

A Service of Morning Prayer for All Saints Sunday (2026)

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 34:1-10, 22 as directed by the Officiant

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

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 *Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	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 *1 John 3:1-3*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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 *Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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, *Revelation 7:9-17*

Canticle 11, *BCP 86*

Reading, *1 John 3:1-3*

Canticle 18, *BCP 93*

Reading, *Matthew 5:1-12*

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

