

The Collect for All Saints' 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.

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O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the Faithful Departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day, celebrated November 1 or the nearest Sunday afterward, is characterized by the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) as a Principal Feast, "taking precedence over any other day or observance" (BCP, 15). The day is set aside to remember and commend the saints of God, especially those who are not recognized at other points in the church year.

According to Holy Women, Holy Men, in the tenth century, it became customary to recognize on a single day "that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church" (Holy Women, Holy Men, 664). Over time, the day became associated with special remembrances of an individual's family and friends.

While several churches abandoned the commemoration during the Reformation, the Feast of All Saints was retained on the Anglican liturgical calendar. All Saints' Day began to assume the role of general commemoration of the dead: all Christians, past and present; all saints, known and unknown.

Because of the day's association with the remembrance for the dead, many churches publish a necrology. This reading of the names of the congregation's faithful departed may include prayers on their behalf. Such prayers are appropriate, as the Catechism reminds us, "because we still hold [our departed] in our love, and because we trust that in God's presence those who have chosen to serve him will grow in his love, until they see him as he is" (BCP, 862).

The day is often characterized by joyful hymns, including such favorites as "*For All the Saints*," "*Who Are These Like Stars Appearing*," and "*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*." These hymns share motifs of rest, fellowship, and continued, joyful service to God—salient indeed on this day, as we remember "those of dazzling brightness, those in God's own truth arrayed, clad in robes of purest whiteness, robes whose luster ne'er shall fade"!

All Souls' Day

Each year on November 1, the Episcopal Church celebrates All Saints' Day. On the following day, November 2, the church celebrates the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed.

What is the difference between these two observances?

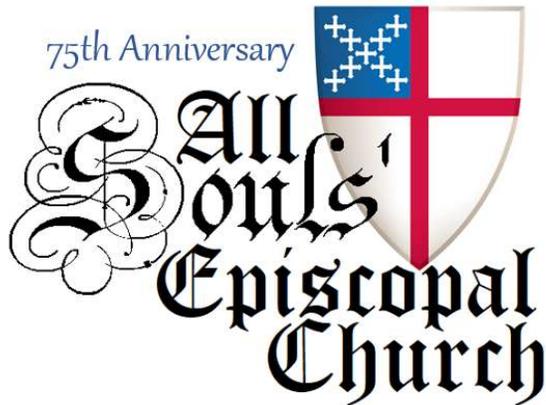
"In the New Testament, the word 'saints' is used to describe the entire membership of the Christian community," explains Holy Women, Holy Men (Church Publishing, 2010). "From very early times, however, the word 'saint' came to be applied primarily to persons of heroic sanctity."

So, technically, All Saints' Day, November 1, includes all deceased Christians; however, historically, there has been a strong inclination to remember and honor our personal loved ones on a separate day.

In the Catholic Church this remembrance on the day after All Saints' Day is called All Souls' Day, when the bereaved have the opportunity to offer prayers and masses for loved ones who have died. However, this practice was rejected by many Protestant reformers because the theology behind the observance was associated with the medieval doctrine of Purgatory along with the practice of paying for masses to be said for the dead to assist their souls into heaven.

At the time of the English Reformation in the mid-16th century, All Souls' Day was integrated into the celebration of All Saints' Day in the Church of England. But by the 19th century, some parishes influenced by the Anglo Catholic Revival reinstated the observance of All Souls' Day on November 2. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer officially restored the observance in the Episcopal Church, renaming it the ***Commemoration of All Faithful Departed***.

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You are Cordially Invited to
All Souls' 75th Anniversary Founders Celebration
to be held **today** at Taylor Hall
after the 10:30 am Eucharistic Service

Collect for All Souls' Episcopal Church on its 75th Anniversary

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Litany of Thanksgiving for All Souls' Episcopal Church

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol, **We thank you, Lord.**

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name, **We thank you, Lord.**

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God, **We thank you, Lord.**

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

We thank you, Lord.

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the fellowship of All Souls' Episcopal Church and of all your Saints, **We thank you, Lord.**

Prayer List

We are in process of updating the Prayer List. If you would like to add a name, place, organization or situation to the Prayer List, please email the parish office at parishoffice@allsoulsmb.org.

Stewardship Opportunities

During this exciting time of transition for All Souls' Episcopal Church, we have numerous stewardship opportunities to give your talents and time to our church community. Stewardship is rooted in the belief that we all have inherited wonderful and unique gifts from God. This recognition of our giftedness leads to a life of gratitude and desire to share our gifts with our family, church and community. Please speak with a vestry member to learn more about the ways you can give your gifts to the All Souls' congregation.

Recently, as part of her stewardship to All Souls', Perla "Marina" Carvajal joined the Vestry of the church. In addition, Marina and Vestry member, Maria Mena, attended **The 49th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southeast Florida** which took place on October 26 and 27, 2018 at The Episcopal Church of St. Mark the Evangelist in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. They will provide a brief report on their activities at convention on November 11th, 2018.

To learn more about our church and its history, visit our website: www.allsoulsmb.org



The Episcopal Church on the Beach



Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive continues until Sunday, November 11th. We are collecting nonperishable food items or monetary contributions to buy supermarket gift cards. All Items will be donated to **Bridging Families & Communities** for families exposed to domestic violence and/or high conflict. **If you have any questions, please see Maria Mena.**

Hurricane Relief

Please send donations for Hurricane Michael relief to the following addresses:

The Diocese of the
Central Gulf Coast
201 North Baylen Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

OR

Episcopal Relief and Development
Hurricane Michael Relief
815 Second Avenue
New York NY 10017

Angel Tree Toy Drive

The annual Angel Tree Toy Drive will be held from **November 25th to December 16th**. Adopt a Little Angel by bringing a new unwrapped toy to church. Monetary contributions are also welcomed. All items will be donated to Care Resource.



Search Corner Information 🔍

We ask you to hold in your prayers the members of the Committee as they continue their important work of discernment:

Sheila Collins and Freddy Tovar (Co-Chairs), **Aracelis Mullings** (Vestry), **Kathi Armbrister, Rafael Padilla, Glen Velker and Jim Carlton** (Chaplain).



Hospitality

If your surname begins with **M - R**, a reminder that there's an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next Sunday, **November 11th**. Please check with Joyce Foreman this morning and ask her what she needs for next Sunday. Items needed usually are a starch (pasta, potato, etc.), a meat, a salad, a vegetable and a dessert.

Hey! It's November!!!

All celebrations and/or events are held at All Souls' Episcopal Church unless otherwise noted

November 4th

All Saints' and All Souls' Day

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| Holy Eucharist | 8:00 am |
| Sung Eucharist | 10:30 am |
| Founder's Celebration | 12:00 pm |
| Miami Children's Chorus | 4:00 pm |

Thursday, November 8th

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| Seraphic Fire | 7:00 pm |
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Saturday, November 10th

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| Centering Prayer | |
| All Souls' | 10:30 am |

November 11th

The 25th Sunday After Pentecost

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| Holy Eucharist | 8:00 am |
| Sung Eucharist, Baptism of Daniel Vidachea | 10:30 am |

Saturday, November 17th

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| Centering Prayer | |
| All Souls' | 10:30 am |

November 18th

The 26th Sunday After Pentecost

Egg Sunday. Please bring boiled eggs

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| Holy Eucharist | 8:00 am |
| Sung Eucharist, | 10:30 am |

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Bible Study for All Saints' Day - Year B, November 4, 2018

Written by The Rev. Warren Swenson

[RCL]: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

When the Church comes together to celebrate the Feast of All Saints, I often imagine us as a family gathered at the cemetery to honor a cherished relative. Just as on Memorial Day we visit grandpa's final resting place, on this day we celebrate those whom the Church recognizes as particularly notable examples of life in Christ. If on this holy day we gather at the grave of the saints at rest, then this reading from the wisdom literature is the epitaph on the headstone that lies before us. Contained within it is our Christian hope. The hope of eternal life stretches back even to the forebears of our Christian tradition, and for centuries that promise has been inscribed in our most sacred texts. It is such a promise that beckons us to this holy occasion.

- *What particular saints have influenced your Christian experience*
- *How does this feast connect you with those saints and with the entire communion of saints?*

Isaiah 25:6-9

What a blessing and comfort it is to read this passage! "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines." That sounds like a meal all of us would enjoy. Along with it comes the alleviation of our suffering and the removal of the obstacles that separate us from God. "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." This is a passage of sweet celebration. We have waited on the Lord, says the prophet, now let us rejoice. Today we read this passage to celebrate the saints who waited patiently on the Lord as we continue to wait. As we dwell in the rich imagery of those who are already feasting on the mountaintop, we remember their examples of steadfast service in Jesus' name while they walked the earth.

- *How can we follow the examples of the saints while we ourselves wait on the Lord?*
- *How might we pray for guidance from the saints at rest?*

Psalm 24

Today the psalmist's prayer involves a holy wondering: "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? And who can stand in his holy place?" One answer is immediately given: "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud." It's easy to see why we read this on All Saints'. These with clean hands and pure hearts are the very saints of our tradition. These are they who have been blessed by the Lord and received their reward at the saving hands of God. The saints remain our blessed models for life on earth, but they are also our advocates in heaven. The opening lines of this psalm remind us that God created the earth but remember that Genesis tells us that God created the heavens as well. The saints remain examples for us on earth as they dwell in heaven with the God who is the source of both our existence and our final reward, our present reality and our salvation.

- *How do the saints connect us not only to an earthy model of life in Christ, but also to a heavenly one?*
- *Do you know anyone who in thought, word, and deed points you toward a heavenly reality? How do they do that?*

Revelation 21:1-6a

This passage encourages us, as the book of Revelation so often does, to use our imaginations in ways that might be foreign to us. After all, imagination is not just kids' stuff! Amidst what can be the dullness of our daily lives, we often let practicalities rule our hearts, but for the writer of this text, imagination is a blessed escape. Belief in the New Jerusalem was widespread in biblical times. As one who was experiencing the atrocities of Roman rule, the writer likely had no other outlet to process the pains of an oppressed life. By entering the world of the writer's imagination, we not only catch a glimpse of the writer's imaginative escape—a heavenly city descending from above—but we are reminded of the importance of our own images for a better future. These images might consist of a renewed commitment to civil discourse in our country, a world without homelessness, or a society with affordable health care for all people. But our imaginations are not just limited to the things of this world; they can also explore the world to come. So, linger in your imagination with this passage and with the communion of saints wondering about a promise that is, at least to us, yet to be revealed.

- *Do you ever use your imagination? How does it increase your faith?*
- *Although we may not be oppressed in the same ways as our ancient counterparts, how can faithful imagination be a healthy escape for our daily struggles?*

John 11:32-44

Jesus is moved to tears. In a display of his full humanity, Jesus grieves the loss of his friend, Lazarus. To make matters worse, in the middle of his grief, Jesus is flooded with questions, perhaps accusations, that he could have saved him. That has to hurt. Jesus proceeds, still deeply grieved, to resurrect Lazarus and in so doing renews the faith of Mary, Martha, and the other members of the crowd. The passage is especially pertinent at the celebration of All Saints' not because it deals with death, but because it is a passage that epitomizes eternal life, the promise that God has made through Christ to each of us. Jesus says, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" The faith of Jesus' followers was rewarded in this miraculous event. We may never have seen anyone raised from the dead, but there are other ways that we experience the glory of God: a child's birth and baptism, the unconditional love of our families, friends, and neighbors, and most of all, through participation in the Eucharist.

- *When has God's glory been revealed to you?*
- *Was it a large "aha" moment or a still, small whisper in the night?*
- *How is God's glory manifested in the remembrance of the lives of the saints? How do you know?*

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