

*Feast of All Saints*

*Celebration of Holy Baptism with Eucharist*

November 3, 2024

10:00 a.m.



*We seek to be instruments of God's peace, bearing witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ for all people.*

# ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ministers: Every member of the Congregation



**Welcome** in the name of the living Christ to St. Francis Church! May you find renewed grace and peace as we worship together today. St. Francis is an Episcopal Church, part of the wider ministry of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. If you are visiting with us today, please help us get to know you by introducing yourself at the door, and also by signing our guest book or filling out a pew card. *Please be sure to include an email address if you wish to be added to our mailing list.*

Please remember to take your cell phone or electronic device off silent mode at the end of worship.

You are invited to enter in reverence and awe of God's presence in this holy place. Before the liturgy begins we commend the keeping of silence as a time for prayer and reflection.

The fifty days of Easter provide us with an opportunity to renew ourselves to the Baptismal Covenant and awaken to the presence of God's Holy Spirit in our lives. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we pray that Christ will be revealed to us "on the Way."

## **ABOUT OUR WORSHIP:**

The liturgy that we use for worship is from the red Book of Common Prayer (**BCP**). Beginning portions of the liturgy are printed in the bulletin. **Bold** print is to be spoken by the people of God.

At 10:00 a.m. our hymns and service music is from the blue Hymnal found in the book racks in the pews. Numbers that begin with an S- are in the front of the Hymnal.

We occasionally use supplemental hymn books called *Wonder, Love & Praise* and *Come Celebrate* which will be given to you with your bulletin. These will be listed as WLP or CC followed by the hymn number.

**HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

**Hymnal 618**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

**BCP 299**

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

(Please be seated)

**FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?  
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure  
heart, who have not pledged themselves to  
falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord  
and a just reward from the God of their  
salvation."

- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek  
him, of those who seek your face, O God of  
Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O  
everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall  
come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord,  
strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in  
battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O  
everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall  
come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?"  
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

## SECOND READING: *Revelation 21:1-6a*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN:**

*Ye holy angels bright*

**Hymnal 625**

**GOSPEL:** *John 11:32-44*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**SERMON:**

The Rev. Patrick Perkins

**THE HOLY BAPTISM**

**BCP 301**

Celebrant                    The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
Parents/Sponsors        **I present Daegan and John to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant                    Do you desire to be baptized?  
Daegan                      **I do.**

Celebrant                    Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought  
   up in the Christian faith and life?  
Parents/Sponsors        **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant                    Will you by your prayers and witness help John to grow into the full stature of  
   Christ?  
Parents/Sponsors        **I will, with God's help.**

*Baptismal questions for candidate, parents, and sponsors:*

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidate/Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate/Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate/Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidate/Sponsors **I do.**

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate/Sponsors **I do.**

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Candidate/Sponsors **I do.**

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with Daegan and John who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

**BCP 304**

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 people, 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.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE**

**BCP 305**

Celebrant Let us now pray for Daegan and John who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.  
 Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their heart to your grace and truth.  
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

Daegan, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Daegan, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

John, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
John, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*Blest are the pure in heart*

Hymnal 656

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

Tune: Hymnal 380

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

In memorium of those who have died this past year. (See Page 10)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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

Hymnal S-130

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BCP 364**

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**

Agnus Dei

**Hymnal S-164**

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

*Jerusalem, my happy home*

**Hymnal 620**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BCP 365**

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.

**BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest*

**Hymnal 287 (vv. 1-4)**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**BCP 366**

Go in peace and walk in the Way of Love.

**Thanks be to God.**

**On this All Saint's Weekend we remember those who have died since last All Saints' Weekend:**

Joe Ciesla

Steven White

Marshall Mason

Anita Collins

Susan Steenstrup

The Rev. John "Ted" Harris

Betsy Perkins

Betty Clark

Wendy McManus

Mabel Beggan

Helen Wisner

George Graves

**SERVERS THIS WEEKEND:**

Altar Guild: Bev Giarusso, Lucy Nowak and Kim Whamond

Nursing Home: Bev Giarusso

Usher: Phil Styffe

Reader: Joel Wesson

LEM: Christina Melzar

Coffee Hour: Lisa Nicholas and Joel Wesson

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