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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 4, 2024 • 9:30 AM

Processional Hymn 287

For All the Saints (verses 1-4)



1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:—
3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,—
4 O blest communion, fellowship divine!—



thee— by faith before the world confessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;—
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet



Name, O— Jesus, be forever blessed.
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.
win, with— them, the victor's crown of gold.
all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation

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

St. John's Episcopal Church invites our parish community to come together in support of those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The devastation has left many families in urgent need of assistance, and your generosity can bring hope and relief during this challenging time. We kindly ask for donations of any amount to aid in the recovery efforts, helping to provide essential supplies, shelter, and resources for those affected. Contributions can be made directly through the provided mailing addresses and website URLs, and every gift, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected. Thank you for your compassionate support and prayers.

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www.samaritanspurse.org

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BIBLE STUDY SERIES: Join our weekly Missional Bible Study Series on Thursdays at 7 PM via Zoom, led by The Reverend Dr. Cecily Broderick-Guerra. This series offers a space to deepen your faith and explore ways to support the future of the Church; all are welcome, so please invite friends and family! The Zoom link is available on our website and in the weekly email newsletter.

SUNDAY SERVICES: Friends, we will have only one Sunday Service as our search for a new Rector continues. We look forward to seeing you on Sundays at 9:30 AM. A detailed schedule through December can be viewed on our website.

BULLETINS: Worshipping remote? You can follow along our Sunday services by downloading our Bulletins from our website, stjohnsouthampton.org. The Bulletins are uploaded every Saturday afternoon for your convenience.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER: In order to keep our church family abreast of our latest updates and church reminders, we send out a weekly e-newsletter. If you would like to be included on our email list, contact secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org.

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Collect of 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. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. 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

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am

King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost,
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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The candles at the Altar this month have been given in the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Roxanne, Mackenzie & Cutter Koster by their mother, Jean Mackenzie.



NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB MEETING: All are welcome to participate in this month’s book club discussion on Thursday the 7th at 6 PM. Share your thoughts on Sonia Purnell’s bestseller *A Woman of No Importance*.

KNITTING GROUP: Our group is creating a prayer shawl for our future priest. We will knit four-inch squares in the colors of the Episcopal flag and welcome all skill levels, with kits and guidance available. If you’re new to knitting, join us on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4—we’d love to teach you!

Closing Hymn 287

For All the Saints (verses 5-8)

*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
 *6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful

dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are— brave a-gain, and arms are
 war-riors com-eth rest;— sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the

strong. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 blest.

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo-rious day; the
 *8 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through

saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host

commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8

Beati immaculati

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
 who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
 and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *
 but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, *
 that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
 that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
 when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
 when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; *
 do not utterly forsake me.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews.

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once

for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn 293

I sing a song of the Saints of God



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who _____ toiled and _____ fought and _____
 his love _____ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for _____
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the _____ world is _____ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And _____
 Je - sus' sake, the _____ whole of their good lives long. And _____
 joy - ous saints who _____ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was _____ slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Postcommunion Prayer

Officiant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)

The Priest invites the people to Communion

Priest

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Postcommunion Hymn 339

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
by a fierce wild - beast; and there's not an - y rea - son
or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just

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God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

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no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Richard Visconti

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

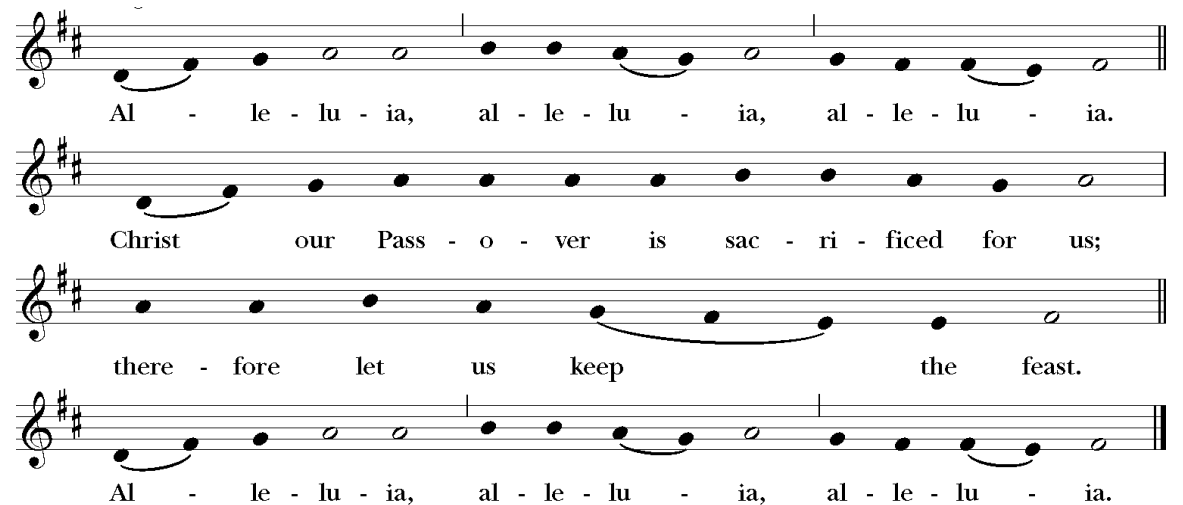
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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

Celebrant and People



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.



Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may Faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Prayers of the People during an Election

The Leader and People pray responsively

Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions.

Intercessor God, our creator,
People **Guide us in truth and love.**

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith.

Intercessor God, our creator,
People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Guide us through this election as a nation, state, and community as we vote for people to do work on our behalf and on the behalf of our communities. Help us to vote for people and ballot initiatives that will better our community and our world so it may reflect the values Christ taught us.

Intercessor God, our creator,
People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone’s voice.

Intercessor God, our creator,
People **Guide us in truth and love.**

We pray for this nation. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation.

Intercessor God, our creator,
People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Lord, continue to guide us as we work for the welfare of this world. We pray for places that are torn by violence and war, that they may know peace.

Intercessor God, our creator,
People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world.

Intercessor God, our creator,
People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal
life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant 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.

Offertory

All are Welcome

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have
made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.
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:

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -