

A Service of Morning Prayer for All Saints Sunday (2025)

Prelude

All stand to sing

Hymn #293, *I sing a song of the saints of God*

All remain standing as the Officiant says

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Confession of Sin, BCP 79

The Officiant says

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and for our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneel. Silence may be kept, and the Officiant leads the People in saying

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.

The Officiant then stands and says

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

All stand

The Invitatory and Psalter, BCP 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Together

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

All then say the Jubilate, BCP 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

All then read Psalm 147 as directed by the Officiant

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!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All are seated

Reading *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."

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

All stand

Canticle 11 *The First Song of Isaiah, BCP 86*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All are seated

Reading *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.

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All stand

Canticle 18 *A Song to the Lamb, BCP 93*

Splendor and honor and kingly power *

are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

All are seated

Reading *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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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Homily

All stand

The Apostles' Creed, BCP 96

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.

The People may stand or kneel

The Prayers, BCP 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

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.*

Additional Collects may be said, BCP 98-100

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered

Remembrance of and Thanksgiving for the Saints

The Officiant says

We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us in faith, whom we have loved and lost.

The Necrology is read. Then the Officiant prays

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in this life, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving, BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.
Amen.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom, BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

All stand

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes the service saying

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

Hymn #287, For all the saints

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Prelude

Hymn

Confession of Sin, *BCP 79*

Invitatory and Psalter

Opening Sentence, *BCP 80*

The Jubilate, *BCP 82*

Psalm 147, *BCP 804*

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

Canticle 11, *BCP 86*

Reading, *Ephesians 1:11-23*

Canticle 18, *BCP 93*

Reading, *Luke 6:20-31*

Homily

The Apostles' Creed, *BCP 96*

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer, *BCP 97*

Suffrages B, *BCP 98*

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all your servants, who, having finished their course in this life, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving, *BCP 101*

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom, *BCP 102*

Benediction, *BCP 102*

Hymn

A few notes for All Saints Sunday:

It is customary on the feast of All Saints, November 1, to celebrate the entire communion of saints—those who have gone before us, those who surround us now, and those who will come after us. You are welcome to observe All Saints on November 1, but we are also permitted to transfer the feast to a Sunday. It is one of the principal feasts of the church year, and especially suitable for baptisms.

November 2 is the feast of All Souls, when we especially remember those whom we have loved and lost. An evening liturgy for All Souls is offered in the Liturgy Library if you wish to observe both days separately. If you do this, simply omit the “Remembrance of and Thanksgiving for the Saints” from the All Saints Morning Prayer service.

The hymns included in the full morning prayer liturgy are just suggestions - you are certainly welcome to replace them with hymns or songs of your choosing!

There are many ways to be creative with an All Saints service. You might:

- Invite parishioners to bring photos of loved ones they have lost to be displayed on the altar (you might want to think about ways to make sure the photos can be propped up and visible)
- Invite parishioners to bring favorite saint icons to be displayed on the altar (or print some on card stock, and again think about how to make sure they can be propped up)
- Print the “Saint Shield” document on card stock and cut out the shields. Place them in the pews with crayons, pencils or markers. For the homily, read the stories of a few saints and show their shields or symbols (for example, use the shield of the saint for whom your church is named!) then invite parishioners to create their own saint shield with their name in the middle and symbols of how they live their faith written, drawn or colored on the shield. You might tape a safety pin to the back so that they can wear their shield, or tape a popsicle stick or pencil to the back and have them “plant” their shields in a container filled with sand on the altar.
- If you have a cemetery or columbarium at the church, you might move the “Remembrance of and Thanksgiving for the Saints” to the end of the service. Omit the benediction, and then after the final hymn (or during it), the entire congregation processes to the cemetery or columbarium and the necrology is offered there. If you do this, follow the prayer with:

<i>Officiant</i>	Alleluia, Christ is risen!
<i>People</i>	The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Officiant

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Amen.

