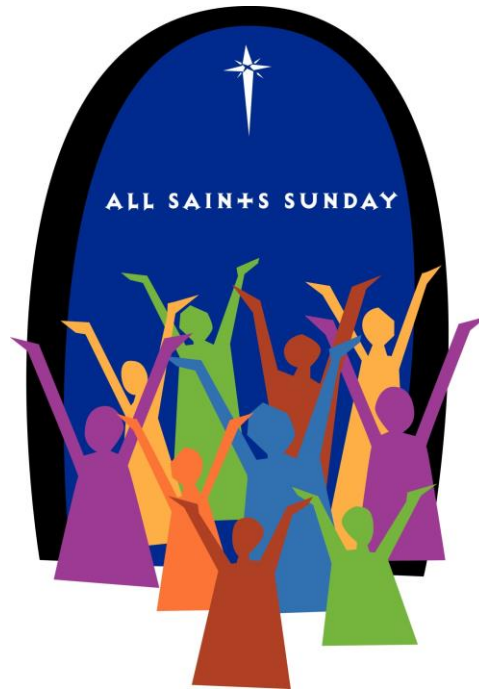


# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

*Living Inclusively, Promoting Justice, Sharing Hope*



## **All Saints' Sunday**

*Holy Eucharist with Baptism*

*Welcoming Erin Joy Shaffer  
into the Community of Saints*

November 3, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*Sharing the hope and love of Jesus Christ in a radically inclusive, respectful and loving community, mobilized as His disciples to alleviate suffering, while working for equity, justice, and mercy in every aspect of life.  
To become God's Beloved Community.*

The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina  
The Very Reverend Dr. Michael Shaffer, Interim Rector  
The Reverend Dr. Jennie C. Olbrych, Clergy Associate-Retired  
Loretta Haskell, Organist & Choirmaster  
Alphonso Grayson, Senior Warden – Bob Waters, Junior Warden

*The 1982 Hymnal, referred to as Hymnal and Lift Every Voice and Sing II, referred to as LEVAS are found in your pew. WLP designates the music comes from the publication Wonder, Love and Praise. If BCP appears, that is a reference to the red Book of Common Prayer, also found in your pew.*

## Opening Proclamation

*Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.*

**PRELUDE:**

Panis Angelicus by Cesar Franck

Lisa Van Bergen & Jim Hieserman  
Vocalists

### OPENING HYMN 287

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;

the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

## A LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Celebrant and People together all say:*

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

## THE LESSONS

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
**People**        ***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."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

*Please stand.*

## **HYMN 293**

I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and his love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
and there's not any reason no, not the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past,  
there are hundreds of thousands still,  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.

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

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

*People*            ***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,



*Answer* I renounce them.

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

*Answer* I renounce them.

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

*Answer* I renounce them.

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

*Answer* I do.

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

*Answer* I do.

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

*Answer* I do.

*After the Erin has been presented, the Priest addresses the congregation saying*

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

*People* ***We will.***

*The Priest then says these words*

Let us join with Erin who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Entire Congregation answers questions*

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

*Priest* 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.***

*Priest* 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.***

*Priest* 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.***

*Priest* 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.***

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Priest* 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**

*The Assisting Priest then says to the people*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Priest* Deliver Erin, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Priest* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***



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

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

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

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

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

*The Priest says*

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**

*The Priest then says*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People And also with you.*  
*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*The Priest says*

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.

*At the following words, the Priest touches the water*

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.**

## **BAPTISM**

Erin Joy, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Erin Joy, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*A candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and presented to each newly baptized by the Deacon.*

Assisting Priest: You are the light of Christ.

Assisting Priest: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant Erin the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

*All stand*

*The Assisting Priest then says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Clergy and People together*

***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 PEACE**

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord saying, "Peace be with you."*

## **SONG**

Surely the Presence of the Lord is In This Place

***Sung by all.***

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

*The Priest offers an Offertory Sentence.*

**OFFERTORY**

Never-Weather-beaten Sail

Charles Wood

**HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION**

*Sung to the tune of Hymnal #400*

*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.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer D*)**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

*All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you.

*Celebrant and People*

*We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Jennie C. Olbrych and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially those commemorated in our service bulletin today and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Saint Mark and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant sing*

*Our Father, which 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 debt, as we forgive our debtors. 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.*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

**Fraction Anthem: Taste and see**

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Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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**INVITATION**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*At St. Mark's Episcopal Church, all desiring a deepening and reaffirming relationship with Christ are invited to come forward for Holy Communion or for a blessing. This is the table not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God. Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ who invites you to be fed and blessed here. For He knows you by name and calls you by name.*

*Communion will be offered in two kinds. The wine may be received by either sipping the chalice or dipping your wafer in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest when the chalice reaches you at the altar rail. Communion in one kind (in bread only) is a perfectly valid way to receive the sacrament. Gluten free hosts are available upon request at the communion rail. For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. If you would like to have communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.*

**MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

Break Thou the Bread of Life  
In Remembrance of Me

**LEVAS 146**  
**LEVAS 149**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

#### **ALL SAINTS' BLESSING**

*The Celebrant says*

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way.

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them.

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*Celebrant and People*    **AMEN.**

#### **HYMN 618**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## DISMISSAL

Priest            Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING HYMN

Thank You, Lord

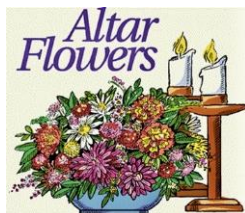
*Sung by all*

*Thank You, Lord (x's 3) I just want to thank you Lord.  
You've Been So Good (x's 3) I just want to thank you Lord.  
You've Been My Friend (x's 3) I just want to thank you Lord.*

## POSTLUDE:

Sine Nomine

Michael Burkhardt



*The Flowers are given by Peter Goodrich  
in memory of his beloved wife  
Veronica M.T.D. Goodrich*



## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

The Very Reverend Dr. Michael Shaffer, *Celebrant & Preacher*  
The Reverend Dr. Jennie C. Olbrych, *Assisting*  
Alphonso Grayson, *Crucifer*  
Taylor Chase, *Thurifer*  
Rob Turner, *Eucharistic Minister*  
Grayson Sanyal, *Acolyte*  
Stacey Hill, *Lector*  
Loretta Haskell, *Organist & Choirmaster*  
Ginny Grayson, Patricia Gates, Alphonso Grayson, Dana Beecken, *Altar Guild*  
Vicki Williams & Ginny Grayson, *Ushers*





## The Feast of All Saints and All Souls

The custom of commemorating all the saints of the Church as a single celebration dates back to at least the third century. The early history of the Church is filled with stories of the heroic faith of these witnesses to Christ's truth and love. The stories of these saints— those baptized Christians of all ages and in all walks of life—are models for all Christians throughout history. On this All Saints' Sunday we hold up holy men and women in the Church who have lived lives of faithful and joy-filled service. As one of the recommended days for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we renew and reaffirm our own baptismal promises. And at the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled in our lives.

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. Over time, the day became associated with special remembrances of an individual's family and friends.

While All Saints' is to remember all the saints, over time, popular piety felt the need to distinguish between outstanding saints and those who are unknown in the wider fellowship of the church, especially family members and friends. Therefore, All Souls Day, commemorated on November 2 each year, became an optional observance as an extension of All Saints' Day. Many churches now commemorate all the faithful departed in the context of the All Saints' Day celebration. Therefore, today we remember:

Col. William H. Jefferson, Sr.	William Bugg	Emily C. Hardin	William Craft
Mrs. Mildred Drayton Jefferson	Gladys Bugg	Fr. George Thompkins	Emeline Craft
Sgt. Marion B. German	Francis Oulton	Fr. Stan McGraw	Charles Craft
William Hubert Drayton	Janet Oulton	Billy Jenkins	Julia Ellen Craft DeCosta
Henry Hutchinson	Mr. & Mrs. James Benedetto	Bill Barutio	Herbert DeCosta, Sr.
J. Arthur Brown	Mr. & Mrs. C. Hieserman	Charlotte Burns	Bernice DeCosta Davis
MaeDe Myers Brown	Dr. Charles Puglia	Emeline Kinloch	Emily DeCosta
Norman Earl Johnson, III	Vito D'Attolico	B.K. Kinloch	Herbert DeCosta, Jr.
Raleigh and Phyllis LaRoche	Sandra Parrish Tillman	Ellen Craft	Margaret DeCosta
Vangie Harrison	Armstead Harrison	Alberta J. McCray	Madeline Huff
Eugene Hunt	Gladys Hutchinson	Felder Hutchinson	Hazel Stewart
Catherine Robinson	Althea Luttrell	Ed Luttrell	Teddy Luttrell
Jerry Molitor	Marcia Chandler	Beryl Gilbert	George Bresnihan
Alphonso Grayson, Sr.	Virginia Lum Grayson	Margaret Grayson Kays	Emily Nell
Dorothy Boags Robinson	Frank B. Robinson, Sr.	Frank B. Robinson, Jr.	Walter B. Robinson
Mamie Hare	Eva Miller	Robert Miller, Sr.	Susie Green
Helen Miller	Raymond D. Lum, Sr.	Raymond D. Lum, Jr.	James Lum
Harry Lum	Gladys Lum	Charles B. Lum	Lanora James
Violet Fordham	Eric Lum	Mildred Lum Hodges	Hazel Lum
Mildred Brown	Robert Hutchinson	James Stewart	George Robinson
T.K. Bythewood	Emmie Green Bythewood	Mamie Hare	Carrie Hare
Thompson Hare	Willam Henry Grayson, Sr.	Phillip Grayson	William Henry Grayson, Jr.
Georgetta Grayson	Thompson Grayson	Hellienna Grayson	Edith Grayson
Maxine Johnson Lindsay	Bennett L. Caffey	Walter Boags	Hazel "Nonie" Boags
Veronica M.T.D. Goodrich			

## Announcements



### Reception for the Newly Baptized

Please join us following our worship service today on the front porch to celebrate Erin's baptism with cake and champagne.



### St. Mark's 2025 Stewardship Campaign Update Campaign concludes Sunday, November 24th

During the month of October, we have conducted the first portion of our 2025 Stewardship Campaign. On September 20, I sent each of you a letter stating that we need to increase our pledge totals for 2025 at least twenty percent (20%) over what was pledged in 2024, to live into the ministry God calls St. Mark's now and in the future. As a reminder, in 2022, we had 28 individuals or families that pledged a total of \$96,920 to St. Mark's financial wellbeing. In 2023, 36 pledges were received totaling \$115,904, and in 2024, 37 pledges were received totaling close to \$130,000.

As of this past Sunday, October 27, 2024, we have received only 11 pledge cards expressing financial support for St. Mark's in 2025, with pledges totaling \$57,460.00. While this demonstrates an average increase in individual pledges of \$1,838 on a per pledge basis, we are woefully short on the number of pledges thus far received, 37 total for 2024 compared to only 11 thus far received for 2025.

On September 27, Stewardship Chair Marj Kenney-Williams mailed a letter to each of you, with a pledge card enclosed, urging you to fill out the card and return it with you 2025 pledge. If you have not yet done so, ***I urge you to do so immediately***, as the vestry will be beginning its preliminary 2025 budget planning next week. ***Do not wait until the end of the campaign to submit your pledge.*** While the increased dollars of individual pledges thus far received is encouraging, the number of pledges thus far received is not. And frankly my friends, we are currently \$100,000.00 short of our goal. But, then again, almost two thirds of those pledging last year, have not submitted a pledge for 2025... so I remain hopeful.

In 2025, St. Mark's intends to call a full time rector, it's first in over a decade. The costs associated with a full time rector will cost St. Mark's, with salary and benefits as required by the diocese, something in excess of \$100,000. As a result, St. Mark's will need to raise and budget at least \$150,000 for 2025, to be able to afford a rector, while still paying for grounds and building upkeep, utilities, insurance, office administrator, organist, let alone pursue outreach ministries. And if everyone who pledged last year will just give a little more and the new members do their part, we should be able to demonstrate to the bishop that we are worthy of the confidence she has expressed in us.

And finally, let me reiterate something I shared in a sermon several weeks ago. I've heard people say, "well I just can't make a written commitment about what I can do financially next year, because I don't know what next year will bring." But my friends, we need you to pledge so the vestry can have a basis on which to set our 2025 budget. None of us really know what the coming year will bring, but that's not a reason not to pledge. I can assure you, if you make a pledge and something happens which prevents you from fulfilling it, just come to me and let me know. I will understand, no one else need know, and I will still love you. So don't let that be your excuse for not pledging.

It is evident from Scripture that tithing is an integral part of Christian life. So, what does the Episcopal Church say about Tithing/ Pledging?

The basic beliefs of the Episcopal Church are found in "An Outline of the Faith" commonly called The Catechism" in The Book of Common Prayer, pages 845—862. On Page 856, The Catechism tells us that the duty of all Christians is: "to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God."

Further, determination of "Communicants in Good Standing" is made by your priest each year per the provisions of Title I, Canon 17, sections 2 & 3 of Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, which state:

Section 2(a) - All members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year are to be considered communicants of this Church.

Sec. 3. All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.

This Canon outlines the standard that is expected of ALL adult members of the Church and the standard which will be applied in determining who at St. Mark's is considered a member in "good standing" for purposes of election to office and/or eligibility to vote at the Parish Annual Meeting or any other time regarding matters of the Church.

My friends, *tithing* is the *primary means* by which God intended for His Church to carry out its mission in the world. Your tithes are used by the church to support the missionary work of the Diocese, support the missionary work of St. Mark's, pay the salaries of those who work in the church, and maintain the physical structures of the church. Put bluntly, when you do not tithe, you adversely affect the ability of the church to carry out these tasks.

*So please, make your written financial commitment to St. Mark's for 2025, and give generously. This is the journey, requiring sacrifice, we make together in 2025, a Walk in Love.*

Michael+



***Please Remember...***

***Worship Service Next Week Starts at 10:30 AM!***

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Service of Lament and Repentance  
for The Episcopal Church's  
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## FEATURING



**The Rt. Rev. Ruth  
Woodliff-Stanley**  
*Bishop, Diocese of SC*



**Dr. Bernard Powers**  
*Historical Reflection*



**Ann Caldwell**  
*The Magnolia Singers*



**Mark Sterbank**  
*Saxophonist*

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, founded 1822**  
**Calvary Episcopal Church, founded 1847**  
**St. Mark's Episcopal Church, founded 1865**



**Sunday, November 10, 2024,  
at 10:30 AM**

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**

At St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
16 Thomas Street  
Downtown Charleston

Free Parking - Ashley Hall School Lot  
The Corner of Warren and Smith Streets

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS

## SHAWAN GILLIANS' SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

NOVEMBER 3 FROM 5PM - 7:15PM

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Seminarian, Shawan Gillians is currently committed to working for St. Stephen's for an eighteen-month period of time at approximately ten hours per week. During this time, she will have opportunities to preach, teach, serve at the altar, and involve herself in various aspects of our common life and ministry. Bishop Ruth invited Shawan to have ministry experience with us because of her belief in our parish as valuable space to form a future ordained leader in the church.



**COME HEAR SHAWAN REFLECT  
UPON HER SPIRITUAL STORY.**

How has she experienced God in her life? How has she experienced her evolving sense of call? How has she felt that God has molded her into the person that she is today?



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