

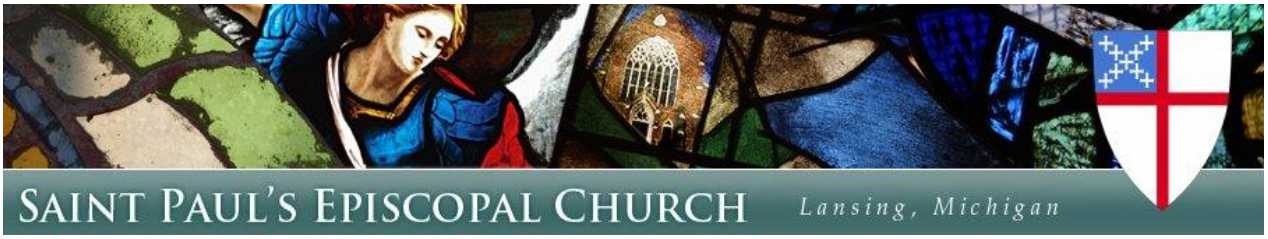
"Our Welcome"

In the light of God's unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

All Saints Day --- November 1, 2026
Holy Eucharist 10:00am

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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St. Paul's Staff: The Rev. Karen C. Lewis, Rector; The Rev. Canon Dr. W. Richard Hamlin, Priest Associate; The Very Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer, Priest Associate; Stephanie Gewirtz, Minister of Music; Theresa Milne, Parish Administrator; Barbara Heany, Sunday School Director; Katie Alexander, Nursery Attendant; D'Kwon Guerrero, Sexton/Custodian; Conrad Moyer, A/V Technician.

St. Paul's Vestry: David Parks, Sr. Warden; Kelly Hackett Jr. Warden; Justin Alexander, Jane Bryce, Joshua Freeman, Jim Milne; Mark Rudd; Ann Sanders; Herb Tanner; Bobbi Tisdale; Katie Wiley; Lyn Zynda; Jeff Irwin, Treasurer; Margaret Schulte, Secretary

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Opportunities for Worship

Sundays: 10:00am – Worship & Holy Communion

Parish Office: Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm. Closed on Fridays
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For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield Room.

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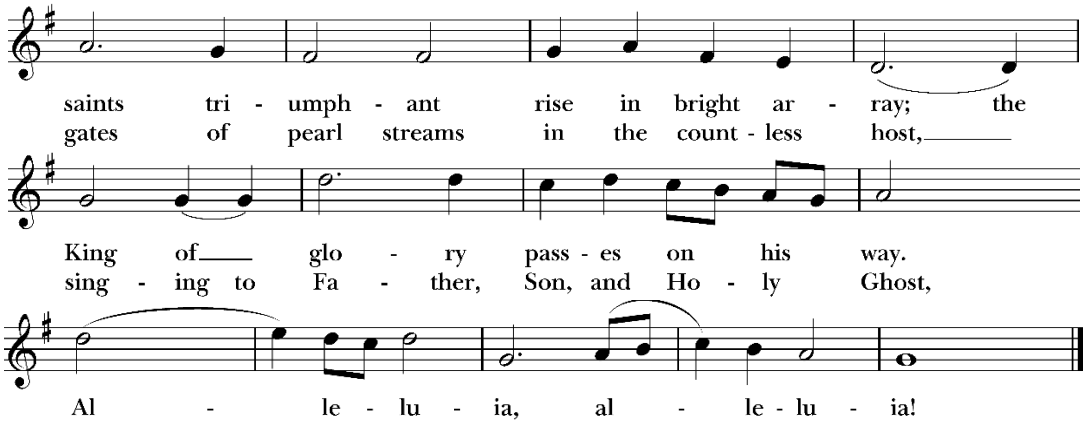
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY –RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS
NOVEMBER 1, 2026 – 10:00am

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Creator, you made all people of every land. Today, we honor the ancestral and traditional Lands of the Anishinaabeg, the Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi people, whose home this land was for hundreds of years, and who are still here today. As we make this land acknowledgement, we confess to our part in the sin of traumatic, systemic racism and oppression in the history of this nation and in the Church--a history we are only beginning to understand. With humility, we commit ourselves to acknowledging the wrongs of the past and to building relationships with the Anishinaabeg. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *For all the saints* HYMN 287





Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

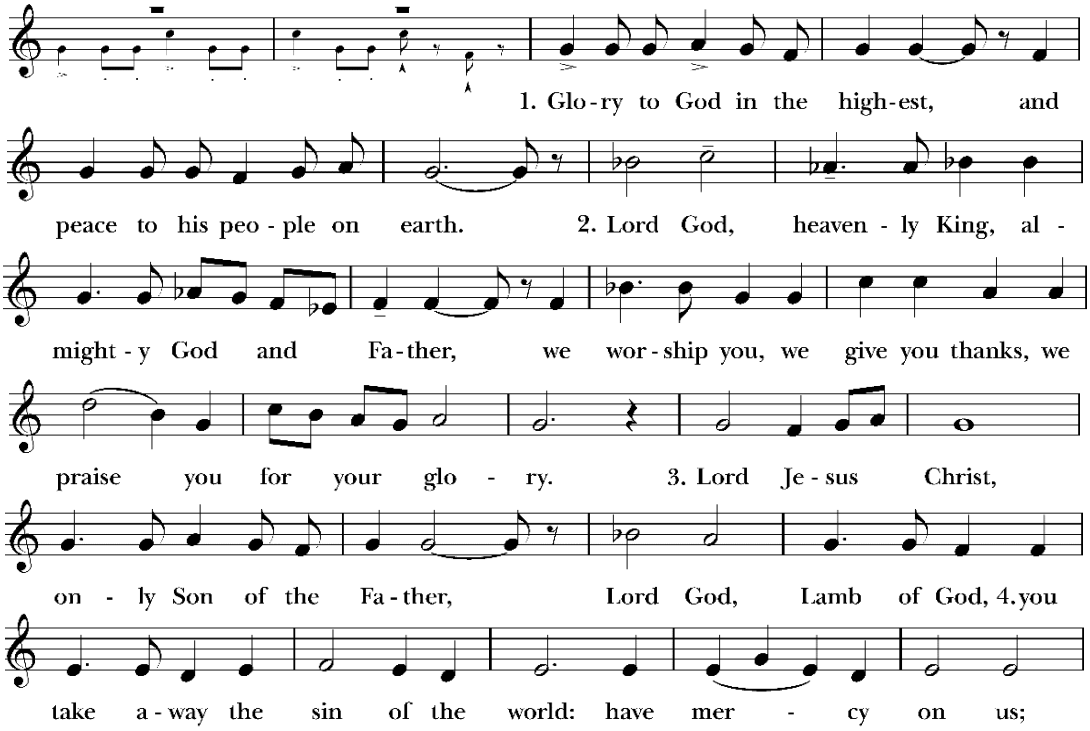
The people standing, the Officiant says

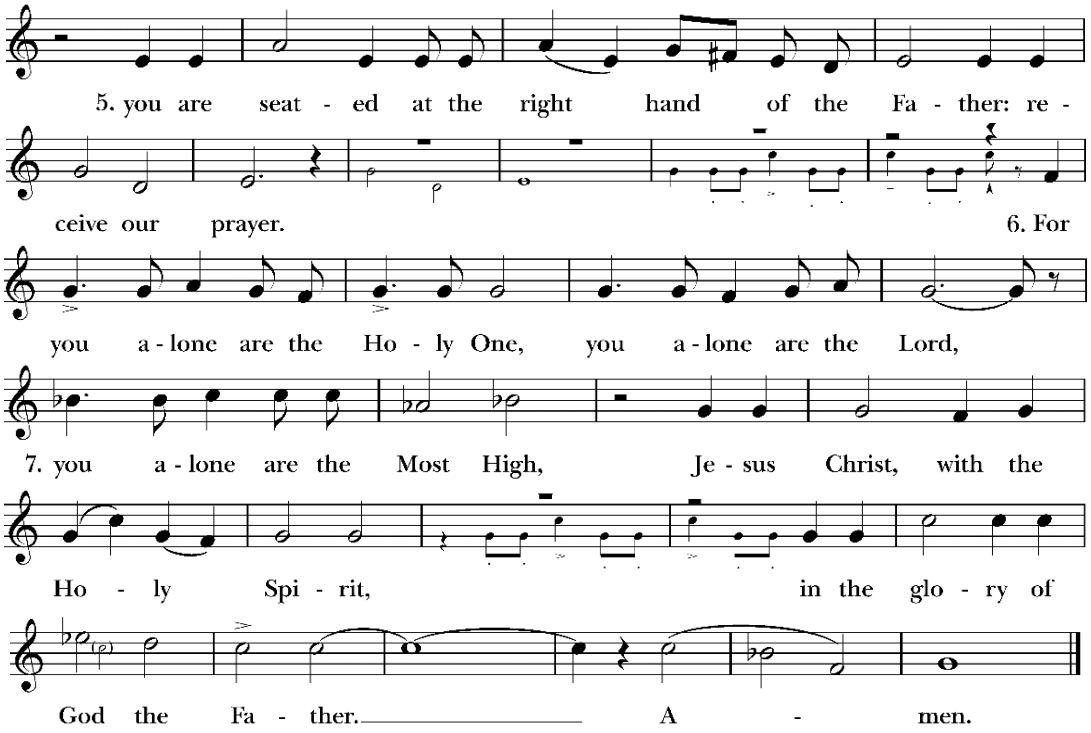
Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR 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.

The people sing the following together

GLORIA S278





Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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 people are invited to sit for the readings and the psalm

FIRST LESSON REVELATION 7:9-17

Reader A reading from The Revelation to John

I 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."

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

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

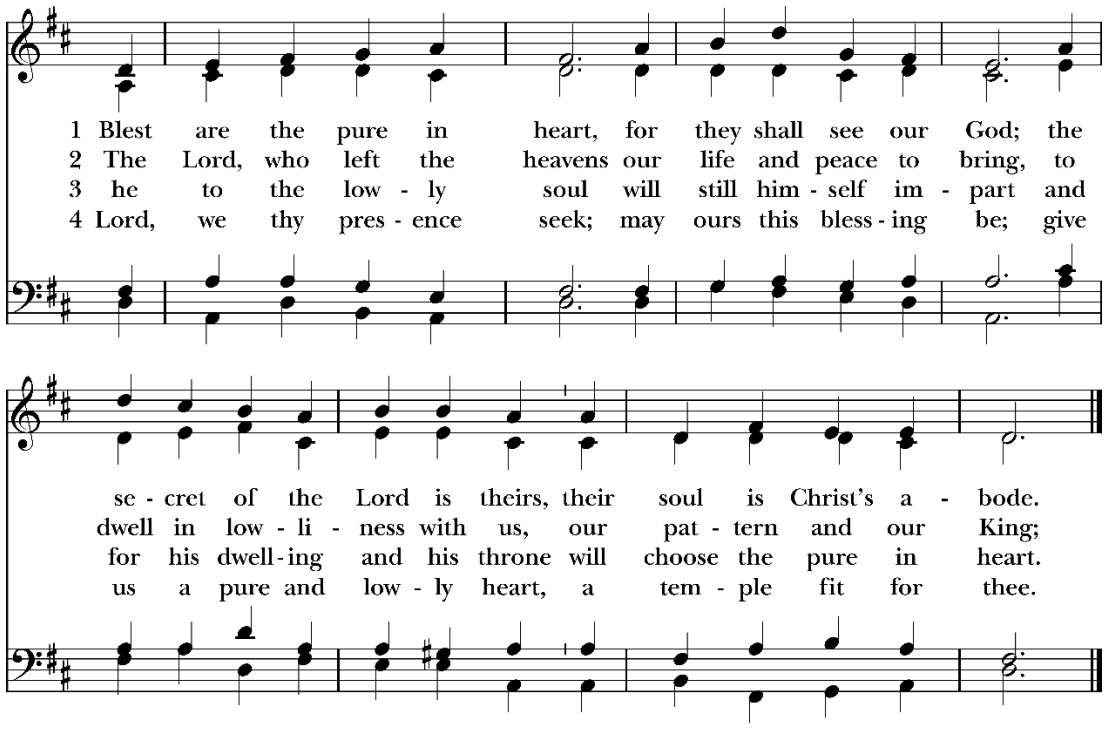
SECOND LESSON 1 JOHN 3:1-3

Reader A reading from the First Letter of John

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.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Blest are the pure in heart* HYMN 656



Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:1-12

Then, all standing, the clergyperson reads the Gospel, first saying

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon Dr. Richard Hamlin

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS *The people stand*

Officiant Through the Paschal mystery we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Officiant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Officiant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.**

Officiant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**

Officiant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

The Officiant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The people stand, kneel or sit*

With the help of the Saints of God, let us pray.

That we, like Andrew, would have the love to come and go when you call, we pray to you, Jesus; **help us to follow.**

That we, like Matthew, would find a right relationship to all that we own, we pray to you, Jesus; **help us to follow.**

That we, like Mary, would let you be born in us, and stay close to you all our lives, we pray to you, Jesus; **help us to follow.**

That we, like Luke, would bring healing in your name to all who are sick or hurt, and that these, especially, would know your loving help including those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either aloud or in our hearts _____: we pray to you, Jesus; **help us to follow.**

That we, like Peter, would keep growing in faith, and together become the church who bravely confesses you, we pray to you, Jesus; **help us to follow.**

That we, like John, would walk in the light, and see the City of God in our hearts, we pray to you, Jesus; **help us to follow.**

That we, like Thomas, would recognize doubt as the seed of true faith, and lead the doubting to touch your love, we pray to you, Jesus; **help us to follow.**

That we, like Paul, might tell the world about you, and, at our end, bravely face death as the doorway to life, we pray to you, Jesus; **help us to follow.**

That we, like Lydia, would open our hearts and homes in welcome, we pray to you, Jesus; **help us to follow.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

Holy One, there are so many whose heroic love remains unsung. May we too, live as disciples, brave and true, day by day, we pray to you, Jesus. **Help us to follow**. **Amen.**

A READING FROM ECCLESIASTICUS WITH THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD

Leader Let us now sing the praises of the famous, our ancestors in their generations. God apportioned to them great glory, and majesty from the beginning. Some were rulers, and made a name for themselves by their valor:

Various Voices
Queen Elizabeth II
John F. Kennedy
Abraham Lincoln
Indira Gandhi

Leader Some led the people by good council, by their knowledge of the people's lore, by their wise words of instruction.

Various Voices Mother Teresa
Oscar Romero
Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Howard Thurman

Leader Some spoke in prophetic oracles:

Various Voices Martin Luther King, Jr.
Dorothy Day
Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Desmond Tutu

Leader Some composed musical tunes or put verses in writing:

Various Voices Julian of Norwich
James Weldon Johnson
Maya Angelou
C.S. Lewis

Leader All these were honored in their generation and were the glory of their times. There are some of them who have left a name, so that we all declare their praise. And there are some who have left no memorial, who have perished as though they had not lived.

A brief silence. We invite you to remember your own beloved departed, silently or aloud.

Leader And there were people of mercy, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten. Their prosperity will remain with us, and with their descendants, and the inheritance of their good lives will trickle down to their children's children. Their followers stand by the covenant with God, as do their children, also, for their sake.

An individual now reads the names of all who have died in the past year.

Leader Their posterity will continue forever, and their glory will not be blotted out. Their bodies were buried in peace and their names live to all generations. People will declare their wisdom, and the congregation will proclaim their praise.

THE PEACE

Officiant Friends, as we gather on this All Saints' Day, we remember the saints, known and unknown to us, who have come before us. As we pass the peace of Christ to one another, may we also remember, honor, and acknowledge those who are still with us, who walk alongside us on this journey, and who stand with us as we bring Christ's peace to the world. May the peace of the Lord be with you!

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* arr. Marty Wheeler Burnett

Gretchen Morse, oboe

OFFERTORY HYMN *Abide with me* HYMN 662



Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

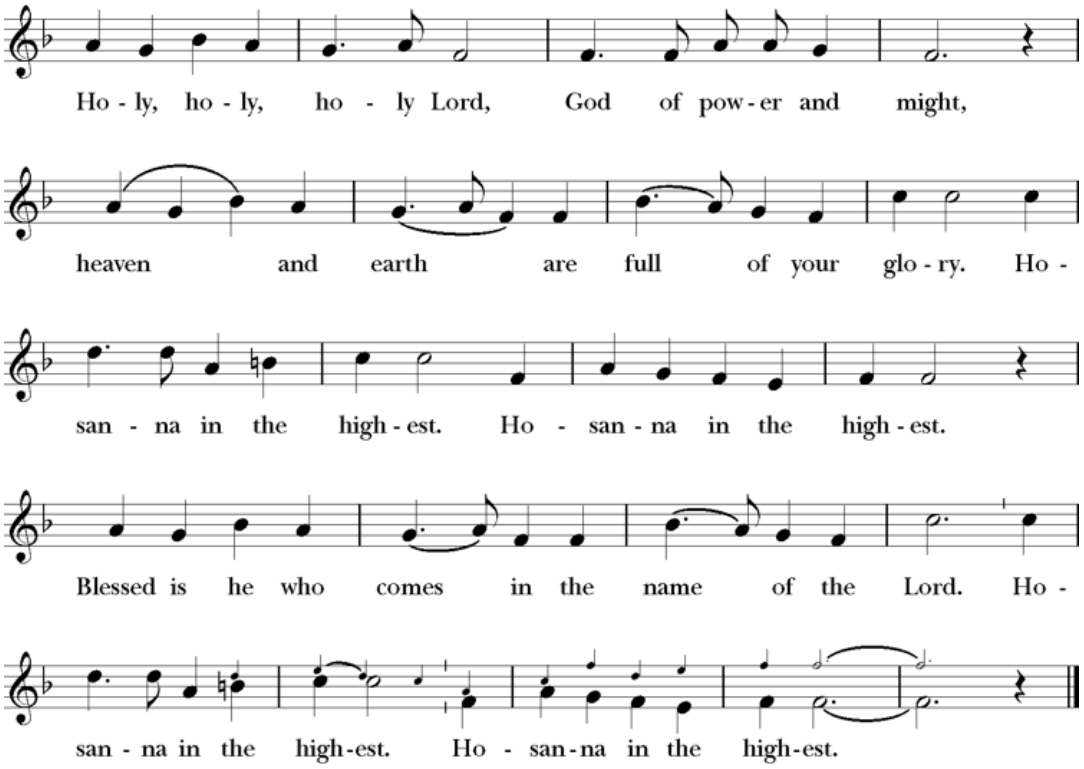
Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Officiant continues

Gracious God, beloved companion of pilgrims, we gather to praise and bless you. Your name is faithful one and your love is everlasting. We have come to experience your love in many ways as life's pilgrims. 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:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS S125



We thank you for the Spirit you breathe into us, a wandering Spirit, for eyes that guide us, for feet that plod the paths, for occasional signposts when we have lost our way. We thank you for your love which gives our journey meaning and direction. You bless us with your divine restlessness. You prod us from our complacency. You urge us down roads we do not feel strong enough to travel. You support us with companions who bolster us when we despair, who refresh and renew us when we think our last step is just that.

For all those pilgrims and saints who have gone before us and pointed the way to you, for Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, for David, Ruth, Esther, Solomon and Isaiah, we give you thanks.

But most of all we thank you for your greatest pilgrim, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life; who lights our path; who opens our eyes; who does not abandon us in our need; whose journey led him to Jerusalem; who there strengthened us with a meal to follow in his footsteps.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread and blessed you, then gave it to his friends with these words: Here is food for the journey. Take this, all of you, and eat. This is my body given up for you. Do this in memory of me.

Jesus later took a cup of wine. Again he blessed you and gave it to his friends with these words: Here is drink for the journey. Take this and share it. This is the cup of my blood, the new and everlasting covenant. It is shed for you and for all people so sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

And so we thank you for the words and example of your pilgrim, Jesus. By whose life you teach us to believe in you and life's journey. By whose death you show us the meaning of hope when we lose everything.

And by whose resurrection you proclaim your love, which makes all weary, wrinkled pilgrims new.

So let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

> **Dying, you destroyed our death;**
> **Rising, you restored our life.**
> **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The Officiant continues
Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts and upon us, your pilgrims, so that we can have light for our eyes, strength for our limbs, and companionship on an otherwise lonely journey.

Help us accept the gifts you have given us. Teach us to use them as we struggle with the journey-out and the journey-in, with the mystery of your presence in us and our world. May we seek you, meet you and know you as we travel along the way.

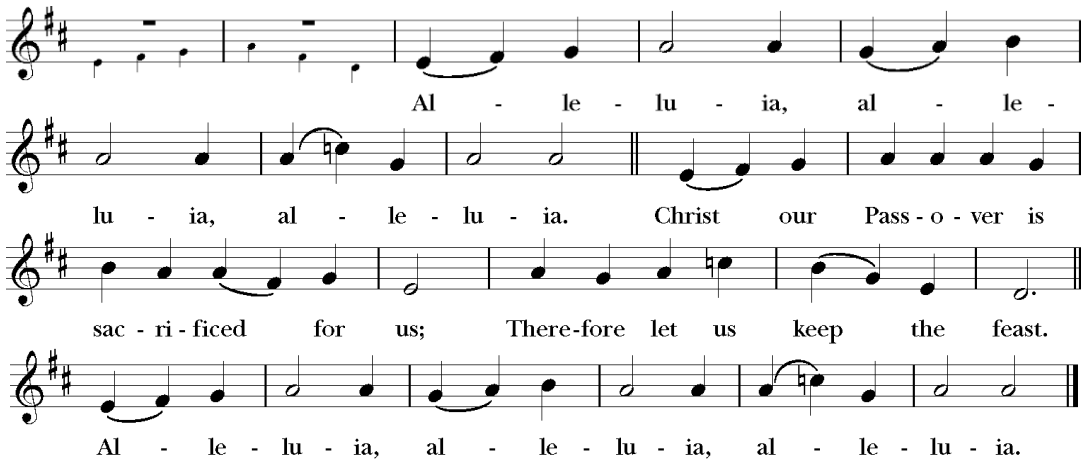
All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who is our way to you. Through whom, with whom, in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Ever Present God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S155

The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread



THE INVITATION

Officiant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Holy Gifts for Holy People.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available: please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.

Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.

Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *The Eyes of All* Timothy Flynn

COMMUNION HYMN *And now, O Father, mindful of the love* HYMN 337





Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE 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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *Love divine, all loves excelling* HYMN 657



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	**Marti Narezo**
Subdeacon	**Jack Baker**
Lector	**Liam Parks**
Prayers of the People	**Isabel Diaz**
Chalice Bearers	**Liam Parks, Isabel Diaz**
Altar Guild Members for the Week	**Marti Narezo (chair), Carrie Freeman, Barb Heany**
Ushers	**Debbie Parks, Justin Alexander, David Parks, Mike Sanders, June Alexander, Violet Walilko**
Counters	**Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley**
Coffee Hour	**Children and Parents**
Greeters	**Children and Parents**
Blessing Box	**Marilyn Maloney**
Recycling Team	**Jim Milne**
Vestry Person of the Day	**David Parks**

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Next Sunday, November 8, 2026

Crucifer	**Jim Milne**
Subdeacon	**Jen Humphries**
Lector	**Graham Crabtree**
Prayers of the People	**Martha McKee**
Chalice Bearers	**Jen Humphries, Theresa Milne**
Altar Guild Members for the Week	**Nancy Merriman (chair), Jane Bryce, Theresa Milne**
Ushers	**Joe Lehning, Michael Hart, Mark Rudd, Eric Monaghan, Lily Monaghan**
Counters	**Martha McKee, Margaret Schulte**
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	
Blessing Box	**Jeff & Patty Irwin**
Recycling Team	**Bob Merriman**
Sunday School Mentors	**Barb Heany,**
Vestry Person of the Day	

Opportunities For Prayer
November 1, 2026

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Julie, Everett, Pat, Jim, Mike, Jennifer, Howard, Jon, Carol, Whitt, Laurie, Leslie, Larry, and Don. **Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: Steven Kandow, and Susan Kendall.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Capital Area United Way, 330 Marshall St #203, Lansing 48912

We pray for our downtown church community: Cathedral Church of St. Mary**;** Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

We pray for our worshiping communities: St. Andrew's, Waterford; St. Anne's, Santo Domingo, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of the Province of Central America.

We pray for: Sarah Mullally**,** Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

Announcements For The Week
November 1, 2026 – November 8, 2026

Fall Grounds Clean Up, Saturday, November 7th: Please join us from 11:00am – 2:00pm to clean up the grounds around the church. Bring lawn waste bags and garden tools. There is a signup in the Merrifield Room. We'll save November 14th as a rain date.

If Music Be the Food – Saturday, November 14th at 7:00pm: Please join us. St. Paul's will again be hosting the concert series, "If Music Be the Food". Talented students of the MSU College of Music will be performing a varied selection of music so that we might bring nonperishable food stuffs and monies to support the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Help spread the word and invite everyone you know to be fed with music and spread a table of plenty for our community. This event is sponsored by the Tom & Jean Shawver Fund.

"Tabletop Saints": Our next game night is Friday, November 13th at 6:15pm. A board and card game night of fellowship and fun! Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite games and invite friends**.** Please sign up in the Merrifield room so we can plan enough food and soft drinks for everyone. Children are welcome when accompanied by a parent or guardian, childcare is not provided. Parking is available in the 4Cs lot in St. Paul's designated spots, the St. Paul's lot and on the street. Please see Rachel or Ian Moore if you have any questions.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Mission & Outreach will again be accepting donations to fill Thanksgiving "baskets" for eight families suggested to us by Community Mental Health. There will be slips with each food item requested in the Merrifield Room. Take a slip or several slips and bring your donation to the church by November 22. Due to limited freezer space at St. Paul's, if you generously decide to donate a 14# turkey, we ask you to keep it frozen at home until pick up date. To avoid duplication and to help in planning, if someone would like to purchase additional items or an entire category, we ask you to alert someone from M&O.

Themes of Faith in the Music of Mahler: Arguably one of the most revolutionary composers at the beginning of the 20th century, Gustav Mahler is well known for his lengthy and complicated music. As a man born into a Jewish family who converted to Catholicism, Mahler expressed his thoughts regarding God, faith, love, life, death, and the afterlife in many of his pieces. Please join us in this brand-new series at St. Paul's as we spend 4 weeks with Steven Kandow looking at these themes in Mahler's first two symphonies. No knowledge of either Mahler or classical music is required to participate in these discussions. Sessions will continue Wednesdays on Nov. 4 and Nov. 11. Dinner will be provided at 6:15 ($9 per person) with discussion beginning at 6:30. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

Grateful Gathering Dinner, November 24th at 6:15pm. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room so we know how much food we need to prepare. We ask that you bring your favorite dessert to share. There is also a signup sheet for cleaning up.

Recycle ink cartridges: Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

Faith & Film – December 4th at 6:15pm: *The Christmas Chronicles,* released November 2018. Kate and Teddy, who notice Santa Claus in their home and jump into his sleigh with his reindeer; however, they accidentally cause the sleigh to crash, and the presents are lost. As Christmas morning approaches, it is up to the children and Santa to save Christmas by correctly delivering all the presents on time. This is a feel-good Christmas story for the whole family. Snacks will be provided. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

Provide a Meal for Canterbury MSU: The signup genius is open to sign up to provide a meal for Canterbury for the fall. Please bring a complete meal (main dish, side, salad, dessert) for 6 people with a gluten and dairy free option. Please no mushrooms. Deliver to 225 M.A.C. Ave on Thursday by 6:15pm. Contact Chaplain Alex Aivars at chaplain.canterburymsu@gmail.com or 269.806.3489 for any questions.https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EAEAD28A5FDCF8-65142631-fall

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification: Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding classes December 12th in the Choir Room from 10am-2pm. This class is for anyone who wants to be certified/re-certified in adult and/or pediatric First Aid or CPR/AED. You have two weeks to complete an online portion of the class. Payment of $40 to St. Paul's Episcopal Church due at the class. Free for staff, ushers, and Sunday School mentors. See John David Hawkins or Mark Rudd for more information.

Noisy Offering through December: The City Rescue Mission of Lansing is a 501(c)3, Christian ministry founded in and still serving Michigan's capital area. Every year, thousands of children and adults find refuge and rescue thanks to the compassion of our community. Their mission is to meet physical needs for Food and Shelter to bring those with spiritual needs the Hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

Coffee Hour sign up: We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

St. Paul's Recycling: Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm on Zoom with The Very Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul's Facebook page. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours: All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to office@stpaulslansing.org to ensure accuracy.

Reminder: Please schedule all meetings (in-person and online) with the office in advance. We want to assure you that there is space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. For online meetings, we want meetings to be available to all parishioners. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

Please sign up to be a Greeter: One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

Altar flower requests: There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org.

Contributions Last Week: For the weeks of October 25, 2026, St. Paul's received **$25,239** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	**$11,795**
NonPledge Income	**$415**
SP26 Lift Capital Campaign	**$13,114**
Loose Offering	**$50**
Memorial Restricted	**$100**
Office Discretionary	**$500**
ERD Book Sale	**$75**

This Week at St. Paul's
November 1, 2026 – November 8, 2026

Sunday, 11/1:		All Saints Day
		Daylight Savings ends/Noisy Offering
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion w/children–Sanctuary
	11:15am	Bible Study at Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	All Saints Party at Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
Monday, 11/2:	2:30pm	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, 11/3:	7:00pm	Bible Study – Zoom
Wednesday, 11/4:	12:00pm	Noon Book Study - Zoom
	6:15pm	Mahler Class w/Steven Kandow & Dinner - Merrifield
	9:00pm	Compline – Zoom
Thursday, 11/5:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 11/6:		Office Closed
Saturday, 11/7:	10:00am	Quilting Group
	11am-2pm	Fall Grounds Clean Up
Sunday, 11/8:	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion – Sanctuary
	11:15am	Bible Study at Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Coffee Hour

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Barbara Stephon
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Plenty Good Room

Making Room for Plenty Good Harvest

The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37 (NLT)

When I was a teenager, my grandmother loved her garden. She still does. Her garden required the kind of care that kept her hands in the soil and her attention fixed on the rhythms of the season. On warm afternoons she would call me outside to help her prepare the dirt, loosening the earth, pulling weeds, and clearing space for new seeds. I remember standing there sometimes, puzzled and very impatient. To me, the garden already looked fine.

After the winter season, I had grown accustomed to what it always looked like. To me, it was good enough. Why disturb what was already there? Why dig up soil that seemed just fine? The work felt slow and unnecessary, but my grandmother understood something I was still learning.

A healthy garden needs tending. She moved through those rows and buckets with patience, gently removing what did not belong, the stubborn weeds, the tangled stems, the crowded patches of soil that had no room left to breathe. She knew that if new life was going to grow, something first had to be cleared away. The garden would overflow with life, all because we made room.

Season after season, I was, and still am, amazed. Looking back now, I realize something I did not understand then: if the garden had stayed the way I wanted it, untouched, crowded, unpruned, we would never have seen that abundance at all. The garden required room, and a willingness to yield.

Sometimes that work feels uncomfortable. Sometimes it feels unnecessary. Sometimes we cannot yet see what God is preparing to grow. But the invitation remains the same: make room for new life, make room for deeper faith, make room for the Spirit to move in ways we may not yet understand. And when the seasons of harvest come, we may discover what my grandmother knew all along: when space is made in the garden, there is always plenty good room for the harvest. TENS.org

Questions for Reflection:

What might God be inviting you to release or clear away in your life so that something new can grow?



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