

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Feasts of All Saints, All Souls & Dia de los Muertos: The Day of the Dead

Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

Today's service seeks to blend together elements of the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls along with Día de los Muertos: The Day of the Dead. This is a special time of both remembering and celebrating our loved ones who have died. We are celebrating this as a High and Holy Day, with somewhat more ceremony than our usual liturgies, to help highlight the significance of the day. The side chapel in the Church has been set aside as a Chapel of Remembrance with an ofrenda (offering altar) set up where you are welcome to display photographs of loved ones. Note that in keeping with the traditions of Dia de los Muertos this is not an altar for worship but rather an altar of welcoming their spirits back among us, the living, for this special time.

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

Opening Hymn #287 "For all the saints"

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die.

And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray.

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.

The Lessons

The first lesson is from Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

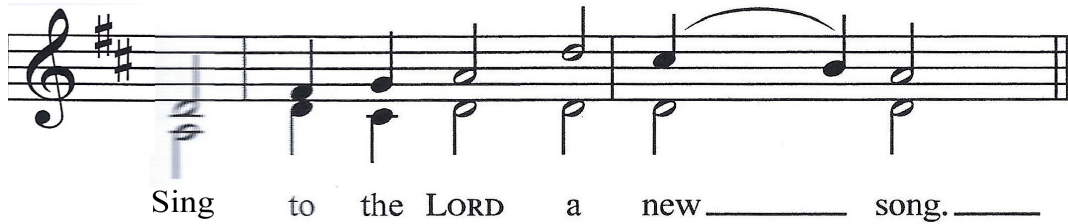
In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹As 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149



¹ Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; *

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

² Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

³ Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful 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 punishment on the peoples;

⁸ To bind their kings in chains *

and their nobles with links of iron;

⁹ To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

The second reading is 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn- #438 "Tell out my soul"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 6:20-31/Lucas 6:20-31

Glory to you, Lord 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.

Jesús miró a sus discípulos, y les dijo:

«Dichosos ustedes los pobres, pues de ustedes es el reino de Dios.

»Dichosos ustedes los que ahora tienen hambre, pues quedarán satisfechos.

»Dichosos ustedes los que ahora lloran, pues después reirán.

»Dichosos ustedes cuando la gente los odie, cuando los expulsen, cuando los insulten y cuando desprecien su nombre como cosa mala, por causa del Hijo del hombre. Alégrese mucho, llénense de gozo en ese día, porque ustedes recibirán un gran premio en el cielo; pues también así maltrataron los antepasados de esa gente a los profetas.

»Pero ¡ay de ustedes los ricos, pues ya han tenido su alegría!

»¡Ay de ustedes los que ahora están satisfechos, pues tendrán hambre!

»¡Ay de ustedes los que ahora ríen, pues van a llorar de tristeza!

»¡Ay de ustedes cuando todo el mundo los alabe, pues así hacían los antepasados de esa gente con los falsos profetas!»

»Pero a ustedes que me escuchan les digo: Amen a sus enemigos, hagan bien a quienes los odian, bendigan a quienes los maldicen, oren por quienes los insultan. Si alguien te pega en una mejilla, ofrécele también la otra; y si alguien te quita la capa, déjale que se lleve también tu camisa. A cualquiera que te pida algo, dáselo, y al que te quite lo que es tuyo, no se lo reclames. Hagan ustedes con los demás como quieren que los demás hagan con ustedes.»

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Brian Dawson

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

A Litany for the Dead

While the following is prayed any who wish are welcome to join the procession to the side chapel where our ofrenda is censed and blessed.

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress;
draw near to those who mourn, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend;
comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life;
give to our brothers and sisters eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented;
bring our brothers and sisters to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows;
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Hear us Lord.

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer.

Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Prayer at the Ofrenda

Dios de amor y misericordia, ponemos en tus dulces manos a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que has llamado de esta vida de pecado a tu presencia.

En la Tierra, les demostraste tu gran amor, y ahora que ya están libres de toda preocupación concédeles pasar con seguridad las puertas de la muerte y gozar de la luz y la paz eterna en el cielo, contigo.

Habiendo terminado su vida terrenal, te pedimos que los recibas en el paraíso, en donde ya no habrá tristeza ni dolor, sino solo alegría y felicidad con Jesús, tu Hijo, y con el Espíritu Santo, por siempre y para siempre.

Amén

God of love and mercy, we place in your gentle hands our brothers and sisters whom you have called from this life of sin into your presence.

On Earth, you showed them your great love, and now that they are free from all worries, grant them to pass safely through the gates of death and enjoy the light and eternal peace in heaven, with you.

Having finished their earthly life, we ask you to receive them in paradise, where there will no longer be sadness or pain, but only joy and happiness with Jesus, your Son, and with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

Amen

Reconciliation

The Deacon calls us to confession.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.

Amen.

The Priest proclaims God's forgiveness.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are

**pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

God of joy and celebration, we thank you for the precious gift of life and for the unique journey that each day brings. As this(ese) your servant(s) celebrate(s) another year of life, we pray for your abundant blessings to be upon them. May your grace continue to guide and shape their paths, filling their days with love, purpose, and joy. Amen

Anniversary Prayer

**Blessed are you, O God, for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our sides.
Bless those whose anniversaries we acknowledge this day.
May they remain faithful and loving so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with us all. Amen.**

Prayer for Those We Love

Gracious God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you want for us all better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #556 “Rejoice, ye pure in heart”

Doxology

Prayer for Our Stewardship Pledges

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These pledges represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, O God, 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 sing:

Sanctus

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

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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. 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.

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. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfil 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 fulfilment the sanctification of all.

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."

O God, 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 and we bless you.

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

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 all who have died in the peace of Christ, 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, 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.

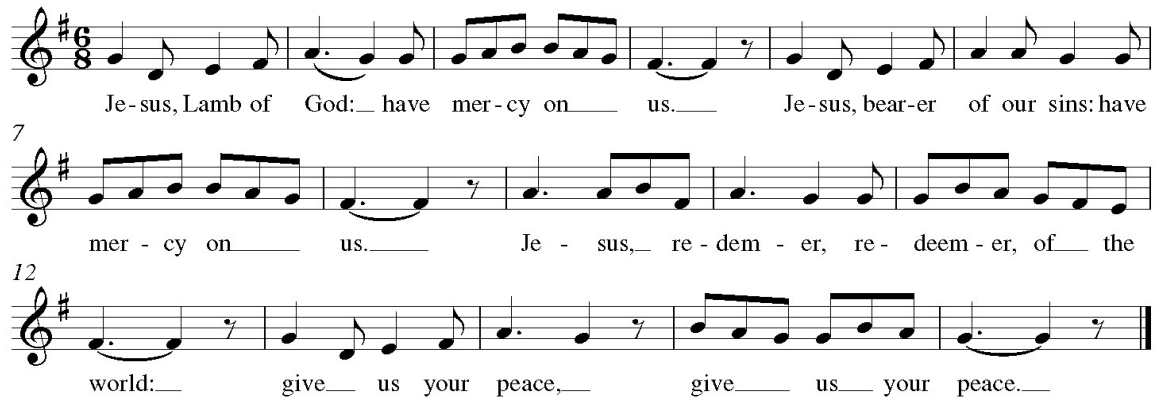
As our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to sing:

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed be thy Name, Thy king-dom
 come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our
 dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas-ses, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us,
 as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from
 e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
 glo-ry for-ev-er. A-men

The bread is broken

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten free wafers are available. If you want just a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your body.

Communion Hymn—Levas #149 “In remembrance of me”

Extending Our Eucharistic Gathering

A representative of the parish’s Eucharistic Visitors comes forward to receive the bread and wine reserved for those who are sick or otherwise unable to join us in person.

In the name of us all at St Paul’s Episcopal Church, we send our Eucharistic Visitors forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom they go may share with us in this Holy Communion of Christ’s body and blood. May they with whom these gifts are shared remain bound to us, and we to them.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.

Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of grace.

Amen.

May Christ give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory.

Amen.

And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn #232 “By all your saints still striving”

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia. Grace be with you.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace.

We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

GIVE WHAT YOU CAN!

With SNAP benefits ceasing in coming days due to the government shutdown, agencies are anticipating a sharp rise in the need for food.

Deacon Greg is assembling a pantry of non-perishable food that we can provide for those in need. If you can help please bring your cans (or packets) to church - there will be a container in the narthex - or drop them at the office. And if you or someone you know needs help please contact Deacon Greg, Father Brian or Stephanie Gilmer.

Free Desk Available

We're making space in the office for Deacon Greg's various ministries and need to find a new home for one of the desks. Want it? Bring a truck and we'll help you make it your own. Contact Linda in the church office, 209-522-3267, or talk with Deacon Greg.

Golden Corral Senior Luncheon Group

Phil and Anita Machado will be hosting lunch at Golden Corral, 3737 McHenry Ave, Tuesday, November 4th at 2:30 pm. No reservation required.

The price for seniors is \$15, including drinks. Find Phil and Anita around the corner from the dessert station, ready to enjoy good company and good food.

For more information, contact Phil, 209-527-2727.



Prayer and Praise

Remember those who have asked for our prayers

Paige, Priscella, Loretta, Bonnie, Susan, Ishmael, Mary, Bob, Howard, Cherie, Annamary, Ginny, Keith, Bill, Mike, Jose, Rex S., Lora, Hen-nie, Kevin, Dorothy, Murray, Nellie, Gina, Lela, Pam, Debra, Ralph, Jim, Julie, Gary, Adrienne, Linda, Paul, Willie, Beth, Suzanne, Ralph, Roberta, James, Brandi, Darlene, Louise, Theresa, Rossana, Donna, Tony, Ellen

Those who have passed away:

Donnie Lawler

Those in the Military:

CPT Sam Birch, USA

CPT Fred Campbell, USAF

CPT Jenavieve Campbell, USAF

PO1st Class Johnny Olmos, US Coast Guard

SGT Carson Repan, USAF

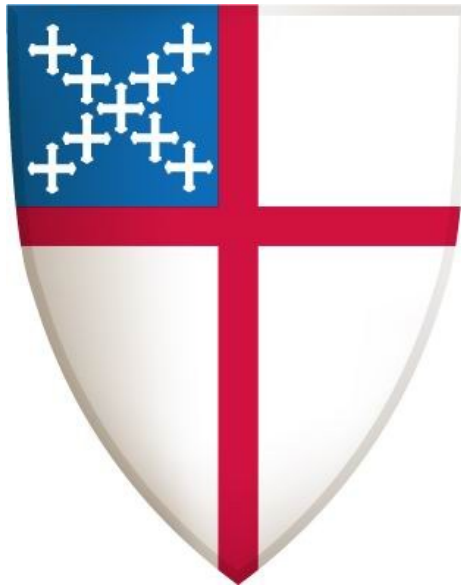
LTC Nathaniel P. Wallace, USAFR

Leaders and Ministries of St. Paul's:

The Clergy, Vestry & Wardens, Salvation Army Shelter Dinner

November Ministry Schedule

Dates	Nov 2 nd	Nov 9 th	Nov 16 th	Nov 23 rd	Nov 30 th
Clergy	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Bp. David Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg
Acolytes	Alex S. Judy T.	Nancy S. Evelyn B.	Jim P. Judy T. Evelyn B.	Nancy S. Carlos I.	Joyce B. Gabe T.
Eucharis- tic Minis- ter	Linda L.	Joyce B.		Alex S. Sarah H.	Judy T.
Lectors	Alex S. Stephanie H-W.	Ann M. Nancy S.	Judy T. Joyce B.	Linda L. Ann M.	Stephanie H- W. Judy T.
Intercessor	Peter K.	Ann M.	Sarah H.	Courtney S.	Joyce B.
Ushers	Peter K. Claudine R.	Ann M. Carolyn L.	Claudine R. David L.	Courtney S. Claudine R.	David L. Carolyn L.
Greeters	Peter K. Lynelle H.	Ann M. Carolyn L.	Sarah H. Lynelle H.	Courtney S. Claudine R.	David L. Carolyn L.
Vestry Rep.	Peter K.	Ann M.	Sarah H.	Courtney S.	Joyce B.
Coffee Hour Host	Matthew, Jamie & Atlas	Sarah and Joyce	Lunch w/Bishop David	Linda L.	Jose C. Peter K.
Sunday School	Evelyn B.	Sarah H.	Confirma- tions	Ann M.	Evelyn B.



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