

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace is a Christ-centered Community devoted to Servant Ministry and Spiritual Growth.



All Saints' Sunday

*November 2, 2025
9:30 AM*

Holy Eucharist



What is All Saints' Day?

All Saints' Day is almost as old as Christianity itself. What began as a day to remember martyrs (people who died for their faith) soon became a time to celebrate all the departed, both to recall their good examples and to give thanks for the total healing and fullness of life they experience in the presence of God. All Saints' Day is about the Communion of Saints, the "great cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us even now. It is also about Hope: hope for the life to come, and hope that is grounded in our prayer that "the kingdom, the power, and the glory"

Dedication of A Vessel for Incense

Remain seated for the dedication

Priest: Another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; he was given much incense, and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints.

People: And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

Priest: Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son received from the wise men a gift of incense and made for us the pure oblation foretold by the prophets: We dedicate to your worship this censer, that our prayers may ascend in your sight as the incense, and the pure self-offering of our Lord be proclaimed from farthest east to farthest west; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prelude Hymn 287 vss. 1 & 4 For all the Saints

Processional Hymn 286 Who are these like stars appearing

THE WORD OF GOD

The People standing, the Celebrant says

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

The Celebrant and People say

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.

Song of Praise 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, principdoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant raise the song,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Collect of the Day

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. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

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 for ever—for ever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:11-23

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.

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

Gospel Hymn 488

Be thou my vision
Please sing vss 1 & 2 before the Gospel.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 6:20-31

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 the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn 488

Be thou my vision

Please sing vs 3 after the Gospel.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Sermon

The Reverend Danielle Thompson

The 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.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially: Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Glenda and Brian, our Bishops; Danielle, our Priest; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially: Donald, our president; Kay, our governor; and for the mayors, city councils, and county commissions of the Shoals.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

We pray for those on our intercessory prayer list, saying together
Charlan, Everett, David, Lily, Michael, Robin, David, Andy, Wendell, Cindy, Bruce, Frances, Harold, Logan, August, Sean, Tim, Carolyn, Karen, Jim, Wayne, Rebecca, Ron, & Tommy B.

We pray for all whose work puts them in harm's way and for those on active duty in the military, saying together
Taylor, Johnathan, Ben, Conner, Timothy, John Gage, Henry, Jacob, Kadin, Dustin, & Rebekah.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries:
Jessie Wilson, Jane Cole, Mary Ann & Bob Allan, Eloise Grace Wyker, & Joshua Davis.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for the Diocese of Alabama, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The confession is omitted on feast days.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the People

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

The Wayfaring Stranger

Grace Choir

I am a poor wayfaring stranger,
while traveling through this world of woe,
Yet there's no sickness, toil or danger
in that bright world to which I go.

I'm going there to see my Father;
I'm going there no more to roam,
I'm only going over Jordan,
I'm only going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather round me;
I know my way is rough and steep,
But golden fields lie out before me
where God's redeemed shall ever sleep.

I'm going there to see my Mother;
she said she'd meet me when I come.
I'm only going over Jordan,
I'm only going over home.

I'll soon be free from ev'ry trial,
my body sleep in the churchyard;
I'll drop the cross of self-denial
and enter on my great reward.

Doxology

Duke Street

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

Instructions for receiving Communion are found at the end of this prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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

Land of Rest

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. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Prayers are offered here for departed loved ones and friends.

We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.*

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

People and Celebrant

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

Please come to the altar rail to receive Communion. You may kneel or stand. Receive a wafer from the Priest by holding out your hands. To receive the wine, please dip the wafer in the chalice or drink from the chalice. If you do not wish to receive Communion, cross your arms over your chest and the Priest will offer you a Blessing.

Communion Hymn 275

Hark! The sound of holy voices

Hark! the sound of holy voices, chanting at the crystal sea,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Lord, to thee!
Multitude which none can number like the stars in glory stands,
clothed in white apparel, holding palms of victory in their hands.

Patriarch, and holy prophet, who prepared the way for Christ,
king, apostle, saint, confessor, martyr and evangelist,
saintly maiden, godly matron, widows who have watched to prayer,
joined in holy concert, singing to the Lord of all, are there.

Marching with thy cross, their banner, they have triumphed following
thee, the Captain of salvation, thee, their Savior and their King.
Gladly, Lord, with thee they suffered; gladly, Lord, with thee they died;
and by death to life immortal they were born and glorified.

Now they reign in heavenly glory, now they walk in golden light,
now they drink, as from a river, holy bliss and infinite;
love and peace they taste for ever, and all truth and knowledge see
in the beatific vision of the blessed Trinity.

Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant and People continue.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Blessing

May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 625

Ye holy angels bright

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Servants Today – November 2

VOD

Mary Holland Black

Safety

Rob Martin

Greeter

Barney & Colby
Martin

Usher

Amy Daniel

Reader

Natalie Richardson

Acolytes

David Springer
& Linda Joly

Chalice

Dennis Cole
& Linda Joly

Server

Fred Joly

Cross

Fred Joly

Altar Guild

Mary Holland Black, Jessie Wilson, Annie Laurie Gray, Jan Bennett, & Rita Kelly

Fellowship

Beth Scott, Jodi McDaniel, & Debbie Thompson

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our parents,
Eleanor and Earl Holder & Irene and Dick Parker.
–Richard and Ninon Parker**

**Rev. Danielle would love to hear from you! Please
do not hesitate to contact her!**

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TODAY: ALL SAINTS' AT GRACE & ST. JOHN'S – Today, we give thanks for all saints, including our departed loved ones, at our regular 9:30 AM Eucharist at Grace. At 3:00 PM, we will gather at St. John's in Tuscumbia for a historic service of Evening Prayer with members of our larger community.

I HAVE A QUESTION RETURNS NOV 9 & 16 – We will continue to answer your amazing questions during Fellowship on 11/9 & 16, and may even add some more!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS NOV 9 – Pledge cards will be available during worship, and our Treasurer, Janet Port, will offer a brief message during announcements. Please prayerfully consider what you can afford to share with our congregation in 2026. Your best effort at estimating and communicating this amount to our bookkeeper helps the Vestry prepare our budget for the year to come.

SHOALS SHELTER – Home Free Haven is now Shoals Shelter! Grace's first date to host is Thurs, Dec 4. Watch your email to sign up for dinner, PM shifts, or breakfast on Friday, Dec 5.

SHOALS PARISHES RETREAT – If you signed up back in September for the Shoals Parish Retreat, the time is almost here! Please watch for information about this event, which will take place at Camp McDowell, Nov 14 - 16. *While some folks will remain at Camp through Sunday, Danielle is coming back Saturday, and we will have our regular 9:30 AM service at Grace on November 16!*

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP – Lessons and Carols will take place on Sunday, Dec 7, at 9:30 AM – the service will include Holy Communion. On Christmas Eve, we will once more have a quiet service of Morning Prayer at St. John's at 10 AM. Our main service will be Holy Eucharist with candlelight at Grace at 5 PM.



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

MON, NOV 3

8a: Men's Bible Study
10a-3p: Regular Office Hours

TUES, NOV 4

10a-3p: Regular Office Hours
10a-1p: Learn-to-Play-Bridge Circle

WEDS, NOV 5

10a-5p: Regular Office Hours
4:30p: Mark Bible Study (in person)
6p: Choir Practice

THU, NOV 6

10a-1p: Regular Office Hours
12p: Mark Bible Study (online)



SUN, NOV 9

9:30a: Stewardship Sunday
10:30a: Fellowship
11a: I Have a Question

