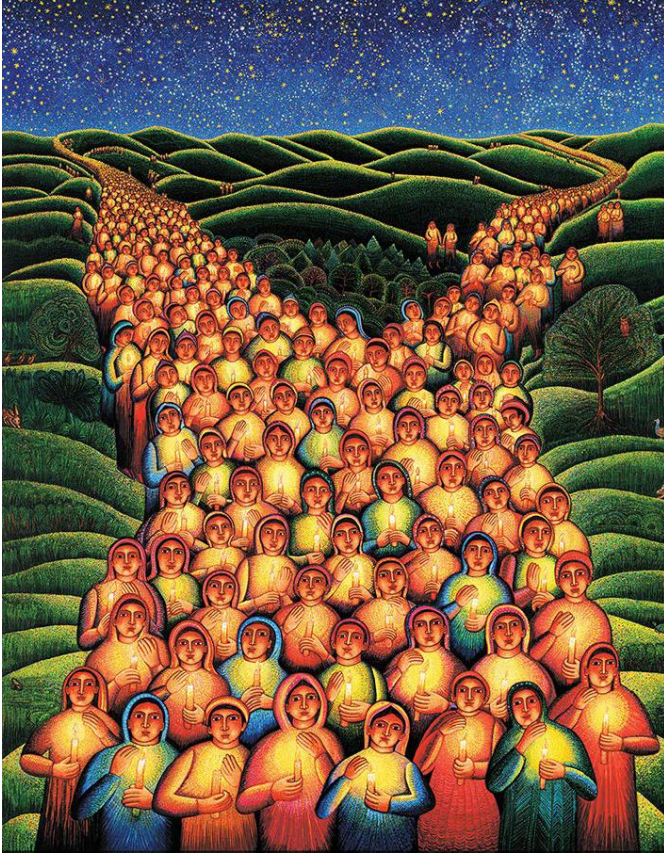


November 2nd, 2025



"Festival of Lights" by John August Swanson

St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall
Director of Music: Donald Russell, ARCO

Heritage  *Faith*  *Vision*
St. John's ~ A National Historic Site ~ Founded 1753

All Saints'/ All Souls' Sunday.

PRELUDE:

Récit de Tierce en Taille De Grigny, Nicolas (1672-1703)

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 281 (Standing)

Who Are These Like Stars Appearing All Saints

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

KYRIE

See Mass of St Benedict, Margaret Rizza

THE GLORIA

See Mass of St Benedict, Margaret Rizza

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in the mystical body of Christ, grant us grace to follow the saints in lives of faithful commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Let us Listen for the word of God (Seated)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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 forever - forever and ever."

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us

Thanks Be to God.

Psalm: 149 (Choir stands, congregation seated)

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the / Lord a • new / song; * sing the praises of God in the congre- / ga- tion /of the / faithful.

2 Let Israel re- / joice • in their / maker; * let the children of Zion be / joy- ful / in their / sovereign.

3 Let them praise the name of the / Lord • in the / dance; * let them sing praise to / God with / timbrel • and / harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure / in this / people * and a- / dorns the / poor with / victory.

5 Let the faithful re- / joice in / triumph; * let them be / joy- ful / 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 / punish- ment / on the / peoples;

8 to bind their / rulers • in / chains * and their / nobles • with / links of / iron;

9 to inflict on them the / judgement · de- / creed; * this is glory for all God's faithful / people. / Halle- / lujah!

A READING FROM 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.

For the word of God in scripture

For the word of God among us

For the word of God within us

Thanks Be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Standing)

See Mass of St Benedict, Margaret Rizza

Gospel Sentence

"They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence." (Revelation 7.15)

THE GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Then 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."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON & CANDLE LIGHTING (Seated)

THE COMMENDATION

(Standing)

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

**You only are immortal, the creator and maker of
humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the
earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you
ordain when you created us, saying, "You are dust,
and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to
the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Anthem: These are they Which Follow the Lamb John Goss
(Choir Standing, Congregation Seated)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Seated)

Watching for a new heaven, waiting for a new earth, we
pray to the Lord, saying,

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We give thanks, O God for the saints of all the ages; for
those who in times of strife have kept a lamp of faith
burning; for the great souls who saw visions of larger truth
and dared to declare it; for the multitude of quiet and
gracious souls whose presence has purified and sanctified
the world; and for those known and loved by us who have
passed from this earthly fellowship into the fuller light of
life with you. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church. Transform this broken body into a
communion of saints, a company of the faithful, working
for good in your world. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. Destroy the shroud of death that is spread over the earth and its nations. Replace the rule of wealth and war with your realm of justice and peace and help us to be your faithful partners in that work.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We pray for this community. Make your home among us; dwell with us in this place. Let it be a city of heavenly peace, a place of refuge for all.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We pray for loved ones. Soothe those who are suffering; comfort those who mourn, safeguard the joyful and help us all to hold before us a vision of healing and wholeness, where every tear is wiped away.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

As you have sustained your saints through centuries of service, keep us faithful, here and now, until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven; in Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

THE PEACE (Standing)

OFFERTORY HYMN: 349 (Standing)

All People That On Earth Do Dwell Old 100th

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, in the multitude of saints you have compassed us about and surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we rejoicing in their fellowship, may run the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the blessing of your eternal home which never fades away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices and proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

See Mass of St Benedict, Margaret Rizza

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 through his Mother, Mary, to be the Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

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

We offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God, for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

(in both kinds – the bread and the common cup)

AGNUS DEI

See Mass of St Benedict, Margaret Rizza

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

HYMN: 439

Blest Are the Pure in Heart Franconia

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of unfailing light, in your realm of glory the poor are blessed, the hungry filled, and every tear wiped away. Strengthened by this vision, and nourished at your table may we follow the way of holiness that your Son made known to us in life and death. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God **whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 276

For All the Saints (1-2, 4, 6-8) Sine Nomine

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Chorale Prelude on "Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir" Johann Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating All Saints' and All Souls'

“In his holy flirtation with the world, God occasionally drops a handkerchief. These handkerchiefs are called saints.”

Frederick Buechner in *Beyond Words*

Today we celebrate All Saints' and All Souls' giving thanks for the cloud of witnesses who compass us about and honouring their lives, their gifts and their lingering presence with us who are still on earth. These saints, who we hold in our hearts and miss with all that we are.

in God's great goodness remembering includes gracious space for tears and laughter, grief and joy, all mingled together.

We will light candles in loving remembrance of those who have gone home to God this past year. Those who would like to take a candleholder home, are welcome to do so after the service has ended.

WEBSITE

We are looking to freshen up our website so it better reflects the living, growing, loving community that is St. John's. We will gather on Nov. 15 at 10 in the Church Hall for all who are interested. There is also a questionnaire at the back of the church to help us in this important work.

Church calendars (\$10 each) are available after the 10:30 a.m. service.

We have several Listen Tech devices, on loan for a few weeks, to help those who have trouble hearing during the service. Heather Eisenhauer will have them available before the 10:30 service. If anyone attending the 8:30 service would like to try one, please call Heather at 902-634-4713.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Wednesday

Community Play Group –9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
Contemplative Prayer –10 a.m. in the church

Thursday

Choir Practice – 7p.m. in the church

Today's Lay Ministries:

Lectors: 8:30 a.m. – Carolyn Hogg
10:30 a.m. – Patsy Perkins & Annalise Wall
Licensed Lay Ministers: Susan Macmillan

