

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day
Sunday November 1, 2026, 10a.m.

Voluntary	<i>Chant de paix</i> (Chant of peace)	Jean Langlais
Hymn 287	"For all the saints"	<i>Sine Nomine</i>

Welcome

The Opening Acclamation *(page 1 in the booklet)*

Collect

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 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.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 *(Please read responsively)*

Benedicam Dominum

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.

The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. David DeSmith

Affirmation of Faith *(page 2 in the booklet)*

The Prayers of the People *(page 3 in the booklet)*

*We also pray for: Ken, Keith, Marcus, Robertine, Paul, Glen, Ted, Charley, Craig; Natasha;
 Sue; Mike; Don; Pat; Heather; Caleb; Angelo; Linda; Sharon; Julie; Penny; Jay; Will;
 Susan; a just peace for Ukraine; those affected by the violence in the Middle East and Sudan.*

Confession *(page 4 in the booklet)*

Peace *(page 5 in the booklet)*

*Today we will pass the collection plates;
 please use them to make your donation to St. Stephen's Table*

Offertory Anthem “Give us the wings of faith” James Whitbourn

Give us the wings of faith to rise
 within the veil, and see the saints above,
 How great their joys,
 How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
 They, with united breath,
 Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
 Their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
 His zeal inspired their breast,
 And, following their incarnate God,
 They reached the promised rest.

Isaac Watts

The Great Thanksgiving *(page 5 in booklet)*

Those who have died this past year: *(Please add your own intercessions)*

Janet Betz

Stephen Momrow

Marjorie Cabill

David Morrison

George Church III

Jane Morrison

Peter Humphrey

Philip Rich

Michael Laurin

Thomas Smith

Kathryn Lepore

Doreen Sosa

Larry Lucido

Barbara Steele

William Travis

Sanctus *(Sung by all)* *(page 6 in the booklet)*

The Fraction *(Sung by all)* *(page 8 in the booklet)*

Communion Anthem “Jerusalem, my happy home” arr. Richard Proulx

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I with you be?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Your joys when shall I see?

Your saints are crowned with glory great; they see God face to face;
they triumph still, they still rejoice in that most holy place.

There David stands with harp in hand as master of the choir:
Ten thousand times would we be blessed who might this music hear.

Our Lady sings Magnificat with tune surpassing sweet;
and all the virgins join the song while sitting at her feet.

There Magdalene has left her tears, and cheerfully does sing
with blessed saints, whose harmony in every street does ring.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see your endless joy,
and of the same partaker ever be!

American Melody

Post Communion Prayer *(page 9 in the booklet)*

Blessing

Announcements

Hymn 293 “I sing a song of the saints of God” *Grand Isle*

Voluntary “Nimrod” from *Enigma Variations* *Edvard Elgar*

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PARISH NOTICES

WHO ARE WE? St. Stephen's Parish is a community of people who together seek to serve our community, drawing strength and joy from worshipping together. We don't all believe the same, act the same, vote the same, or dress the same – but we strive to love the same, as Christ loved and served all people.

ST. STEPHEN'S TABLE - Gifts may be made by sending a donation to the church or through our website. On the website, select "Give," to find the link to the online giving page. Select "St. Stephen's Table" from the Fund menu.

SHARING OUR PLENTY - At St. Stephen's, we try to make room for everyone to be in community and to share their gifts. St. Stephen's Table serves as a flagship outreach program that says, "you are always invited." This week, we will take a special collection during the service to support this ministry, and we are grateful to Amanda Watroba for sharing her thoughts on what it means to make space for others. As a reminder, collection bins and baskets for donations to the Cathedral of the Beloved, The First and St. Stephen's Table can be found in the narthex and in the back hallway next to the office. For more information, please refer to the Sharing Our Plenty brochure included in your bulletin.

SUNDAY FUNDAY – November 8, Children in Kindergarten through 4th grade gather before the 10:00 a.m. service in the Sears Room.

NEXT WEEK- The Rev William Loutrel will lead the 10 a.m. service.

BUDGET BASICS 2026 - Are you feeling uninformed about how your donations to the church are being spent? Are you curious about the church's financial status? If so, please attend a brief budget overview in the Sears Room after the 10:00 AM service today.

WE CARE KITS UPDATE - On October 25th, the day of their release, 35 out of 48 *We Care Kits* were carried out our doors and into the world to land in the hands of those that need them--our unhoused friends and neighbors. We can't thank you enough. If you didn't get a chance to take one or you need another, you'll find more kits in the lobby at the East St. entrance.

THANKSGIVING ANGELS are expecting to serve over 2,400 people this year. You may donate directly, Thanksgiving Angels has a website with donation information, or through St. Stephen's. Be sure to include a note with your donation so the office knows to direct it to Thanksgiving Angels.

GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S IS EASY – Scan the QR code to find our giving form or text "giviststephens\$youramount" to 73256 (example:giviststephens\$25 will donate \$25.) Google Pay accepted. Message and data rates apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.



Bottles/Cans Toter – Chris Plankey

Cardboard-Breakdown Don Phipps

MINISTERS OF THE CELEBRATION

CELEBRANT	The Rev. David DeSmith
LECTORS	Bill Frazier, Louise Penney
LAY MINISTERS	Christine Furcinite-Reynolds & Craig Reynolds
ALTAR GUILD	Bill Frazier, Diane Forsyth, Angie Moon
GREETERS	Josie Ellis, Anne Williams
VESTRY GREETER	David Nevin
CRUCIFER	Stephen Lussier
HEALING PRAYERS	Liz Trapani, Renee Kaley

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Worship: Compline: Wed. November 4, 6:30 p.m. Zoom,
Sunday November 8, 2026 10a.m.

St. Stephen's Table: Thursday & Friday, Grab and Go, 4:30 p.m.

Meetings: AA: Friday at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday at 10:00 a.m., NA: Saturday, 6:30 DR

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

In our Parish prayers, we pray for: Ken, Keith, Marcus, Robertine, Paul, Glen, Ted, Charley, Craig; Bill; Sue; Natasha; Mike; Don; Pat; Mary; Heather; Caleb; Angelo; Linda; Jay Sharon; Julie; Penny; Will; Susan; a just peace for Ukraine; those affected by the violence in the Middle East and Sudan.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces and their families:

MAJ Andrew B., CPT Nichols P., 1LT Curran J.D., Lance CPL Chad L., SPC Amanda D., Pvt. Corey F.D., Army Ranger Sean J., Micah H.

We pray for our community:

Habitat for Humanity in Pittsfield
Department of Mental Health
Government of the United States

In Our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

Trinity Church, Whitinsville;
Stewardship & Planned Giving
“Messy Church” Ministry;
Episcopal Booksellers Assn; Inc.

In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:

Sunday: Iglesia Anglicana de la region Central de America
Monday: Diocese of Carlisle (England)
Tuesday Diocese of East Carolina (The Episcopal Church)
Wednesday: Diocese of North Carolina (The Episcopal Church)
Thursday: Diocese of South Carolina (The Episcopal Church)
Friday: Diocese of Upper South Carolina (The Episcopal Church)
Saturday: Diocese of Western North Carolina (The Episcopal Church)

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Welcome to Worship at St. Stephen's

We are delighted to have you with us today as we worship together. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is an inclusive parish welcoming all people - regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or creed. God loves you, and so do we!

All Are Welcome to Receive from God's Table.

Each week we share the bread and the wine: the gifts of God, given for the people of God. We invite you to receive communion, but, if you'd rather receive a blessing, please come forward and indicate that by crossing your arms across your chest.

Receiving Communion:

The bread - When you come forward hold your hands out together, palm up. The clergy person will place a wafer in your hands, and say, "The body of Christ." Your response: "Amen." (Please let the clergy know if you'd prefer a gluten free wafer.)

The wine - is offered by chalice bearers on either side of the aisle in front of the altar area. Those sitting on the right should choose the right side chalice, those sitting on the left, choose the left side chalice. The chalice bearer will offer the wine, saying, "The Blood of Christ." Your response: "Amen." You may receive the wine by taking a small sip from the chalice, or by dipping your wafer in the wine, taking care not to touch the wine with your fingers. You may also choose to hear the words and respond without choosing to partake of the wine.

Children are always welcome at worship!!

Families are welcome to sit wherever they wish. There are child-friendly books in a bookshelf near a coloring station in the back, on the right side of the sanctuary. There's a second coloring station on the front left, where there is also our **Kids' Own Space activity area**. There's a Nursery Nook in the Guild Room for caregivers of infants and toddlers who need to take a break during worship. Caregivers, please come and go as your child needs to - for their safety, **we ask that children be accompanied at all times**. Sunday school is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, September through May.

Collection Plates are located at each entrance. All gifts gratefully accepted.

Restrooms are located in our Parish House: Exit the sanctuary via the doors on either side of the altar, follow the signs.