Season of Gratitude | All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026 | 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, ME

Prelude Meditation, by Edward Elgar

Welcome & Announcements *Anne Jacobs*

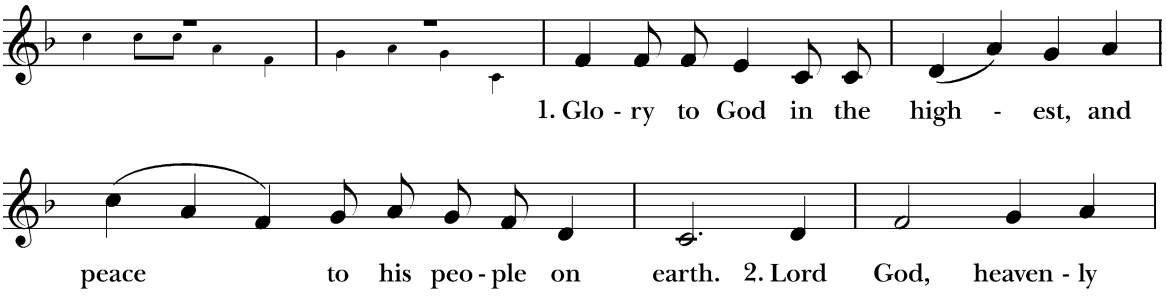
Moment of silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Opening Hymn, #287 For all the saints *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Words

Celebrant	Creator of community,
People	**we gather in your name.**
Celebrant	Generous and inclusive Friend,
People	**we rejoice in our friendship here.**
Celebrant	Lover of laughter and song,
People	**we offer these to you.**
Celebrant	Giver of our daily bread,
People	**we thank you for all that nourishes us.**
Celebrant	God, our constant Companion,
People	**be present in all our sharing.**
Celebrant	Blessed be our God.
People	**For ever and ever. Amen.**

Gloria #S280 *The Hymnal 1982*



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Children's Greeting *The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

Following the greeting, children are invited to Storyweaving in the education wing.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 *John Perkins*

After this I 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 who 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."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10,22 *Carla Hunt*

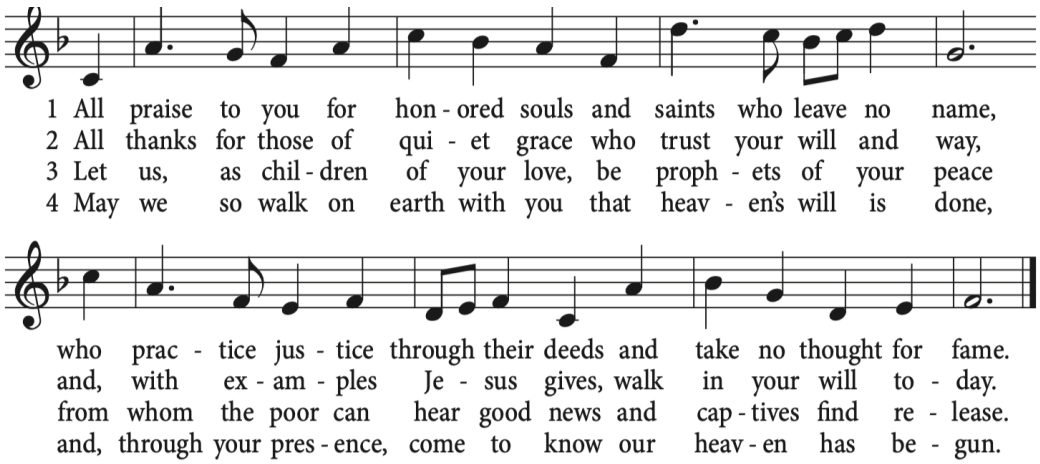
I will bless God at all times; *
and praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Most High; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of God;
let us exalt God's Name together.
I sought, and God answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon the Most High and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and God heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angels encompass those who fear God, *
and God will deliver them.
Taste and see that God is good; *
happy are they who trust in the Most High!
Fear the Most High, you that are God's saints, *
for those who fear God lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.
O God, you will ransom the life of your servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in you.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3 *John Perkins*

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's churches.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #90 All praise to you for honored souls *Take Up The Song*



The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 *The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, O God.**

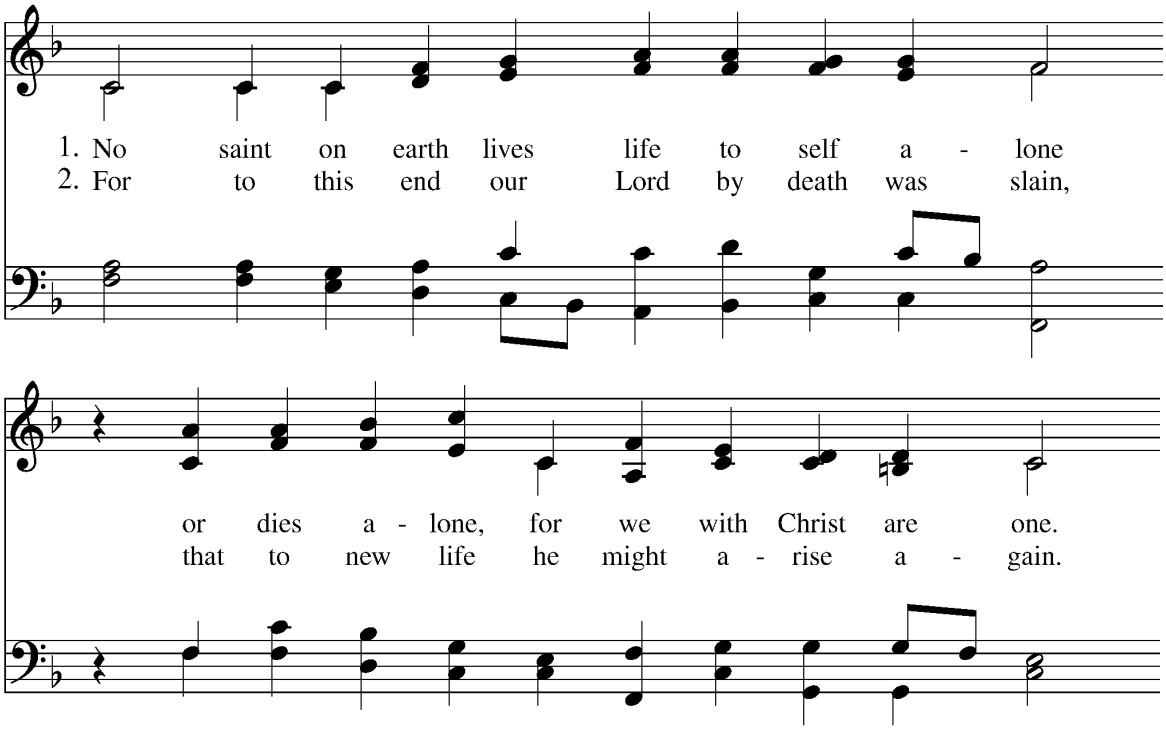
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for 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 the sake of righteousness, 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

Moment of silence for reflection

Hymn, #776 No saint on earth lives life to self alone *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith:

People **We believe in God,**
who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky,
who calls us to live responsibly.

We believe in Jesus Christ
who became human,
who healed the sick,
who talked to children,
who made friends with sinners.
He burned brightly and offended many.
His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.
His light continues to shine in the darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
who inspired the scriptures,
and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community,
committed to one another,
offering a welcome to everyone,
old and young, rich and poor,
strong and weak.

We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,
workers for justice,
siblings and friends,
a light for our world.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Carla Hunt*

RESPONSE

Leader Let us pray to the Lord.
People Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

PRAYER LIST

Sasha, Nathaniel, Haskell, Gregory, Andy, Molly, Lem, Hana, Melanie, Sue, Brooke, Elizabeth, Danny, Lin, Caroline, Ed, Tom, Diane, Laura, Judy, Celeste, Lisa, Jackie, Mike, Sarah and Stefan, Margot, Hannah, Richard, Peggy, Bruce, Branden, Jerry and Maureen, the Ezovski and Walsh families, and the family and friends of Paige Holt.

Time of Remembrance

Celebrant In the face of loss, there are often no words that can express our grief nor are there ones to fully capture what saints have meant to us. But the spark of light that these saints have shared with us illumines our paths and brightens our days. During this time, you are invited to come forward and light a candle for your saints.

As candles are lit, the congregation is invited to sing:

Hymn, #560 Remember your servants, Lord *The Hymnal 1982*

Once all have had a chance to light a candle in remembrance, we continue with the Collect.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Celebrant Word of God,

People **we confess that we need your wholeness.**
We have often looked to outward gifts and measures
when what we need is your love in our hearts.
We have often aimed toward what we can achieve
or where we stand in relation to others,
when what we desire is the integrity your love bestows.
We confess our need for your illumination.
Be our light, O Christ.

Celebrant God forgives all our sins
and heals all our infirmities.
God lifts us from the low places
and sets mercy and love upon us.
God fills us with goodness
and renews our lives.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

You are invited to greet one another sharing God's peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant In gratitude for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us, let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

Bread and wine are brought forward while the ushers pass the offering plates.

Offertory Anthem "In What Torn Ship" music by Daniel Gawthrop, poetry by John Donne

In what torn ship soever I embark,
That ship shall be my emblem of thy Ark;
What sea soever swallow me, that flood
Shall be to me an emblem of thy blood;
Though thou with clouds of anger do disguise
Thy face, yet through that mask I know those eyes,
Which, though they turn away sometimes,
They never will despise.

Ushers bring the offering plates forward as the choir sings

The Doxology, sung *tune: Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Sing praise all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

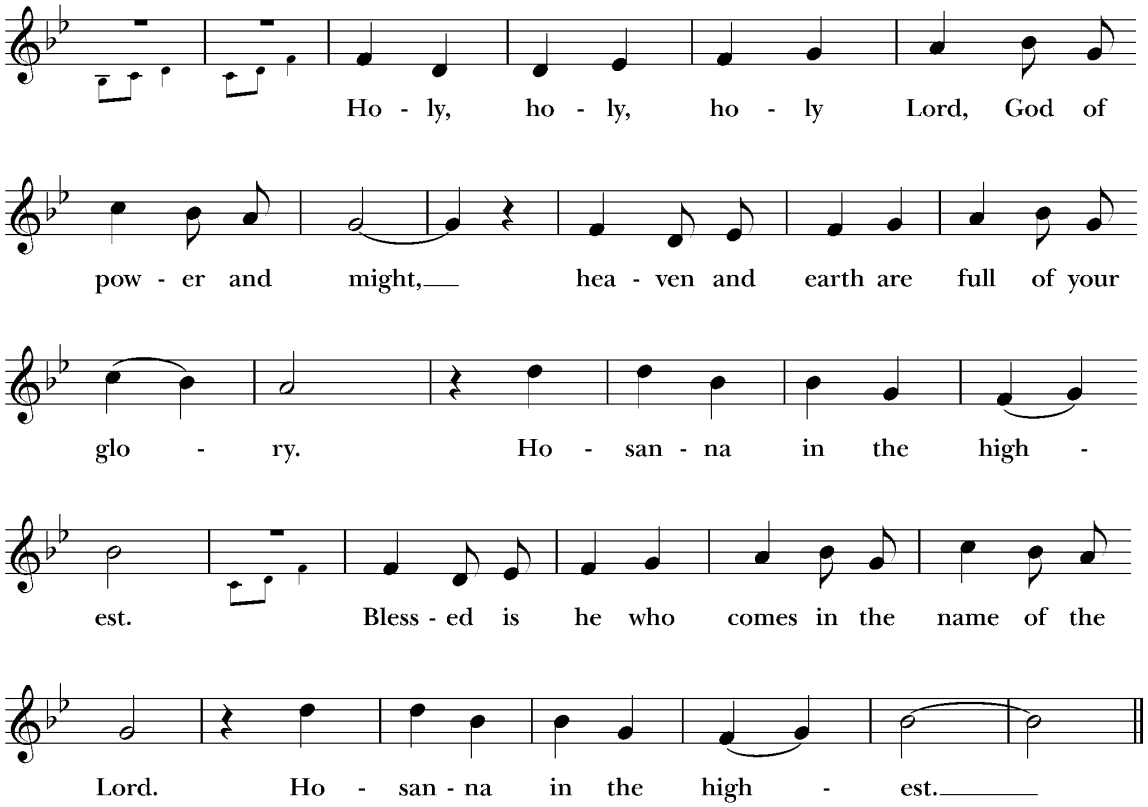
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

Sanctus #S127 *The Hymnal 1982*



Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:
Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.
Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

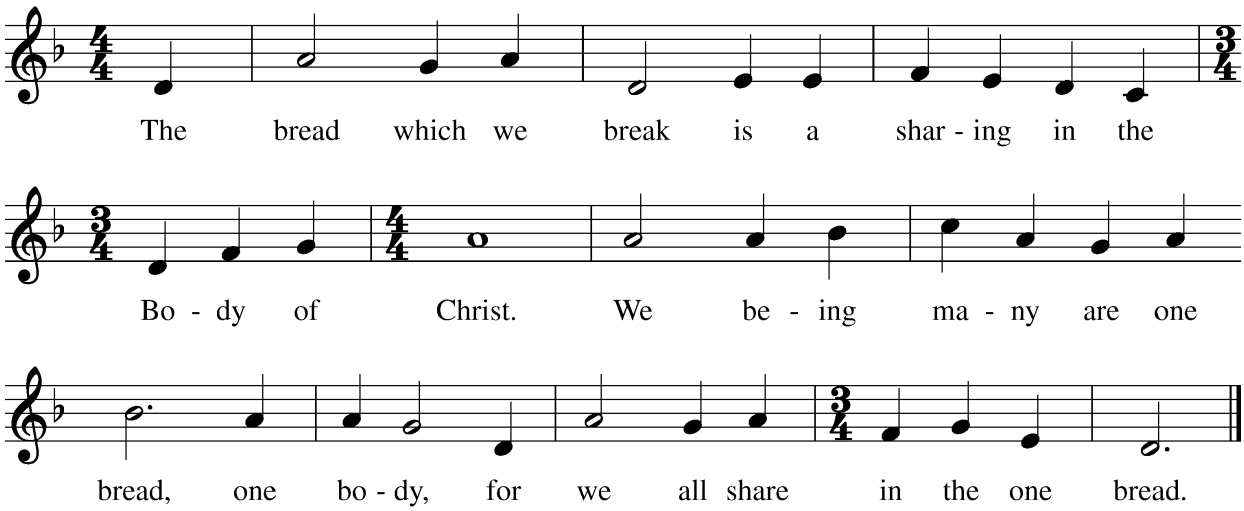
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
People **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.

Fraction Anthem #867 *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
People Thanks be to God.

Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you forward to stand around the chancel to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten-free bread is available. Please extend your hands palms down to indicate your need for gluten-free bread. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply come forward and cross your arms at your chest. You may use the side aisles to return to your seat.

Healing prayers will be offered during Holy Communion in the Chapel by a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

Music at Communion
#327 Draw nigh and take *The Hymnal 1982*
#526 Let saints on earth in concert sing *The Hymnal 1982*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray:
People Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant The light of God
to lead us.
The power of God
to hold us.
The joy of God
to heal us.
The grace of God
to caress us.
The love of God
to bless us.

People Amen.

Stewardship Testimonial *Dennis Fitzgibbons*

Closing Hymn, #618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones *The Hymnal 1982*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace, let your light shine!

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude O God Thou Faithful God" by Johannes Brahms

Gathering in the Memorial Garden

Celebrant 'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' (John 11:25,26)

Celebrant We are gathered here this morning to give thanks for the ministry of this Memorial Garden.

We are deeply thankful for this sacred place, for those who worked to create it, those who tend and maintain it, and for the time and love graciously given in this ministry. We offer to God every tear shed here, every heart comforted by the beauty of this place, and every child of God who finds peace for their soul in this garden.

Celebrant God be with you,
People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray
God of mercy, Creator of all that is, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give you thanks for these saints of our parish, whose mortal remains rest here, and whose souls rest in you.

We remember:

José G. Avila
James Babb
Shirley Babb
Lee Baier
Ursula Baier
William Barron
Charles Calvin
Peter Chandler
Mary Louise Chin
Lu Clark
Alan Cook
Jack Evans
David Garrison
Calista Harder
Henry Harder
Kirsti Haughton
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Dick Henriques
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Frederic Schaefer
David Scully
Sandra Scully
Ellen Van Pelt Wells
Alice Wallis
George Wallis
Elaine Wells
James Wells
Jennifer Willard

Celebrant God in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant You promised eternal life to those who believe. Bring all who rest in Christ into the fullness of your kingdom where sins have been forgiven and death is no more. God in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death. Look in mercy on all who mourn. Give them patient faith in times of darkness. Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love. God in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Celebrant You are tender toward your children and your mercy is over all your works. Heal our memories of hurt and failure. Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth, to turn to Christ and follow in his steps in the way that leads to everlasting life. God in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Celebrant God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray together The Lord's Prayer:

People
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 Let us pray. O God,

People support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

Celebrant May God, in God's infinite love and mercy, bring the whole Church, living and departed in Christ Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of God's eternal kingdom.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Eucharistic Minister	Carla Hunt
Lector	John Perkins
Ushers	Jay & Basil Souder
Altar Guild	Jan Burson
Flower Arranger	Susannah White (All Saints Day)
A/V	Arthur Woolverton
Bread Baker	Barbara Barhydt
Counters	Harriet Davis, Ann Donaghy
Lawn Care	Kevin Gillan
VPOW	Anne Jacobs
Coffee Hour	Tasha Gerken-Nelson & Nancy Gunzelmann
Chalice Bearer	Laurie Hyndman
Prayers in the Chapel	Susannah White

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