



All Saints Sunday
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
November 7, 2021
8:00am – Rite I
9:30am - Rite II

*"Before the service, speak silently to God.
During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another."*

A Warm Welcome to all visitors to our parish today, and we hope that you will find St. Stephen's a spiritual home! Take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy and greeters.

Communion is a sign of the unity of the Church that Christ envisioned when he prayed "that they may become completely one" (John 17:23). Therefore, all baptized Christians may receive communion at the altar. Visitors who are not baptized are welcome to come forward during the Sacrament to receive a blessing. Fold your arms over your chest as indication to the priest.

Your prayers are asked for our parish, especially Byron Burgess, Tiger Warfield, Dave Brown, Louis George, Jim Duguid, Charles, Ann Gerald, Mead Parsons, Cheryl Fairchild, Issac, Larry, Joan Parsons, Jack, Carver, Marianne, Kathy & Samuel Evans, Katie, Romana, Jeremy, Linda Kay, Angie, Mariah Patterson, Jaxon Minetti, Randal Hurst, Kim Muncy, Richard Klein, Patricia Meadows, Sandy, Gabe, Jane Morton, Stephanie Bolen, Clayton, Lori, Rosanne, Catherine Newburg, Michael Quesenberry, Bob Kiss, and Valerie Ventura.

We pray especially for those departed saints; Freda Soter, Naomi Corey, Ron McCollam, and Brian Williams.

For those celebrating birthdays; this week...Alex Burnside and James Vargo

In the Anglican cycle of prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: Christ Church in Wellsburg, St. Thomas in Weirton, and Olde St. John in Colliers served by The Rev. Phil Van Dam

For those serving in the armed forces especially: Jayson Morton, Nate Willard, Ben Sulwer, and Andrew Khalil.

For first responders, especially: Sam Tuttle and Lee Price

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Susan Q. Claytor
Lector	Gary Schroeder
Music	Donna Burnside
Choir Director	Robert Burnside
Soloist	Jason Hogie
Altar Guild	TBA
Eucharistic Minister	Jane Morton

Flowers on the High Altar: Dr. & Mrs. Joel Wagoner to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. Charles & Mary Martha Merritt and Mr. & Mrs. A.L. Wagoner

Flowers on the Chapel Altar: Dr. & Mrs. Joel Wagoner to the Glory of God and in memory of Clement & Mary Ann Schulte

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

The Word of God

Salutation **page 323** in the *Book of Common Prayer*

Gloria **page 324** in the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

The Response: Psalm 24

The Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6a

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ: John 11:32-44

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Susan Claytor

The Nicene Creed

page 326 in the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Prayers of the People

page 328 in the *Book of Common Prayer*

Confession of Sin

page 330 in the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Peace

page 332 in the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I

page 333 in the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Sanctus (*spoken*)

page 334 in the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Lord's Prayer

page 336 in the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

page 339 in the *Book of Common Prayer*

Blessing and Dismissal

Important News/Announcements are at the end of the bulletin following the 9:30 am service.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Prelude: "Shall We Gather at the River" setting by Robert A. Hobby

Opening Hymn: "For all the saints,..." (verses 1-4) Hymnal page 287

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Litany of the Saints

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

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.*

A Reading from: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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?"
- "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."

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.

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

EPISTLE: Revelation 21:1-6a

Then 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**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 11:32-44.

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**

The Sermon

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.

Prayers of the People Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

The priest adds a concluding prayer

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: "I sing a song of the saints of God,..."

Hymnal page 293

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Absolution

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.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not 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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus Hymnal page S124

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

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.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;
never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen

After communion

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

Closing Hymn: "Lift high the cross,..."

Hymnal page 473

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements

Reminder: There will be a vestry meeting on Nov. 10th at 6pm in the library.

DOK will meet Nov. 17th at 5pm in the library.

Please remember to turn in your estimate of giving cards if you plan on pledging a contribution in 2022; we use them to adjust our budget. There are extras in the narthex.

There will not be a 8am service on Nov. 21st.

The office will be closed on Nov. 25th and Nov. 26th.

A big thank you to Ann Lilly, Chuck Myslinksy, and Debbie Ventura for representing St. Stephen's at United Way's Wonderland of Trees event. The tree is gorgeous and a lot of it was handmade; go check it out! The trees will be open to view starting Nov. 5th and the live auction will be Nov. 19th at 6pm at the Summit Scout Reserve. The tree in the narthex is a replica of our tree on display.

About the Litany of the Saints: The Litany of the Saints is thought to be the oldest litany in the church. It is dated around 595, and was used by St. Gregory the Great, Pope of the church from 590 - 604. It was introduced at the end of a plague.

Litany - a series of petitions, usually in the form of recitation and response.