

Grace Episcopal Church
Sunday After All Saints Day
November 3rd, 2024
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.

PRELUDE *Fantasy on Sine Nomine*

Michael Bedford

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

OPENING HYMN: *For all the Saints*

1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might: _____
3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, _____
8. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

thee _____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight, _____
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
gates _____ of pearl streams in the count - less host, _____

Name, O _____ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with _____ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

A - - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Glo-ry to God in the Highest and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, Hea-ven-ly King, Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus

Christ, On-ly son of the fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us; you are seated at the

right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer, for you a-lone are the

ho - ly one, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the most high,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit in the Glo-ry of God the

Fa - - - - - ther. A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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.

All Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING: 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-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged 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 forever.

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"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.

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.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?"
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."

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."

THE EPISTLE: REVELATION 21:1-6A

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 as their God;
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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

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 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 upward 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."

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

THE HOMILY

Rev. John Rice

THE NICENE CREED *(standing)*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

God has raised Jesus Christ to sit at his right hand. Let us therefore pray to our Father in heaven through his Son for all the world and all the saints.

O God, Heavenly Father: we thank you today for calling us to be your saints to one another. In spite of our unholy lives you look at us and see Jesus' perfect life and death and resurrection covering ours. Thank you for this grace, the grace we received when we were baptized.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Thank you for every person who has helped us on our journey and encouraged us to keep believing when we felt like giving up. Thank you for all those who taught us the faith. Thank you for those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to ensure others could hear of your love in Christ.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We remember the saints in heaven. Thank you for releasing them from the burden of sin, sickness, and death in this life and for giving them your gift of eternal life. I now invite each of us to lift up the names of our loved ones who abide with Jesus in their heavenly home, either out loud or silently. Give comfort to all those who grieve over loved ones no longer with us on earth. Give them the hope only your word and love can provide.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for your church on earth, especially for every community of faith in Asheville and throughout western North Carolina. Help us to continue to love and respond to individuals and families who suffer from the devastation and loss caused by hurricane Helene. We pray for the safety of all workers and volunteers who are bringing relief and renewed hope to us all. We pray for all of God's people throughout the world.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are not yet part of your church and for those who have left it, asking your Holy Spirit to reveal your love for them in Jesus. And we pray for the blessings of your peace and grace and truth to be poured out upon us, those we love and those we do not.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Bring peace to those nations in conflict and where there is political instability. Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little. Help all people to love their neighbor as themselves.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

The Celebrant adds the following Collect God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship.

We look forward to being part of the cloud of witnesses that surround your throne in heaven on the last day. In the meantime keep us looking to Jesus and help us to keep giving a clear witness to him, living the holy lives you have called us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

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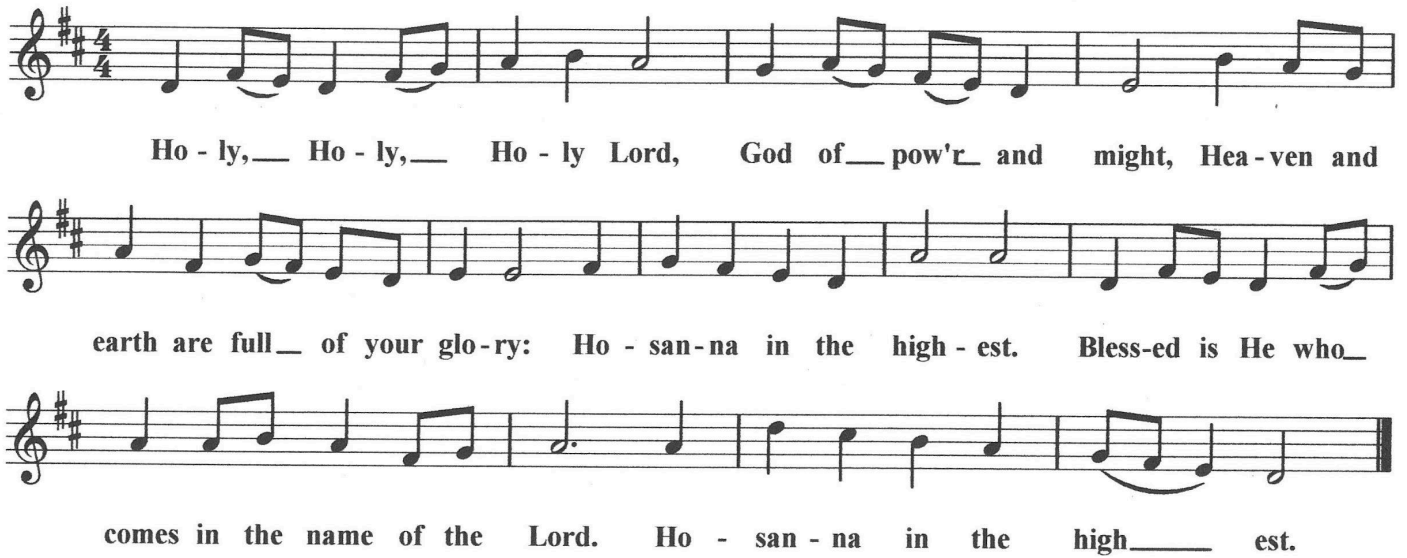
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

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SANCTUS

Cassarino



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Cassarino



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us,
There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God or a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: *The Prayer of St. Francis*

Joel Martinson

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Ye Holy Angels Bright*

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THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *For All the Saints*

Phil Lehenbauer



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God anonymously for Barbara Wilcox and how she has always shared the love of Jesus in the world.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Sally and David Withers in thanksgiving for the people of our hometown of Swannanoa.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Cheryl Deyton Chalicerist: James Cannon

Lectors: John Woodson Intercessor:

Ushers: Ben Scales & Mike Vines Greeters: Louise Wernicke

Vestry Member of the Day: Kim Hayes

ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website

at graceavl.com. There is a "Give to Grace" button on the top blue banner of our home page. Additional ways

to give to our "virtual collection plate" and various fundraising efforts are through the Simple Church app and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taize Music and Prayers Returns

Good news! Our weekly Taize service resumed last week and will continue as usual moving forward. Please come and allow yourself a few moments of peace amongst all the distractions of our new un-normal. We look forward to seeing you!

Monday Morning Bible Study

We invite you to join us on Monday mornings via Zoom for a time of prayer, reflection and study. The link to our weekly meeting can be found on the church's main web page.

Stewardship in a Time of Uncertainty and Looking Ahead

We understand Hurricane Helene has hurt members of our community in a variety of ways, and may affect your family's ability to give. If you need to alter your pledge please email the office and we will work with you.

The Pastoral Care Team at Grace

Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at Pastoralcare@graceavl.com. You can also email, text or call Rev. John Rice at 828-371-7281.

Grace Greeter Ministry

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you wish you knew more of your fellow parishioners at Grace? Do you long to be Jesus's feet and hands at work in our parish?

If you respond with "Yes!" to any of these questions, please consider joining the Greeter Ministry. We have gotten wonderful feedback from visitors and newcomers saying how welcome they felt at Grace. Maybe you are new to Grace yourself and would like to "pay it forward" by letting others know they belong at Grace.

All you need for this ministry is to show up at Grace by 10:10 on the Sunday morning you have chosen, don a simple cross that hangs on a red ribbon, and invite people coming into the church to wear their name tags or allow you to make them a stick-on tag. Your warm welcome goes even further when you invite them to join us at the coffee hour, and then join them there to chat and introduce them to other parishioners. Such a simple but vital and rewarding ministry! We hope you'll join us!

For more information or to join the ministry, please email Diane Wilkey at the_wilkeys@gmail.com

Have you Accessed our Online Member Directory? An online directory is available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace, please contact the office at office@graceavl.com.*

For further information about ongoing programs at Grace, please visit our website at graceavl.com.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 9/29 9am	Children's Sunday School	Atrium
Sunday 9:15 am	Adult Formation	Parish Hall
Sunday 10:30am	Holy Eucharist Service *	Sanctuary
Mondays, 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Monday 1pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Tuesdays 6pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Library
Wednesdays 1pm	Tai Chi classes	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Wednesdays, 6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Eva Dupree; Ann Lewis and family; Nancy Lewis; Peter Sprague; Sharon Raines; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.)

Geraldine Allen (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Crista Bridgeman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cherie Brown** (daughter of Ed and Marla Woeckener); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Glenn Fleishman** (friend of Anne Jarema); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Charles Jung** (friend of George and Pat Davis); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Tony Lewis** (friend of Dodie King); **Chuck McDonald** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Geoff Kirsch** (son of Dodie King); **Megan; Sheila Moore** (sister of Ginny Moser); **Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Kip and Val Pritchard** (friends of Cliff); **Liz Sides** (friend of Joyce Noble); **Sharon** (friend

of Louise Wernicky); **David Walker** (relative of Elaine Potter); **Stacy Walker** (relative of Elaine Potter); **Alex Watkins** (friend of Lorie Tola).

We grieve and pray with the families of: **Don Lewis and Pete Parker**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Ginny Moser, Jo Brokenshire, John Lyda, Aeron Scales, Aleena Bennett, Vicki Vest, Catherine McKenzie, and Emily Borghere McGowan**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Peter and Courtney Booth**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Martha Cardenas** (daughter of Hannah Pennell); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **Sean** (our presiding Bishop elect); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

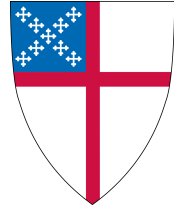
Please go to graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/ for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at pastoralcare@graceavl.com or contact the church.

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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*
The Reverend Milly Morrow, *Rector*
The Reverend John Rice, *Adjunct Rector*
The Reverend Timothy McRee, *Adjunct Rector*
James Cassarino, *Director of Music*
Cathy Adkins, *Organist*
Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*
Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*
Archie Clarkson, *Tech Director*
Katherine Johnson, *Wedding Coordinator, Office Administrator*

Grace Church is a place where we hope you experience the empowering presence of the living God and where we collaborate with God in building the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth. We are grateful you are among us today.



CELEBRATING THE SAINTS IN OUR LIVES

NAMES (deceased)

BLESSINGS

NAMES (living)

BLESSINGS

We invite you to place this sheet in the basket as you come up for communion.