

All Saints' Sunday

(The Sunday after All Saints' Day)

Grace Episcopal Church

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*Please keep silence in the church before the service
and turn off all cell phones.*

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph N. Davis

Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People Form V, BCP, p. 389

Confession BCP, p. 360

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory “Ye watchers and Ye Holy Ones” Hymn 618
(All stand and sing.)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361

Sanctus BCP, p. 362

The Lord’s Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ Our Passover BCP, p. 364

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(You may come to the altar rail for communion. Please note that we will not practice intinction for the time being. If you prefer not to receive the chalice, please cross your arms and bow your head when the priest or chalice bearer comes by.

If you would like a blessing instead of receiving communion, bow your head and cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.)

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Procession “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Hymn 556

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Note to Visitors

We are glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate and sign our guest register in the narthex. If you have any questions about our service or about membership in Grace Church, please reach out to us at one of the email addresses listed on the last page.

The Feast of All Saints, and All Saints' Sunday, November 7

All Saints' Day always falls on November 1. From All Hallows' Eve we get Halloween, October 31, the day before All Saints' Day. On All Saints' Day, we celebrate all the holy saints of God, known and unknown. Because the well-known saints are on our church calendar, and they have feast days of their own, All Saints' Day is especially for those who otherwise would go uncelebrated, those anonymous, silent, humble, holy people of God living in our midst who are the very salt of the earth. So that we may celebrate All Saints' Day with the greatest number of people, we celebrate it on the Sunday following All Saints' Day, which this year falls on November 7.

This Sunday, we are remembering our friends and loved ones who have died in the past year in the prayers of the people, and we reaffirm our hope that one day we will be reunited with them in the Communion of Saints.

Father Joe

The Communion of Saints

As we approach All Saints' Day, I always think of that part of the Apostles' Creed at the end (*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 96) where we state our belief in "...the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, *the communion of saints*, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the dead (my italics)." Because of the gift of the Holy Spirit, who was given to the followers of Christ after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, the "holy catholic Church" came to life. All of those who follow Christ and are baptized into his death and resurrection are made into one body and are preserved in a unity with one another and with God by the operation of the Holy Spirit. As living members of Christ, the Church has been made into a "communion of saints," a unity throughout all time and space of those who belong to Christ. We are given by God's grace "the forgiveness of sins," and we live in hope of "the resurrection of the body," which Jesus himself first experienced on Easter. So whereas almost all the great celebrations of the Church year are feasts relating to the life and work of our Lord, Jesus Christ, All Saints' Day celebrates the new life we have in Christ with one another as a result of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and our baptism into the body of Christ. We call this new life in Christ the Communion of Saints.

Giving to Grace Church

To make a contribution to Grace Church, you may put a check in one of the offering plates at the front and back of the church; or you may send your offering in the mail to the office; or you may make a contribution online through our website or by scanning the computer code below into your smartphone.

If you have particular needs for prayer or other ministrations of the Church, please contact me, the office, or the senior warden.

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to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people,
and bring Christ to our community.