



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday, November 1, 2020 *Morning Prayer • All Saints' Day*

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Sunday, November 1
at 10:00 am

SERVICE LINK:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkK2EnuhPEECpxvujO_zw

Then join us for Coffee Hour on Zoom!

Sunday, November 1
at 10:45 am

Log-in information for this Zoom meeting can be found in the Saturday 'Service Links' email or you can send an email to Fr. Alan: agibson@standrewsaa.org.

We look forward to seeing you online!

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Dear friends:

One of the traditions we follow on All Saints' Sunday is to remember those members of our broad parish family that we have lost since the last All Saints' Sunday. While we cannot gather in person to remember these people whose lives we shared, we can remember them individually in our prayers:

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Susan Joan Johnston	Yvonne Marie Kiernan
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David Staiger	Eve Fortson
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Clyde (Buck) Bennett	Helen June Andrews

Also, in this extraordinary year more than a million people have died from Covid-19, worldwide. While that is a difficult number to comprehend, each of those individuals touched several lives, more than we can count, and are deeply missed. The effects of this tragedy will be with us for a long time to come, even after this pandemic has passed. It will be important to remember those who we have lost and those who grieve for them.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

God bless,
Fr. Alan

Calendar

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday, November 1

Virtual Church School

8:45 am on Zoom

Morning Prayer

10:00 am on YouTube

Virtual Coffee Hour

10:45 am on Zoom

Monday, November 2

SJM Election Prayer Vigil

3:00 pm on Zoom

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3

SJM Election Prayer Vigil

4:00 pm on Zoom

Wednesday, November 4

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 pm in the Church

Virtual Youth Groups

7pm MS / 8pm HS on Zoom

SJM Election Discussion

7:00 pm on Zoom

Thursday, November 5

Bible Study

10:00 am on Zoom

Cherub Handchimes

4:30 pm in the Church

Jr. Handbell Choir

5:15 pm in the Church

Adult Choir Virtual Rehearsal

7:15 pm on Zoom

Sunday, November 8

Virtual Church School

8:45 am on Zoom

Morning Prayer

10:00 am on YouTube

Virtual Coffee Hour

10:45 am on Zoom

Masks are required for all in-person events



2021 ANNUAL GIVING

Current Campaign Progress (2021)

154 Cards for \$593,406

Last Year's Campaign Total (2020)

264 Cards for \$817,656

\$0 \$250,000 \$500,000 \$750,000 \$900,000

GOAL

As of November 1, we have received 154 pledge cards totaling \$593,406 or 66% of our \$900,000 goal.

Announcements

SJM Prayer Vigils and Discussion Space

As we are all concerned about the national and local elections, the Social Justice Ministry is hosting four events before, during, and after the election: two prayer vigils before and during the election, and two discussions to share our reactions and thoughts. The goal is to have open, safe, nonjudgmental spaces to pray and seek wisdom together.

PRAYER VIGILS

Monday, November 2
from 3-5 pm

Tuesday, November 3
from 4-6 pm

DISCUSSION & SHARING

Wednesday, November 4
from 7-9 pm

Tuesday, November 10
from 7-9 pm

Please note the meeting links have changed since the email sent to the parish on October 29. Use the **updated link below** to access all sessions of this event.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/97330254220?pwd=WS9NT1JieC8yVG50ZnNEbjduQ0F4UT09>

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Find your local number:

<https://zoom.us/u/aDuGAaEX6>



ST. ANDREW'S AND THE ANN ARBOR COMMUNITY CENTER CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2020

This Christmas, as we have for many years, St. Andrew's will support clients of the Ann Arbor Community Center with our Christmas Adopt-a-Family program.

For the safety of all parishioners, AACC clients, staff and their volunteers, the collection and distribution of gifts will be different this year: **all gifts will be in the form of gift cards.** The Community Center asks that cards be for the amount of \$50 and recommend that they be obtained from the following sources:

Meijer gift cards

- **No online ordering**, please call Meijer Customer Service at 800-487-9460
- Maximum order of \$100
- Free standard shipping

Walmart gift cards

- Order at [walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com)
- Choose the "Basic Blue Walmart Gift Card" (or other designs)
- Free 2-day shipping

Target gift cards

- Order at [target.com](https://www.target.com)
- Choose the "Wrapped Gift Box Target GiftCard"
- Free standard shipping (approx. 1 week)

Alternatively, you may send a check made out to St. Andrew's to the church and a gift card will be purchased in that amount and given to the Community Center. Be sure to include the words "Gift Card" on the memo line of your check.

We will not be using tags designating individual recipients as we have in the past. The AACC will distribute the gift cards directly to families. You are welcome to include an unsealed Christmas card or personal note with a Christmas wish, child's art, or simply signed with your first names.

Please bring the gift cards and unsealed greeting cards to the church by **Saturday, December 5** and **drop them in the mailbox located outside the memorial garden gate** to the right (*pictured at right*). **Do not send cards through the mail.**

Thank you for your continued generosity. You truly are making a difference in people's lives. If you have questions, please contact:
Scott Gerstenberger (734) 678-0914 or
Liz Sweet (734) 320-4968



Navigating this Service

A “full text” pdf of St. Andrew’s Morning Prayer is available [HERE](#) or you can follow along with the service using the Book of Common Prayer, starting with page 75.

Prelude: *L’Orgue Mystique, Op. 57; Introit for All Saints Sunday*

Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

“Let us all rejoice in the Lord as we celebrate this feast day in honor of all the saints; it is a solemnity which causes the Angels to rejoice, and to praise together the Son of God.”

Opening Hymn: *For all the Saints*

Hymnal, no. 287

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:—
3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,—
4 O blest communion, fellowship divine!—

thee— by faith before the world confessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;—
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet

Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness dread, the one true Light.
win, with them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are— one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
*6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful

dis-tant triumph song, and hearts are— brave a - gain, and arms are
war-riors com-eth rest;— sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

strong-
blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo-rious day; the
 *8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
 saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 78

Confession

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 79

Preces

Hymnal, no. S-33
 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

Invitatory

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

Venite

Enriching Our Worship, no. 159

Come, let us sing / to the Lord;
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of / our salvation.
 Let us come before God's presence / with thanksgiving
 and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

The sea is yours, / for you made it,
 and your hands have mold/ed the dry land.
 Come, let us bow down and / bend the knee,
 and kneel before the / Lord our Maker.

For you are a / great God;
 you are great a/bove all gods.
 In your hands are the caverns / of the earth,
 and the heights of the / hills are yours also.

For you / are our God,
 and we are the people / of your pasture
 and the sheep / of your hand.
 Oh, that today we would / hearken to your voice!

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

- 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.

First Lesson: 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.”

Canticle: *The First Song of Isaiah*

Hymnal, no. S-213
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 86

The Gospel: 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.”

Sermon

Eric Braun, Seminarian Intern

In the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are at the space in between. Somewhere between the beginning and the end. The known and the unknown. The ancient and the undiscovered. Today is All Saints’ Day... a day that is rich with meaning, and tradition. It’s been a principal feast, in the way we currently imagine it, since at least the 12th Century. In fact,

this date, November 1st, was important long before that. In the ancient Celtic world, this date represents the new year. It's the sunset of one time which leads to the dark of winter, and the beginning of a new cycle of life. The last chance to bring in the harvest. It makes sense that, as the days get colder, and it gets dark earlier... and stays dark longer, that our thoughts may turn inward. Traditionally, this is the day we remember and rejoice in the passing of those who have gone before, and we pause to remember all the saints; past present, and future.

The saints after all, are people just like us. Gifted as we are, with talents, inspiration, or perhaps just the determination to boldly chart a new course, and... with God's help, change the world.

Of all the major feast days on our calendar, this might also be the most mysterious. Coming as it does right after Halloween, there are those who might cynically say that All Saints Day exists as a way to "Christianize" a preexisting holiday, but I don't think it's that simple.

The mystery of All Saints Day stems from the nature of the saints themselves. It's important to remember that when we pray, we don't necessarily pray *to* the saints... because power doesn't come from them. We pray *with* the Saints. They essentially occupy their own in between space, bridging the gulf of space and time to be with us, among us, as near as the next moment. At a time of year when legend says that spirits roam the Earth, looking to cause a little mischief... at least for one night a year, then acknowledging the presence of the saints as powerful examples of dedication and perseverance doesn't seem so fantastic. But in order to do that, we might have to get comfortable with the mystery of uncertainty.

As the old hymn says, the saints can, have, and will come from anywhere; a doctor, a soldier, a queen. They're out there... somewhere, and you might have met quite a few already. How many are there? We don't know. When will you meet them? No way to be sure. Could you be one? Time will tell.

Somewhere between our flawed, but beautiful human existence, and the divine ideal of God, the saints of the past, the ones with us now, and those yet to come, remind us that amazing things have happened, can happen, and will happen every day... because the Holy Spirit is at work in our hearts every day. If we are willing to embrace the unknown, and make room in ourselves for a little mystery, then faith makes miracles possible. That's incredibly hopeful, despite any sadness, uncertainty, or weariness we might rightly feel right now. Hope for a new creation... one that celebrates the possibility in the infinite time between moments, is what this "In between space" is all about.

So, you might rightly ask yourself... if today is all about hope, then why are we reading about the end of the world?

If I could change one thing about the popular understanding of Revelation... well, first, I'd make sure that everyone knew there was no "s" in Revelation(s).

But the other thing I would do is undo the notion that the story is all about fire, - misery, war, famine, disease, and death! That's not the end of the story!

Revelation is all about subverting expectations, but to fully appreciate that, I'd like to suggest that we take a closer look at the text. The portion that was read today gives us an important clue. It begins with the words; "After this, I looked..."

That's after what exactly? One of the most important things I've learned about deciphering a text, no matter what it is, is, whenever possible, to look at what happens immediately before, and after what you've been given to read. In this case, right before the lesson we heard today, comes the well-known lines about 144,000. Of course, that's not a random number. That's 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel. Seems straightforward enough; John hears an angel tell him how many will be included in this great victory. Case closed... but not if you look more closely, and dive into the mystery.

Right after hearing about this 144,000, the text tells us that John turns and SEES something different: "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages..."

In short, what he is told to expect is different than what actually happens. Something is afoot here! Rather than put a number, or a price tag on salvation that might leave someone out... because you'd hate to be number 12,001, or from the 13th tribe... this is a new kingdom, not with a lion at the head of the army, but a lamb. And now, with untold numbers, the seals are broken, and a new vision of the future awaits.

But in the meantime, here we are... in between.

Why?

It's the space in between where we encounter Jesus, so that we can make that future a reality! Between the old and the new, the known and the unknown, the familiar and the challenging... Jesus is our guide in those times, in those in between spaces, when we don't know where to go, or what to do, or even if we should do anything at all. Jesus is there.

Hope is there too. In between is where the Holy Spirit goes to work, if we let her... to change our hearts. Sometimes it's a nudge; the undeniable urge to take one little step. Or, it might seem more forceful. You might even throw up your hands and say: "Really God? This is what you're asking me to face today?"

So, in this moment, and in THIS moment... this space in between, on this day when we remember John and Andrew, and Luke and all the saints who have gone boldly forward and before us: don't forget to stop, take a breath, listen and look around. Because in the middle, in that place of vital energy, where potential and action intersect... at that mysterious space in between, there's God, waiting for us, and for what comes next. Amen.

The Prayers

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.*

Voluntary: *Lo, round thy throne the Glorious Band* Henry Ley (1887-1962)
The St. Andrew's Adult Virtual Choir

Lo, round the throne, a glorious band, the saints in countless myriads stand, of ev'ry tongue redeemed of God, arrayed in garments wash'd in blood. Hallelujah! Through tribulation great they came: they bore the cross, despised the shame: from all their labours now they rest, in God's eternal glory blest. Hallelujah! They see their Saviour face to face, and sing the triumphs of his grace: Him day and night they ceaseless praise, to him the loud thanksgiving rise: Hallelujah! Worthy the Lamb, for sinners slain, through endless years to live and reign: Thou hast redeemed us by thy Blood and made us kings and priests to God. Hallelujah! O may we tread the sacred road that saints and holy martyrs trod: wage to the end the glorious strife, and win like them a crown of life. Hallelujah! Amen.

General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 101

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Concluding Versicle

Hymnal, no. S-54

Procession to the Memorial Garden

Litany of Saints

Necrology

Lord's Prayer

Commendation

Dismissal

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