



Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

All Saints Sunday

Sunday | November 2nd | 2025

10.30 am | Festal Eucharist | BAS

Missa Brevis | Grayston Ives

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of
Carmen and Marion Bretzlaff and Hannah Griffin

Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service
and activity sheets are available at the entrance to the Cathedral.
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*Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

The Feast of All Saints

Today's festival had its origins in the fourth century, when churches in the East began to celebrate "the feast of the martyrs of the whole world" on the Sunday after Pentecost. Several Western churches adopted this festival and kept it on various dates in April or May, but in the early Middle Ages the church of Rome assigned it the much later date of November first and broadened the feast to include all the saints. Western Christendom has followed this custom ever since.

Saints are Christians who in various ways, often against great odds, showed an extraordinary love for Christ. The Holy Spirit acted in their lives so that they chose to bring aid to the needy, justice to the oppressed, hope to the sorrowful, and the divine word of forgiveness to sinners. For the sake of Christ they were servants to the people of their day; and the service they rendered in the past makes them examples to the rest of the people of God throughout history. The Church also believes that our life on earth has eternal consequences; and so our remembrance of what the saints were is directed to what they are. It is the Church's conviction – a conviction often expressed in the Anglican tradition – that the saints continue to be our partners and fellow-servants before the face of God's glory. We pray for our present needs, and the saints pray with us – not as if their prayers were better than our own, but because they are still bound to us in mutual service as members of the one body of Christ.

For this very reason, we may say of the Church's saints what the Letter to the Hebrews says about the Old Testament saints – that they and their service shall not be perfect until all of God's friends have answered the invitation of Christ and arrived at the banquet of glory. For that is the ministry of the saints in heaven as on earth: to help others become partners in the salvation of God.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude | *Variations on "Sine nomine" | Denis Bédard*

Announcements

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hidden: 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. Amen.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

Processional Hymn 276 | *For all the saints*

Collect at the Station

*God of love, by your Holy Spirit we have been made one with your saints in heaven. May we on earth heartily join their fellowship of prayer, that all creation may sing the glory of your name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Hymn 281 | *Who are these like stars appearing*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading | *Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18*

A reading from the book of Daniel.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever - forever and ever."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 150

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord in the holy temple; praise God in the firmament of divine power. Praise the Lord for mighty acts; praise God for excellent greatness. Praise the Lord with the blast of the ram's-horn; praise God with lyre and harp. Praise the Lord with timbrel and dance; praise God with strings and pipe. Praise the Lord with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud-clanging cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Second Reading | *Ephesians 1:11-23*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual | *O thou the central orb* | Charles Wood

O Thou the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most high, Eternal light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, As stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measur'd grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day, In fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Holy Gospel | *Luke 6:20-30*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received

your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. "But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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. Amen.

Litany of the Saints | *Becker* | *Adapted to reflect the names of congregations in our Diocese*

*Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.***

*Mary the Virgin, **pray for us.** Bartholomew and Michael, **pray for us.** Columba and Julian, **pray for us.** Clare and John the Baptist, **pray for us.** Bernard and Patrick, **pray for us.** Barnabas and Helen, **pray for us.** Bede and Stephen, **pray for us.** Alban and Thomas, **pray for us.** **All you holy men and women, pray for us.***

*Paul and All Saints, **pray for us.** Margaret and Aidan, **pray for us.** Anthony and Clement, **pray for us.** Mary Magdalene, **pray for us.** James and George, **pray for us.** John, Apostle and Evangelist, **pray for us.** Matthew and Mark, **pray for us.** Luke and Lawrence, **pray for us.** **All you holy men and women, pray for us.***

*Lord, be merciful, **save your people.** From all evil, **save your people.** From every sin, **save your people.** From everlasting death, **save your people.** By your incarnation, **save your people.** By your death and resurrection, **save your people.** By your gift of the spirit, **save your people.** Have mercy on us sinners, **save your people.** **Christ, hear us. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers.***

*Lord, give your Spirit, **hear our prayer.** To these chosen, **hear our prayer.** By the grace of baptism, **hear our prayer.** O Jesus, Son of the living God, **hear our prayer.** Send your Spirit, **hear our prayer.** In its fullness, **hear our prayer.** On these your servants, **hear our prayer.** Who believe and profess you, **hear our prayer.** **Christ, hear us. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers.***

*Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy. Amen.***

Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Creator, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Creator, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Creator, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Creator, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Creator, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of human beings,
Creator, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Creator, forgive.

Silence.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 278 | *Jerusalem the Golden*



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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all those who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name. *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.*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Creator, according to his command,

we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motet | *Justorum animæ* | C.V. Stanford

Justorum animæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace. | The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; there shall no torment or malice touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die, but they are in peace.

The Sending of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the grace of God free you, may the Word of God uphold you, may the needs of God's people inspire you, and may the blessing of God the Trinity be with you this day and every day. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 320 | *Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

Postlude | *Toccata* | *Léon Boëllmann*

Celebrant | The Reverend Canon Doug Richards

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Readings Next Sunday | November 9th

Remembrance

Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 116:1-8; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 6:37-40

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