



St. John's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All Saints' Observance
Holy Eucharist
November 2, 2025 at 8:45 a.m.

*The candles and flowers on the altar are lovingly arranged by the Holy Celebrations Team and Flower Guild
in cherished memory of all of the saints of St. John's Episcopal Church, New Braunfels.*

ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector
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WORSHIP MINISTERS

Acolytes	John and Mary Douglas, Elijah Jackson
Altar Guild	Carol Lenker, Sarah Spradling, Monya Keenen
Greeters	Joanne Whitcomb, Jeremy Becker, Kaye Haynes
Lay Readers	Clark Hendley, Tracey Koast
Ushers	Ann Amoroso, Randy Staats

PRELUDE | Pavane – Brian Glyncannon; Psalm 149 (All Saints' Day) – Emma Lou Diemer
For All the Saints (*Sine Nomine*) – Gerhard Krapf

OPENING HYMN | For All the Saints, Who from Their Labors Rest Hymn 680
v 1-4 ALL, v 5-6 Choir alone, v 7-8 ALL

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP p. 355

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP p. 355

Together 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 | By All Your Saints Still Striving (v 1-2 All Saints) Hymn 232

<i>By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest, your holy Name, O Jesus for evermore be blessed. You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.</i>	<i>Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song: for them and those whose witness is only known to you – by walking in their footsteps we give you praise anew.</i>
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COLLECT BCP p. 245

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

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.**

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 149 | *in unison* BCP p. 807

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!

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | For Thy Dear Saints, O Lord (v 1-2)

Hymn 279

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-31

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

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

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | For Thy Dear Saints, O Lord (v 3-4)

Hymn 279

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to 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.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

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

Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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 | Form VI

BCP p. 392

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah the Archbishop-designate of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, David and Angela our Bishops, Ripp and Matthew our Priests, Riva our Seminarian; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom;

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Teen Girl Trio, Worship Choir

arr. Hal Hopson, using hymns 293 and 287

DOXOLOGY | Praise God to God, Immortal Praise

Hymn 288, v 1

Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;

bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ:

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow. Amen.

ST. JOHN'S NECROLOGY

This All Saints Day, we remember those souls who have gone to rest with our Lord this past year.

Michelle Andress	Ron Hardaway	Jeanette Prell
Donald Bedford	Ted Hawkins	John Sheaffer
George Cabada	Brenda Holden	Karen Stable
Eleanor Erdmann	Connie Kittle	Lois Woolverton
Lynn Green	Judie Mengle	Wendy Wright

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant 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 | Holy, Holy, Holy Lord – Robert Powell

Hymn S 129

**Hymn numbers beginning with an S indicate Service Music, found at the front of The Hymnal 1982.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow-er and might, Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 pray:

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM | Lamb of God – Robert Powell

Hymn S 163

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION

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

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

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During communion, prayer teams are available to pray with you in the alcoves on either side of the altar.

COMMUNION MUSIC | Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen

Hymn 314

In the Quiet Consecration – Louie L. White

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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.

SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITOR(S)

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that [*N.* and] all those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE BLESSING

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

CLOSING HYMN | Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!

Hymn 551

POSTLUDE | Prelude on *Hyfrydol* – Ralph Vaughan Williams

Valerie Thompson, Organist



Day By Day devotional books are available in the Narthex. These are a free resource.

Church Directory Update

We're moving our directory to Church Center. Please review/update your profile (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) using the QR code above. If your spouse or children already have Church Center accounts but aren't in your household, don't add them—email Kelly Jackson at kelly@stjohnsnb.com to link them and avoid duplicates.

Life Stories | Sundays at 10 a.m. through November 23 in the Parish Hall

This Sunday, Pete and Sharon Meaden will share a short reflection on their faith journey and encourage other church members that we are not alone in our faith journeys. There will be a time for reflection with other attendees. Learn more and sign up on Church Center.

Family Faith Night is back! Wednesdays through November 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Join us for dinner and a 4-week series learning about seasons of the liturgical calendar and how we can practice each of those seasons in our homes. Childcare and programming for K-12th will be provided. This event is open for ALL at St. John's, not just those with kids! Please RSVP in Church Center.

Ecumenical Social Justice Book Club | TODAY at Bosses Pizza (263 Tx 337 Loop) from 1 - 3 p.m.

Join with St. John's, Faith UCC, and Peace Lutheran to discuss *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times* by Jane Goodall and Douglas Arava. 1-1:30 p.m. order food, discussion from 1:30-3 p.m. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

Altar Guild Training Sessions | TODAY (3-5 p.m.), Nov. 3 (5-7 p.m.), and Nov. 4 (5-7 p.m.)

If you're newer to the Altar Guild, need a refresher, or would like to build confidence in preparing the altar, please plan to attend one of the sessions. Dinner will be provided. RSVP in Church Center.

SOS Food Bank Work Day | Wednesday, November 5 from 1 - 4 p.m. | 256 W Merriweather Street

Join us to serve our neighbors in need. We'll help stock shelves, organize donations, and make sure SOS is ready to provide food for local families. Contact Bob Wells at 713-822-6151 for more information.

Children's Nativity Pageant Sign-Ups Open Wednesday, November 5

All children ages 0-11 (non-members welcome!) are invited to participate in our annual Children's Nativity Pageant. Contact Marjorie Nolan, Director of Children's Ministry & Special Events, at marjorie@stjohnsnb.com for more info.

Thanksgiving Growing Altar for SOS Food Bank | Collecting Donations November 9, 16, and 23

Help us create our traditional Growing Altar by bringing harvest produce and Thanksgiving staples! These gifts will first adorn our altar in gratitude and celebration, then be donated to the SOS Food Bank. A full list of items needed can be found in the eNews and on the sign in the narthex.

St. John's Night at Wurstfest | Tuesday, November 11 from 5 - 9 p.m.

Join your fellow Men of St. John's at New Braunfels' 10-Day Salute to Sausage. We will lock down a home base table, while visitors are free to come and go as they please, enjoying the food, beverages, music, and fun of Wurstfest.

Movie Night | Tuesday, November 11 | Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Movie at 6 p.m. *More info in Church Center*

Parents of Young Kids | Wednesday, November 19 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. | St. John's Nursery

We will meet in the nursery so the kids can play and parents can hang out. Bring your favorite coffee and we will attempt to chat and fellowship while the kids *hopefully* entertain themselves! RSVP in Church Center.

Save the Date: Advent Wreath Making & Christmas Potluck | Sunday, December 1 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Save the date for a joyful morning of Advent wreath making, a Christmas potluck, and a visit from St. Nicholas! Wreath frames will be provided if you don't have one already. Potluck signup will be shared soon.

Save the Date: Mustang Island Family Camp | July 23 - 26 *Registration will open soon at dwtx.org/events*

Enjoy time at your Island Home for relaxation, great food, faith formation, and more. Fr. Matthew will serve as the Dean of this session!