All Saints Day
November 1, 2026



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If you or someone you know is in need, please call Mother Lisa at (518) 637-7736

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Entrance Rite

The Prelude *In Memoriam* BALMORAL / Sir Robert Bruce (1905-1978) / arr. Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

As a POW in WW II, Scottish soldier Sir Robert Bruce worked under brutal conditions on the construction of the Thai-Burma Railway. He composed BALMORAL in memory of his fallen comrades. Al Fedak's arrangement has glimmers of the sound of bagpipes.

The Word of God

The Processional Hymn Hymnal #287

The Opening Acclamation Page #355

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

The Collect for Purity Page #355

The Gloria Hymnal S-280 *Hymn numbers beginning with S are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day - All Saints Day Page #245

The Lessons

The First Lesson Revelation 7:9-17

Lector: A reading from the book of Revelation.

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm Psalm 34:1-10, 22

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.

The Second Lesson 1 John 3:1-3

Lector: A reading from the first letter of John.

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: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn LEV #213

The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **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."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Lisa Busby

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows Page #292

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: **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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: **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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: 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.
All: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People – All Saints

Celebrant: With clean hearts and a pure faith, let us ascend the hill of the Lord, offering our prayers and thanksgiving to the one who hears our petitions and answers our call, responding, "Hear us, O host of Heaven."

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for many peoples, languages, tribes and nations whose diversity of thought and action become blessings to all who seek the fullness of God's presence in the midst of daily life;

Silence

Intercessor: let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for the Eucharistic Meal in which we are fed by Christ, who reveals his goodness and invites us to trust in his love with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray to the Lord:

Silence

Intercessor: let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

Silence

Intercessor: For the commitment and strength to share God's blessings throughout the world, honoring those who hunger and thirst, who mourn, and who live in fear and anxiety, giving out of our weaknesses to fill the hopes of others; let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

Intercessor: let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

Intercessor: For the peacemakers who proclaim justice in the marketplace, and petition prime ministers, presidents and legislators, to turn the way of war into the dividends of peace; let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

Intercessor: let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

Intercessor: For those who volunteer their time to enlighten the lives of others, especially those who work in our schools, recreational centers, and wherever young people seek enrichment and encouragement; let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

Intercessor: let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

Intercessor: For holy women and men who have died in the light of Christ, and whose righteousness inspired the faithful of every generation; may their souls and the souls of unsung heroes in every age enter the gates of paradise; let us pray to the Lord. On this Feast of All Saints, give rest eternal to all the departed, remembering especially our loved ones who have died in the past year:

The names from the Book of Memorials is read.

Silence

Intercessor: let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

Intercessor: In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Stephen, and all the saints, we continue the offering of our prayers, remembering especially those immured in the Chapel of the Resurrection and scattered on our grounds.

The list of the immured and scattered is read.

Silence

Intercessor: let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Hear us, O Host of Heaven,**

(The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.)

All: **Amen.**

The Peace *Page #360* *During the exchange of the peace, you are welcome to greet those around you.*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem *Soon and Very Soon* Andraé Crouch (1942-2015) / arr. Jack Schrader (b. 1942)

The Doxology Hymnal #380, v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B Page #367

Celebrant: 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 God thanks and praise.**

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

(Here a Proper Preface is said.)

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 Hymnal S-124 *Hymn numbers beginning with S are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

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.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. The congregation joins in at the following prompt:

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues with the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer. At the conclusion, all say:

All: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer Page #364

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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 Page #364

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei Hymnal S-161 *Hymn numbers beginning with S are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion Page #364

The Communion Hymn Hymnal #656

Post-Communion Prayer Page #366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Concluding Rite

The Announcements

The Blessing Page #366

The Recessional Hymn Hymnal #293

The Dismissal Page #366

The Postlude *Prelude in D Minor* Vincent Lübeck (1654-1740)

Few compositions survive from the highly regarded baroque German organist and composer Vincent Lübeck. The flashy pedal solos and improvisatory passages in this piece are typical of the North German style.

The postlude sends us out into the world. You are welcome to exit quietly or stay for the entire piece. We hope you will join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the parish hall immediately following today's service.

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INTERCESSIONS For the week of November 1, 2026

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana De La Region Central de America.

Our Church Leaders: Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury: Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop; Jeremiah Williamson, Bishop of Albany; and Lisa Busby, Rector.

Our Leaders: Donald Trump, President of the United States; Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York; and Gary McCarthy, Mayor of Schenectady.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in need of strength and healing: Marilyn C., Dawn K., Tom & Kathy M., Helen P., Austin S., Jean V., Bob V., Kiera L., Basil D., and Vicki H.

For those who have died: Don Regula, and the Rev. C. Joseph Sitts.

For all public employees that they may continue their work for justice, peace, and the common good, for those who have lost their jobs, and for all those who live in fear.

For those in the Military: Zachary and Eric A.

Serving Today:

Celebrant:	Rev. Lisa Busby
Organist:	Susan Lohnas
Choir Director:	Douglas Lohnas
Altar Guild:	Carolyn Morin Anne Popp
Ushers:	Bob Brockway Dave Crates
Acolyte:	George Woodzell
Lector:	Joe Palko
Intercessor:	George Woodzell
Counter:	Judy Versocki
Coffee Hour:	Denise and Dave Crates
Livestream Tech:	Loyal Williams

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Change Sunday. Please deposit in your change, cash and checks in the white canister collection jar in the nave extension (Please make out check to St. Stephen's, with "TOMVO" on the memo line). All contributions will go to Things of My Very Own in support of their "Socktober" drive.

Christmas cards and stamps We are collecting unused Christmas cards and postage stamps for the people in the Schenectady County Jail to send to their loved ones. Please leave them in the basket in the nave extension. Members of Trinity Presbyterian Church will package and deliver the cards and stamps in early December.

Intercessory Prayer List: Please notify Jon in the office **via email** of the names of those you wish to have remembered in prayer. Please include your full name, the full name(s) of the person(s) you wish added. The list will be reset every three months. Thank you.

Care Packages for College Students We are making care packages again for our college students. The stress of exams before the Christmas break is lightened with a box of treats from St. Stephen's. We are requesting donations such as candy and treats, $5 gift cards to Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts, or money to help cover the cost of shipping and purchasing needed items.
The kids love any kind of gummy candy, chocolate, gum, cookies and small bags of chips.
Another really important part of this project is short notes of encouragement. They love reading them!
Please refrain from any liquids as they cannot be mailed.
We hope to ship packages by December 1. Please leave donations in basket in the Nave extension by November 22.
If you have a child, family member or close friend that you would like to include let us know.
Thank you so much for your support.
Please contact Erin Cohen with any questions. Cohenerine@gmail.com**.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 11/1, 5:30 p.m.: Youth group meeting. Bring a Friend.
Monday, 11/2, 2:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist at Kingsway.
Tuesday, 11/3: Election Day.
Wednesday, 11/4, 10:00 a.m.: Bible Reading and Reflection.
Thursday, 11/5, 7:00 p.m.: Chancel Choir rehearsal.
Friday, 11/6, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.: Repair Cafe Set-up in Begley Hall.
Saturday, 11/7, 10:00 a.m.. - 2:00 p.m.: Repair Cafe, Begley Hall.
Sunday, 11/8, 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.
Monday, 11/9, 7:00 p.m.: Vestry meeting.
Tuesday, 11/10, 1:00 p.m.: Book Club meeting.
Wednesday, 11/11, 10:00 a.m.: Bible Reading and Reflection.
Thursday, 11/12, 7:00 p.m.: Chancel Choir rehearsal.
Saturday, 11/14: 9:30 a.m.: Fabricators and Yarners meeting.
Sunday, 11/15, 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.
Monday, 11/16/ 3:00 p.m.: Worship Committee meeting.
Wednesday, 11/18, 10:00 a.m.: Bible Reading and Reflection.
Thursday, 11/19, 7:00 p.m.: Chancel Choir rehearsal.
Saturday, 11/21: 9:30 a.m.: Fabricators and Yarners meeting.
Sunday, 11/22, 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.
Wednesday, 11/25, 10:00 a.m.: Bible Reading and Reflection.
Thursday, 11/26, 9:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist.
Sunday, 11/29, 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.
Monday, 11/30, 2:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist at Ingersoll Place.

All Saints Day Memorials

Given by:	In Memory of:
Jo Adams	Philip Adams Kirk Hopper Alice Hopper Alice May Hopper Helen Durso Tom Papantony Bob Hopper Irene Rizer Peggy Grobe Jean Vaughan Charlotte Rice Philip Myerly Philip Bikle Kathryn Adams George Adams Jessie & Tommy Thompson Jane & Calvin Zellers
Laurel Alden	Lois Ewing
Mary Beam Alexander	Dorothy & John Beam
Diana & Sal Belardo	Our Loved Ones
Jane & Robert Brockway	Gertrude & Shelley Whitlock Carol & Robert Brockway, Sr.
Mother Lisa & Gary Busby	Barbara Adams Howard Busby Loretta Riehlman Victor Bellott Bruce Peterson, Jr. Joanne Peterson
Dave & Denise Crates	Our Loved Ones
Don & Joan Csaposs	Robert & Harriet Corbett John & Alma Csaposs
Linda & Belachew Emaelaf	Dorothy & Stanley Wieczorek Deborah Miller Kim Laycock
Millie Gittinger	Loved Ones
Kathy Hoffmann	Norman & Charlene Hoffmann

(The) Humphrey Family	Don, David & Samantha
Evan Love	Cynthia Love
Carole Merrrill-Mazurek	Budd Mazurek
Carolyn & Richard Morin	June Russell William Russell Joan Oswalt Eva & Philippe Morin
Diana & Jason Murphy	Jean Murphy
Christine & J. Keith Nelson	Peter Nelson
Sara & Joe Palko	Cornell Family members Palko Family members
Dave & Suzanne Taylor	Our Loved Ones
Jean & Judy Versocki	William & Caitlin Versocki

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Those Immured In the Chapel of the Resurrection

November 23, 1989……..Porter W. Dobbins
December 24, 1994……....Jeffery L. Knight
December 25, 1998...Suzanne Bates Fleischmann
January 20, 1999……Frances Lander Spain
February 2, 1999……....Aleda P. Doolittle
March 23, 2001…….…...Virginia Smith Malmros
September 29, 2001…….……....John J. Rigley
October 15, 2001…….……...Everett Badger
October 17, 2001……..……...Naomi B. Vanda
April 6, 2004……..……..Robert Malmros
April 13, 2004……..…….Dorothy T. Rigley
January 2, 2005……..……....Stewart A. Vanda
May 15, 2007……..……....John H. Peatling
August 25, 2008……...…...Martha M. Nicholson
September 6, 2008…..…..…....Robert J. Doolittle
September 3, 2009…….…..Norman C. Hoffmann
February 28, 2012…….……....James Borrowman
August 4, 2012……...Peter Ten Eyck Nevius
June 2, 2013……..…..Joan Williams Oswalt
January 26, 2014……....Josefina Angeli Nevius
August 8, 2015……..…..Julie Paulus McDonald
February 18, 2023…….....Eunice M. Chouffi
May 19, 2023…….……...Patricia L. Jones
August 27, 2024…….……....June W. Russell
October 10, 2024…….……....Martha E. Spang
July 22, 2025…….……Peter Martin Nevius
May 3, 2026……..…….Peter Mark Nelson

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Those Remains Scattered on the St. Stephen's Grounds

September 9, 1991……Lucie W. Peating
January 14, 2001……Richard T. Causey