

Saint George's Episcopal Church

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November 1, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

All Saints Sunday

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, *In-person*

The Rev. Michelle Werner, *Rector*

Jiabao Guo, *Musician*

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Dismissal

Postlude *Sonata in C Major* Franz Joseph Haydn

Collect of the Day, All Saints Day

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant 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.**

First Lesson | Revelation 7: 9-7

A reading from Revelations, chapter 7, verses 9-7.

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter | Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *said responsively by whole 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.

Epistle | 1 John 3: 1-3

A reading from *First John* chapter four beginning at the first verse

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.

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel | Matthew 5: 1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. **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. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

I do.

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 neighbor 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.

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.

Thanksgiving for Water

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

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.

Now bless this water, we pray you, that it may be a sign to us of our Baptism, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Candle Lighting

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised to place at your heavenly table. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. ***Amen.***

Christ says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
And you will find rest for your souls.

We remember the Saints who rest in God's arms:

Frank Veselorsky	*Russell Spletzer*	*Guy Barnicoat*	*Dan Slaw*
Patsy Wise	*Dan Christie*	*Avis Christie*	*Rev. Joseph Gerrard*
Winifred Gerrard	*Charles Kerruish*	*Betty Stewart*	*David Sawyer*

Karen Wise	*Ann Follett*	*Eric Sawyer*	*Betty Sawyer*
Albert Squelch	*Edna Squelch*	*Dennis Sawyer*	*Joan Vangel*
Michelle Reich	*Viola Vangel*	*Steve Vangel Sr.*	*Eileen Wolfskehl*
Theresa Forbes	*Eldon Hess*	*Robert Graham*	*Jane Graham*
John Johnstone	*Bill Johnstone*	*Sheri Lauro*	*Muriel Fanfair*
Katie Goudy	*Victor Walbridge*	*Beverly Krey*	*Carl McKee*
Cheryl Takesian	*Helga White*	*Jerome White*	*Randy Truesdell*

We remember those unnamed, but not forgotten among us, family and friends, neighbors and Co-workers. We remember those felled by gun violence and political unrest, those lost to war and famine and all whose memory we bear in our hearts. In Christ's name we lift them up to you. **Amen.**

The Peace: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

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Postlude *Sonata in C Major* Franz Joseph Haydn

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Announcements – November 1, 2026

★ **Welcome to St George's Church!** Our Worship schedule includes Services at 08:30am and 10:15am in the Church. We are taking a short break from streaming our services while the sanctuary equipment is cleaned and/or replaced after the fire. We hope to be back online soon.

★ **Healing Prayer will be offered at both services on Nov 1 & 15.** Healing prayer is always available upon request.

★ **Socktober sock drive.** Last chance. Bring on your socks or make a donation ASAP.

★ **LOK Outing for the Ford Rouge Factory Tour - Wednesday Nov 4 in the morning.** Joyce arranged a discounted price—$22.00 per person. If you have signed up, please pay Joyce in a timely manner. Plan on few cars, since parking is $10 per car. Plan on 2-3 hours for the whole experience!

★ **Cookie Bakers Needed -** Help brighten the holidays for young people through Incarcerated Youth Ministries by bringing in **homemade, nut-free cookies or baked goods** by **Nov 29**. See Caroline for more info.

★ **Plenty Good Room Stewardship Drive -** Stewardship Packets have been mailed out. Please begin to prayerfully consider your support for St George's in the coming year. Your pledges are critical to helping us plan for how we can continue to grow and strengthen our ministry at St G. Please return your pledge cards by **Sunday Nov 15**. Extra packets & extra pledge cards are available in the office.

★ **Fall Outdoor Clean-up -** Join us **Saturday, November 7 9:00am-1:00pm** to help clean-up the church grounds for the fall.

★ **Indoor Church Clean-Out and Organizing - Saturday November 14 at 9:00am.** Join us to clean out and organize the classrooms and common areas of the church in preparation for the new flooring and paint.

★ **Chancel flowers** this week were given by The Boecklers in memory of Mike Preece.

★ **Sign-up for Altar Flowers 2026 is available in the narthex. Please sign up now.**