewsky,

all travelers who carried the Gospel to distant places:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Bernard and Dominic,

Catherine of Siena, the scourge of popes,

John and Charles Wesley, preachers in the streets,

all whose power of speaking gave life to the written word:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Benedict of Nursia,  
Teresa of Avila,  
Nicholas Ferrar,  
Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
Richard Meux Benson,  
Charles de Foucauld,  
all founders of communities:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

**Verse 3** of Hymn # 287 *For all the Saints who from their labors rest*

Holy ones who gave their lives to the care of others:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Louis, king of France,  
Margaret, queen of Scotland,  
Gandhi the mahatma, reproach to the churches,  
Dag Hammarskjold, the bureaucrat,  
all who made governance an act of faith:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Peter of the keys, denier of the Lord,  
Ambrose of Milan, who answered the Church's summons;  
Hilda, abbess at Whitby;  
Robert Grosseteste, bishop of Lincoln, protector of the Jews;  
Jean-Baptiste Vianney, cure d' Ars,  
Patient hearer of catalogues of sins,  
All faithful shepherds of the Master's flock:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Mary Magdalen, anointer of the Lord's feet,  
Luke the physician,  
Francis who kissed the leper,  
Florence Nightingale,  
Albert Schweitzer,  
all who brought to the sick and suffering the hands of healing:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

**Verse 4** of Hymn # 287 *For all the Saints who from their labors rest*

Holy ones who made the proclaiming of God's love a work of art:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Pierluigi da Palestrina,  
John Merbecke,  
Johann Sebastian Bach,  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart,  
Benjamin Britten,

Duke Ellington,  
all who sang the Creator's praises in the language of the soul:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

David and the Psalmists,  
Caedmon,  
John Milton, sketcher of Paradise,  
William Blake, builder of Jerusalem,  
John Mason Neale, preserver of the past,  
all poets of the celestial vision:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Zaccheus the tree-climber,  
Brother Lawrence,  
Therese of Lisieux, the little flower,  
Andrew of Glasshampton,  
all cultivators of holy simplicity:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

**Verse 5** of Hymn # 287 *For all the Saints who from their labors rest*

Holy ones haunted by the justice and mercy of God:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Amos of Tekoa, who held up the plumbline,  
John Wycliffe, who brought the Scripture to the common folk,  
John Hus and Menno Simons, generals in the Lamb's war,  
Martin Luther, who could do no other,  
George Fox, foe of steeple-houses,  
all who kept the Church ever-reforming:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Paul the apostle, transfixed by noonday light,  
Augustine of Hippo, God's city planner,  
Thomas Aquinas and John Calvin, architects of the divine,  
Charles Williams, teacher of coinherence,  
Karl Barth, knower of the unknowable,  
all who saw God at work and wrote down what they saw:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

John, the seer of Patmos,  
Anthony of the desert,  
Julian, the anchoress of Norwich,  
Hildegarde, the sybil of the Rhine,  
Meister Eckardt,  
Bernadette of Lourdes,  
all who were called to see the Master's face:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Joachim of Fiora, prophet of the new age,

Johnny Appleseed, mad planter of Eden,  
Sojourner Truth, pilgrim of justice,  
Benedict Joseph Labre, priest and panhandler,  
all whose love for God was beyond containment:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

**Verse 6** of Hymn # 287 *For all the Saints who from their labors rest*

Holy ones who died in witness to the Christ:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Stephen the deacon, the first martyr, stoned in Jerusalem:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Justin, Ignatius and Polycarp, who refused to worship Caesar:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Perpetua and Felicity, torn by beasts in the arena at Carthage:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Thomas Cranmer, Hugh Latimer, and Nicholas Ridley,

Burned in Oxford:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Maximilian Kolbe and Edith Stein, put to death at Auschwitz:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

James Reeb, Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Michael Schwerner,  
Medgar Evers, Viola Liuzzo, all shot for the cause of civil rights:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot in Memphis:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Janani Luwum shot in Kampala:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Oscar Romero, shot in San Salvador:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Martyrs of Rome, of Lyons, of Japan, of Eastern Equatorial  
Africa, of Uganda, of Melanesia,  
martyrs of everywhere:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

**Verse 7** of Hymn # 287 *For all the Saints who from their labors rest*

Holy ones of every time and place:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Glorious company of heaven:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

All climbers of the ladder of Paradise:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

All runners of the celestial race:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Those we love but see no more: (The names are read or called out at this time.)

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Great cloud of witnesses:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Mary most holy, chief of the saints:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Mary most holy, yes-sayer to God:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Mary most holy, unmarried mother:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Mary most holy, gate of heaven and ark of the covenant:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

**Verse 8** of Hymn # 287 *For all the Saints who from their labors rest*

Jesus our liberator, creator of all:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Jesus our liberator, redeemer of all:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Jesus our liberator, sanctifier of all:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

Jesus our liberator, the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end:

**Stand Here Beside Us!**

**The Gloria**

S 280, Powell

**The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**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.**

**The Old Testament**

Wisdom 3:1-9

*In earlier thinking, life simply ended with death – or, at best, the dead merely existed in an indeterminate state, separated from God. But during the first century BC, some Jews realized that there is life after death. They believed that the godly will join God and the angels in heaven, where God will protect them from the “foolish”, that is, those who go against God’s ways.*

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,



and no torment will ever touch them. In  
the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.  
For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.  
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.  
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.  
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.  
Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.  
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 24**

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.**
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."**
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

**10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \***

**"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."**

**New Testament**

Revelation 21:1-6a

*The book of Revelation is "the revelation of Jesus Christ" made through John. It is prophecy which reveals secrets of heaven and earth. John has seen the destruction of the old city and of the old heaven and earth. Now he sees the new creation, of divine origin and free of evil forces – for ultimately God's love will prevail.*

**A Reading from the Revelation to John**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #293**

*I sing a song of the saints of God*

**GRAND ISLE**

**Gospel**

John 11:32-44

*Lazarus, Mary's brother has died. When Jesus has said to her, "Your brother will rise again", she has thought that he is referring to the general resurrection Jews expected at the end of time, but Jesus has said "I am the resurrection and the life".*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from

dying?’

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev’d Jo P. Popham

Let us recommit ourselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**The Baptismal Covenant**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Asperges** *[Congregation is sprinkled from the font as a token of their renewal in Christ.]*

### **Music during Asperges**

### **The Prayers of the People**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, especially for the people, leadership, and ministries of our fellow Christians at home and abroad; In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for All Saints in Mobile, Alabama, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Russell our Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Jo and Jim our Rectors, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Joe our President, for the leaders of the nations, for Ron our Governor and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this town of Destin, for Bobby our Mayor, Louis our City Manager, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering, especially those we name aloud or silently...*Silence...* let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, remembering especially, in the Prison ministry Cycle of Prayer, the prisoners and staff of Monroe County Jail in Monroeville, Alabama, for their families, and for all who remember and care for them, and for all victims of crimes, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Andrew and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

**Collect at the Prayers**

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence...*

**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**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory**

*I'll Walk With God*

by Nicholas Brodzky  
Solo: Don Hutchison

**Doxology** Hymn # 380 (v. 3) *From all that dwell below the skies*

**OLD 100<sup>th</sup>**

### The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Standing as we are able*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God 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**, S-129, Powell

*Standing or kneeling as we are 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:

**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.

**Great Amen S-146**

Robinson

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**

*Silence is observed.*

**Fraction Anthem**

**Invitation**

*Ending with "the gifts of God, for the people of God"*

## Communion

Communion Hymn Hymn 325

Afro-American Spiritual, arr. David Hurd

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**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.**

## FAMILY PRAYERS

*said together by the whole church family*

*for those celebrating BIRTHDAYS:*

**O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray on your servant(s) as he/she/they begin(s) another year, grant that he/she/they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her/their trust in your goodness all the days of his/her/their life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*for those celebrating ANNIVERSARIES:*

**O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: may these your servants love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience all the days of their life/lives together, and may they share their joy with others; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*for TRAVELERS:*

**O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve all those who travel, surround him/her/them with your loving care; protect him/her/them from every danger, bring him/her/them in safety to his/her/their journey's end, and return him/her/them to us renewed and refreshed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Exit Procession Hymn #551

*Rise up, ye saints of God!*

**FESTAL SONG**

## The Dismissal

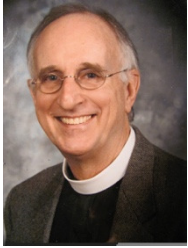
Postlude

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

by James Mansfield



## *A Gem from Jim+*



In the Nicene Creed we state our belief in the “communion of saints.” But who are saints, and why are they in communion?

We typically think of saints as some elite corps of super righteous souls who we know just have to be in heaven. Many of those saints in their own special way have been “‘lights of the world in every generation,’ people whose lives and deeds have shone brightly and helped others more closely follow God.”<sup>1</sup>

And, indeed, we recognize the more notable among them on our church calendar. The Church also has published two volumes of saintly commemorations, *Holy Women, Holy Men* and *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*. And every Wednesday at our noon service, we honor the life of a saint from the Church calendar for the week.

But that is a much too limited definition according to the Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, which defines a saint as “a holy person, a faithful Christian, one who shares life in Christ.”<sup>2</sup> So the term “saints” includes both the living and the dead. It includes, as it were, saints and sinners. It includes us. And it means we are in communion with –in a deep and intimate and spiritual and actual relationship with – all our sisters and brothers in Christ, whether know it, whether we acknowledge it, whether live into it.

This communion, this connection, this commonality is realized all the way down to our DNA. Dr. Francis Collins, the former director of the National Institutes of Health and former director of the human genome project is a faithful Christian, a saint. He notes in his book, *The Language of God*, “[A]t the DNA level, we [humans] are 99.9 per cent identical.”<sup>3</sup> Ninety-nine point nine per cent. How could we not be in communion with each other? We all are made in the image of the same, one God. We all are called to be imitators of the same Jesus Christ.

That’s why the reality of the communion of saints is something we acknowledge in our creed and in just a few minutes in our Baptismal covenant. And in our celebration of All Saints Day, we begin with *A Litany of All the Saints* and a commemoration of those dear saintly souls in our own lives that have preceded and enlightened us.<sup>4</sup>

We are tasked by the divine to bring about the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. The reality of the communion of saints is no less seminal to our understanding of God, God’s vision, and our undertaking of God’s work in the world than our profound hope for the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting. In fact, the communion of saints is the human means to God’s ends. And, again, that is us, whether we are a bishop, a priest, a deacon, a warden, or a seemingly anonymous member of a church in Destin striving not just to survive but to thrive.

<sup>1</sup> <https://lessonplans.episcopalchurch.org/special-lesson-plans/saints/>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/saint>.

<sup>3</sup> Francis S. Collins, *The Language of God* (New York, NY: Free Press, 2006) 125.

<sup>4</sup> <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/62.html>.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE•

**For immediate concerns:** Joan A., Abbie, Amy, Dee Anderson, Barbara B., Carolyn Bell, Destiny Bolden, Brian & Elliot, Jeff & Liz Brooks, Dennis Broomell, Baby Gene Cashier, Father Ben Chase, Barbara Colwell, Michael Collins, Charles Cook, Jim Cooper, Judy Cranch, the Cunningham Family, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Betty Jo Dahnke, Henry Davis, Kate Driggers, Byron Driver, Nicole Ducharme, Steven E., Steven Eldridge, Mike G., Donna & Kiera Giovanni, Stan Hall, Marion Hargraves, Maryanne Harrigan, Autumn Hull, Susan Hundley, Don Hutchison, Lynda Jacobs, Janet, Jeffrey King, Kory Knacke, Jonny Lawless, Chuck Lobello, Frances & Simon Lovich, Kevin Lowe, Veronica Ludwig, Barbe Lund, Nanette Malave, Ron Marro, Alys Martin, the Mayfield Family, Jim McCray, Kathy McGee, Lee Michaud, Steve Moncla, Mike, Missy, Bob Monnier, Calista Diane Naughton, Barbara Nelson, Peter Nunn, Nikki & Brock, Matt P., Goldie Parson, Mike Patterson, Stacy Peloquin, Kevin & Rodney Penny, Cheryl Perez, Gary Perez, Dianne Pope, Jo Popham, Matt Popham, Sara Popham, Rachael, Tom & Sandy Reed, Ed & Dee Richardson, Robert, the Robson Family, Rodney, Roger, Kevin Rosendorf, Thomas Ross, Ann Seaton, Bob & Rosalie Smith, Coleen Smith, Tricia Spencer, Laura & Ted Sulla, Aleeta Traendly, Tamara Tomczak, Patsy Voigt, Natalie Nelson Ward, Rob Ward, Ed & Julie Warfield, Molly White

**For the repose of the soul:** Father Angelo, Betsy Back, Zonnie Patterson Back, Jason Britt, Mike Brown, Georgene Chidsey, Dora Clark, Abbie Colson, Bob Colwell, John Cunningham, Jennifer Gambles Dyess, Mick Glover, Larry Griffin, Stewart Harris, Carl Hawk, Fr. John Hicks, Ruth Hopkins, Ellison Ingram, Charles Steven Kern, Peg Kuehn, John Johnson, Richard Johnson, Mildred Jolley, Carl Edward Kimberlin, Nirvanka Lovich, Larry Lowe, Grace Mayfield, Diane McCray, Alan McGlynn, Deacon Mike, Miles & Lannie, Rev. Pam Moore, Paul Naughton, Frank Novak, Anne O'Ferrell, Candice Penny, Tara Perez, John Reinhold Jr., Angelique Robson, John Ross, Shauna Sheets-Penny, Bp. Dabney Smith, Danny Turner, Burton L. Wade III, Charles Walker, David Wallerstein, Pittman Watson

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of South East Asia

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** All Saints in Mobile, Alabama

**Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle:** The inmates and their families, and the staff of Monroe County Jail in Monroeville, Alabama

• Please, call or email the church to add or change the status of someone on the prayer list.

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