St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

A house of prayer for all people

Metairie, Louisiana

THE

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 1, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome! Everything you need to participate in today's service can be found in this bulletin.
Congregational responses are bolded.

PRELUDE
CHIMING OF THE BELLS
All stand, as able.

THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE HYMN *O Love of God* Binder page 39

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

GLORIA *Mass of Creation (Laminated Handout)*

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 People are seated for the readings.

THE FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

9 After this I 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. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

11 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, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come
from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who 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.

15 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.16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will
not strike them, nor any scorching heat,17 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Reader Today's Psalm is Psalm 34:1-10,22. We will read it alternately by whole verse.

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 SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

Reader A reading from the First Letter of John.

[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Mass of Creation (Laminated Handout)*

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON
After a period of silence, all stand, as able.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant
Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism, we are joined to Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection and made members of his Body, the Church. Through the waters of baptism, we are united with that great communion of saints in every time and place: those who have gone before us in faith, those who walk alongside us today, and

those who will come after us. Together, we share in the life of Christ and are called to bear witness to his love in the world.
Therefore, rising as we are able, let us renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People: **I do.**

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 persons, 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.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

ASPERGES *What Wondrous Love Is This* 1982 Hymnal 439

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Augustine, and all the saints, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; for our clergy, Taylor, Michael, and Kathleen; for our sister church, Church of the Holy Spirit in Tela, Honduras, and their priest, Olga; and for all the clergy and people. Strengthen your Church to follow the example of the saints in proclaiming the Gospel and serving the world.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Jeff, our Governor; Cynthia, our Parish President; for the leaders of the nations; and for all in authority.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Protect us and all who are vulnerable during this hurricane season, and give wisdom and courage to all who prepare for and respond to storms and disasters.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially the people of this city and the surrounding communities, and our partners at Bissonet Plaza Elementary School. Grant that we may serve Christ in one another and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for this parish of St. Augustine's and for the generations of faithful people whose prayers, generosity, and service have sustained this community. As we conclude our stewardship campaign, grant us grateful hearts and generous spirits. Help us to be faithful stewards of all that has been entrusted to us, so that those who come after us may also find here a place of welcome, worship, and belonging.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the great communion of saints, for those whose lives have shaped our faith, and for all whom we love but see no longer.
Silence may be kept as the people remember those who have died.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. Augustine, and all your saints, we may share in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
All share a sign of Christ's peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *I Sing A Song of the Saints of God* 1982 Hymnal 293

THE PRESENTATION *As Those Of Old Their First Fruits Brought, v3* 1982 Hymnal 705
All standing, as able.

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
To serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

Celebrant Let us pray.
Gracious and loving God, giver of every good gift, we thank you for the generations of faithful people who have sustained this parish through their prayers, their generosity, and their service. Receive these pledges as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to the work you have entrusted to us. Bless those who have made them, those who give in other ways, and all who share in the life and ministry of this church. Give us wisdom to use these gifts faithfully, courage to follow where you lead, and generous hearts to share your love with the world. As we have received this community from those who came before us, help us to nurture it for those who will come after us, that St. Augustine's may continue to be a place of welcome, worship, and service for generations to come Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **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 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. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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 *Mass of Creation (Laminated Handout)*

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:

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *Mass of Creation (Laminated Handout)*

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.

THE GREAT AMEN *Mass of Creation (Laminated Handout)*

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

All **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Mass of Creation (Laminated Handout)*

Celebrant Beloved in Christ, this is the table of the Lord, and it is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come: you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the gifts of Christ's Body and Blood. If receiving communion is not appropriate for you for whatever reason, you're welcome to receive a blessing instead.
Simply come forward and cross your hands over your chest. To receive the Bread, cup your hands; to receive the Wine, you may sip from the chalice or dip the Bread into it. Receiving the Bread alone is also a full participation in the Sacrament. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let me know, and if you would like Communion brought to you, inform a greeter.

Come, for all is prepared. Come, not because the Church invites you; it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who desire him should meet him here.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Blest are They* Binder page 5

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

THE BLESSING May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *O When the Saints Go Marching In*

O, when the saints go marching in,
O, when the saints go marching in.
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

O when the sun refused to shine,
O when the sun refused to shine,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the sun refused to shine.

O when they crown Him Lord of all,
O when they crown Him Lord of all,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown Him Lord of all.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE