Grace
Episcopal
Church

All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026
online bulletin

YOU ARE WELCOME!

Grace Episcopal Church is a place for all – the curious, the hurting, the imperfect, and the joyful. We gather as a lively and visible group of Christians dedicated to social justice and positive change in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood and beyond.

Whoever you are, whatever you bring to God's table, you are in the right place this morning. Welcome!

Praying with Grace

- Masks are optional at Grace and are always welcome.
- A gender-neutral restroom is located to the left of the altar along the east windows.
- Times to stand or sit are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. It's perfectly fine to remain seated as you're comfortable.
- Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive communion. The communion bread is gluten free. To receive a blessing; keep your hands folded across your chest.

Connecting with Grace

- Find Grace online at *gracechicago.org* and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- Contact the clergy and staff at *info@gracechicago.org*
- Email your prayer requests to *prayers@gracechicago.org*
- Follow Grace @graceplacechi

Children at Grace

Children are an integral part of the service; we invite their participation.
Activities for children are available in the Kids' Corner in the NE corner of the sanctuary.

Grace Leadership

Vestry
2027 Kevin Malone, Tim Paprocki (Co-Warden), Danielle Eben (Clerk)
2028 Kim Callis, Nolan Cooper (Treasurer) and Mary Beth Weigel
2029 Yocelin Guzman, Emma Koch and Ted Otto (Co-Warden)

Clergy
The Rev. Amity Carrubba, Rector
The Rev. Andrea Billhardt, Deacon

Staff
Marilyn Haverly, Minister of Music
Darrial Brown, Sexton
Sara Filipiak, Parish Administrator

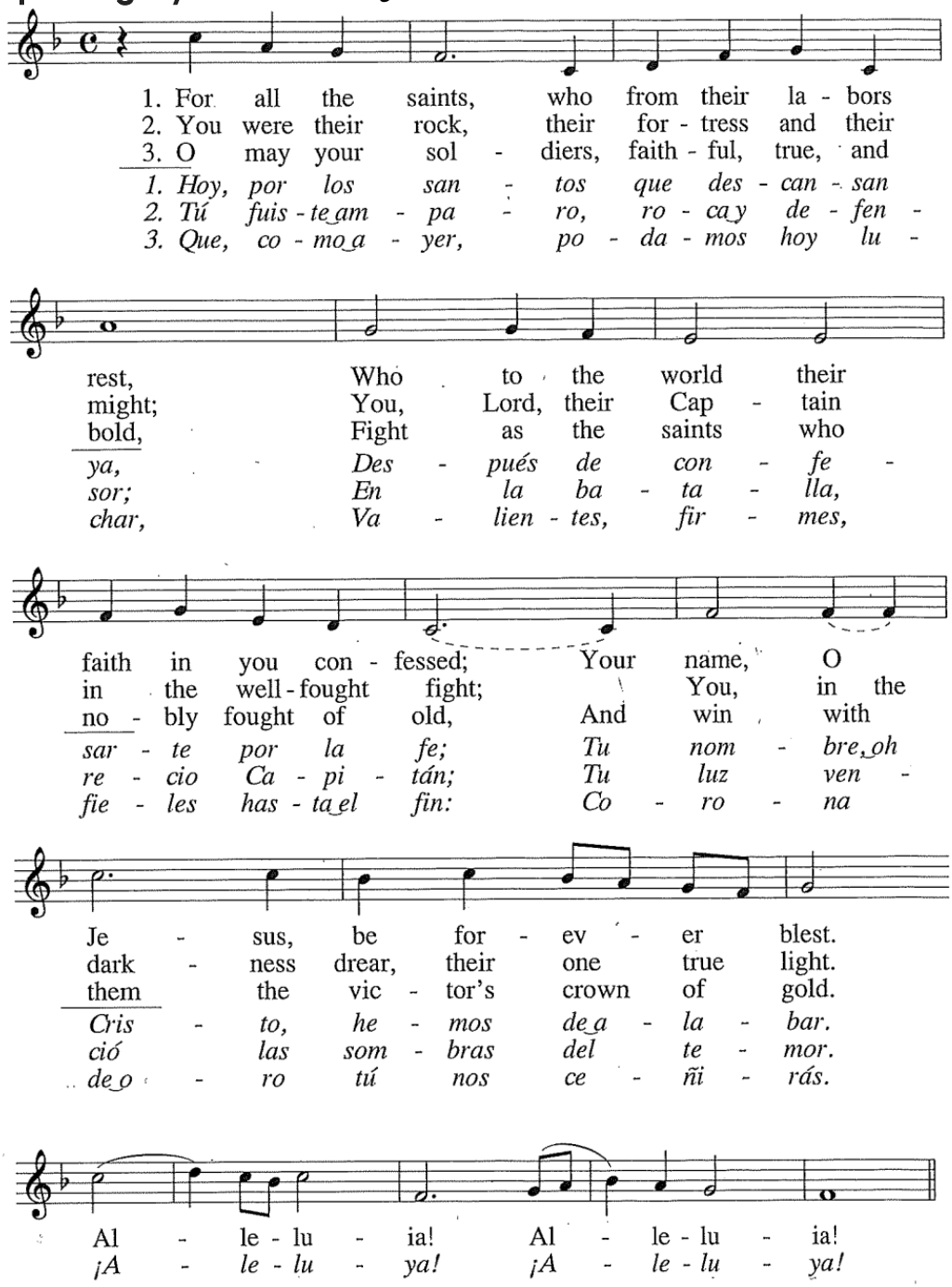
Committees & Ministries
Building: Tim Paprocki, Ted Otto, Kate Eakin, J Burger, Craig Bivins
Communications: Mary Beth Weigel, Gail Purkey, Wendy Manning
Liturgy: Melissa Moore Gillespie, Emma Koch, Kim Callis, Andrea Billhardt, Kevin Malone, Marilyn Haverly
Service & Advocacy: Andrea Billhardt, Wynette Edwards, Mary Beth Weigel, Ursula Forhan, Christina Krenicki, Cassidy Connolly
Coffee Hour Set up: Kim Callis, Yocelin Guzman, Gail Purkey
Sacristan: Ursula Forhan
Guitarist: Sean Griffin

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River*, L. Leatherman

stand as the bell rings

Rejoice! Rejoice people of God.
Let us keep the feast in honor of all God's saints!

Opening Hymn *sing verses 1, 3, 4, and 8*



8. 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:

8. Desde los vastos confines de la tierra, desde la costa más lejana del océano,
por las puertas de los arroyos de perlas en la incontable hueste,
cantando al Padre al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo:

Oramos Cantando #724

the presider welcomes the congregation

The Word of God

There is one body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One +Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Creator of all.

God be with you.
And also with you.
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 Savior: 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 Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Reading *please be seated*

Readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible.

A reading from the Revelation to John.

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 that 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."

The Word of the Lord. *Revelations 7:9-17*
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *remain seated; the people proclaim the psalm together*

[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.

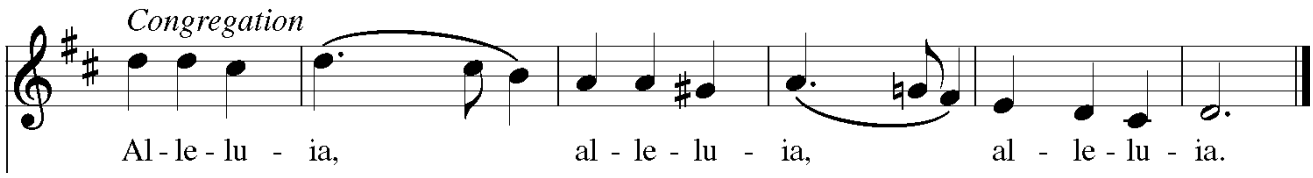
The Second Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord. *1 John 3:1-3*
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *sing three times*



Wonder Love & Praise #848

The Gospel

You are invited to cross yourself at the ✝ *below.*

✝The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Christ.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
2 Then 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 righteousness' sake, 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."

Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *silence follows the sermon beginning and ending with a bell*

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?
I will, with God's help.

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 Savior. **Amen.**

The Prayers of Remembrance

Eternal and everlasting God, we remember before you our ancestors: the holy women and holy men whose witness inspires the faithful in every generation; our own forefathers and foremothers whose life and struggle have made our life possible. We remember our dearly departed, especially,

Donna, Bob & Mary
Robert & Muriel Freeborn
Carol Frey
Wiley, Edith, Eilien
Henry Mahlman & Patricia Mahlman
Norm & Ruth Haverly
Ruth & Frederick Wenderoth
Ellen Wenderoth Elder
Robert and Ursula Konkol
Antonia and Rafael Vazquez
Christine & Robert Joseph
Antonia and Rafael Vazquez
Tommy, Virginia, Elizabeth, Emily
Violet, Winifred, Wilfred & Edith Grace
Margaret & Harold Malone Sr.
Margaret Moore
Bob Morrow
Roosevelt Sands
Jorge Borrayo
Henry, Pierre
Sue Van Dillen
John Wheeler
John Papara
Betty Wilson`
Joe Petrosko
Carmen Ayala
Genevieve Labaty
R.L. & Sharon Purkey
John Harizal
Sophie & Casimer Borkowski
Tommy
Betty Wilson
Mark Erzen
Tony Fitzpatrick
Anne Poston
John Purkey
Virginia Billhardt
Larry Poston
Linda Packard
William J. Krenicki
John Purkey
Jimmie Beaty, Sr,
Cathy Carrubba

Please say names of your dearly departed aloud or type in the chat.

We pray,
We remember them and we commend them to you in everlasting life.

Powerful and saving God, we remember before you those who we do not know, who have died in wars, in conflicts and from violence around the world and in our own communities.
We remember them and we commend them to you in everlasting life.

Generous and gentle God, we remember before you all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on the Grace prayer list,

The people of the Holy Land & all those in conflict zones
Dan (Wilson)
Ayana and family (Wendy Manning's cousin)
Peggy and Mike (Nancy Rawley's friends)
Arthur (Craig Bivins' uncle)
Frances (Paige Gawrys's grandmother)
Marla (Nathan Stringer's mother)
Renée (Cassidy Connolly's aunt)
Deacon Andrea
Nathaniel (Anderson)
Tom (Haverly)
Dan (Petrosko)
Larry (Kim Callis' uncle)
Alex (Ayala Ramirez)
Ursula (Forhan)
Craig (Bivins)

We pray,
Give them courage and hope in their troubles and restore them to wholeness.

Merciful and compassionate God, we remember before you this community, the nation, and the world.
Give us courage to work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Blessing and giving God, we remember before you with joy and thankfulness the blessings of the past.
In your generosity, make us more generous. In your grace, make us more graceful.

Loving and lifegiving God, we remember before you all those who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other blessings, especially,

Claire (Epperly -2) Nathaniel (Anderson – 6) Ben (Hill – 6)
Mark and Tish Kruse (5)
Grace's faith partners (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Onnuri Church & Hope's Table Chicago)

We pray,
Delight with them in the blessings of this life.

We pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation.

Those in the sanctuary are invited to come to the microphone to add their own prayers.
Online worshippers are invited to add their prayers in the chat.

Almighty God, from whom neither life nor death can separate those who trust in your love: give us courage, constancy, and hope; through him who died and was buried and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another.

Announcements

Some announcements will be given; more information is at the end of this bulletin.

Giving to Grace
You can give online to Grace during worship (or anytime) using your phone; simply scan the QR code and the church's online donation provider VANCO will appear in your browser. Thank you for supporting Grace's ministries! On the first Sunday of each month, the cash offering is designated for Grace Church's Discretionary Fund.

Offertory Anthem *He Shall Feed His Flock* by Handel, presented by Sarah Collins

The Table of God

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer C

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to the Almighty One.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

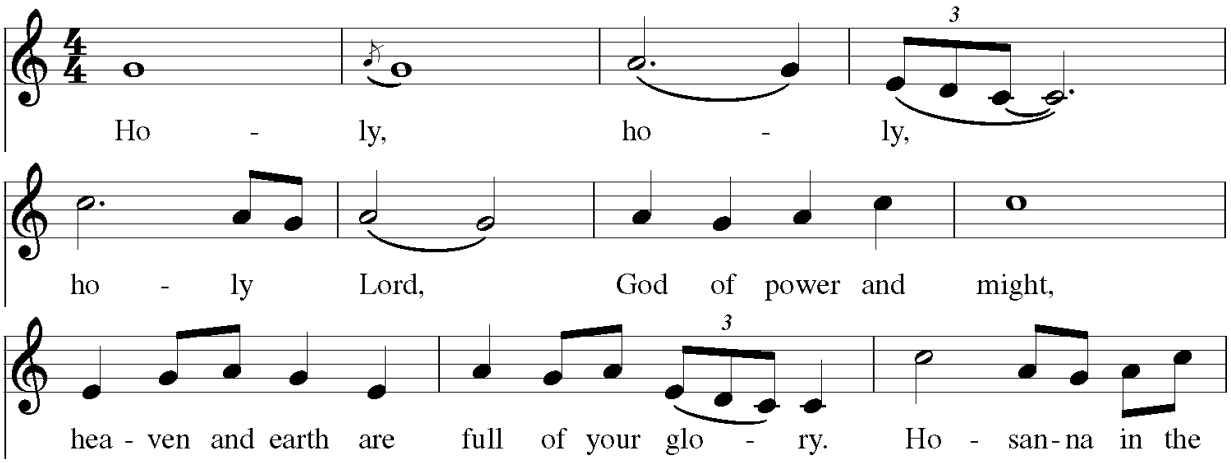
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

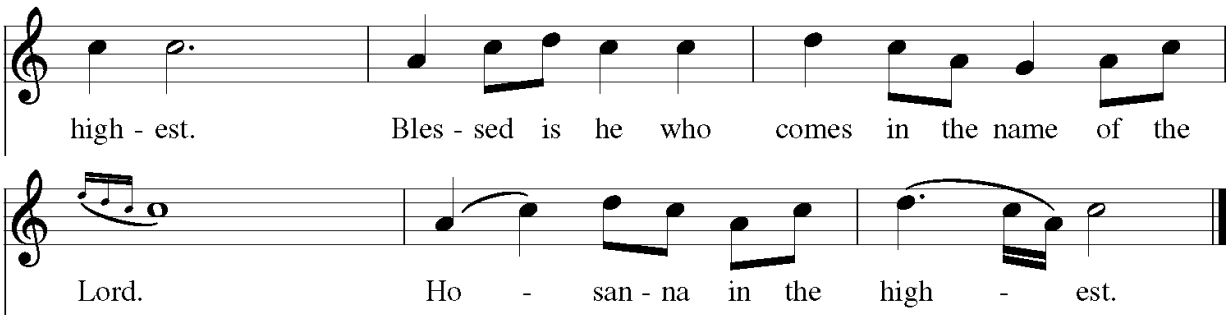
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers and stewards of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:





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And so, gracious God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah and Hagar, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel; God of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us +one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Christ's name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O Holy One, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *sing verses 1-2*

Voices Found #74

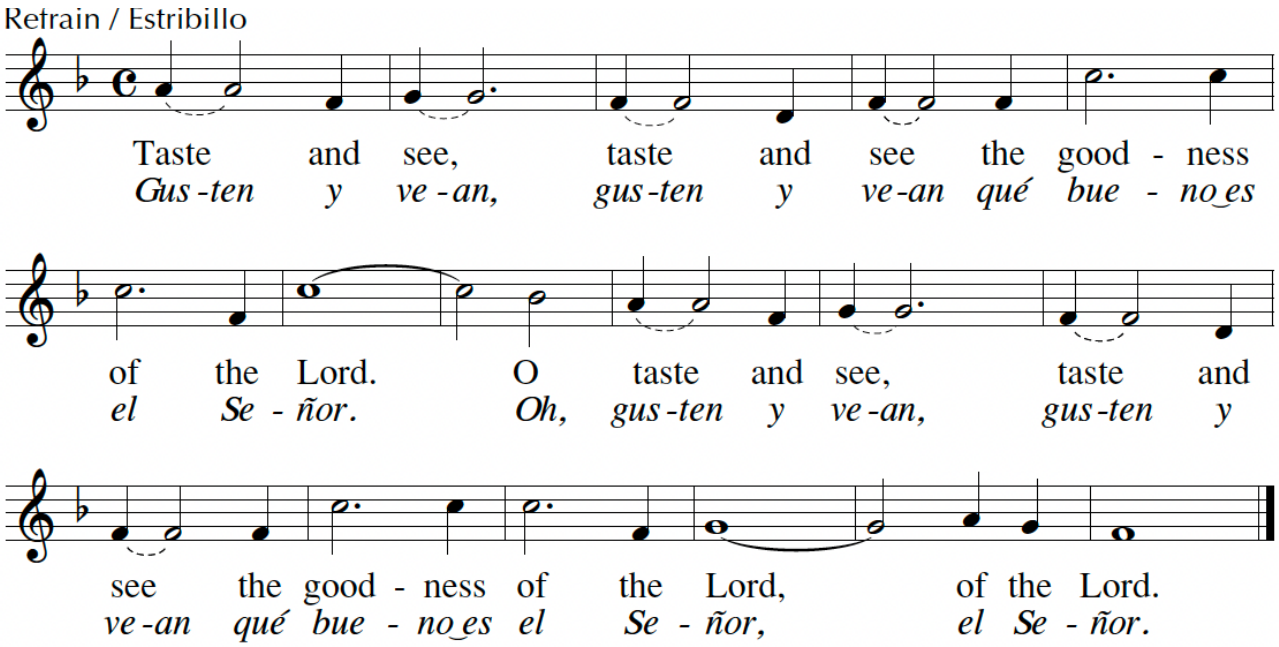
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The invitation to Communion comes from Jesus himself; everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive. Those at home may unwrap their host and consume it. If you do not have communion at home, you are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion below.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion
In union, dear Jesus, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, I offer you my praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and that you are able, even when received by faith alone, to heal, enrich, and sanctify me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you and you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

everyone sings the refrain first; thereafter, cantor sings verse and everyone sings the refrain



Oramos Cantando #741

Sending Forth

Let us pray.

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 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.

At the + below, you are invited to cross yourself.

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to all the world, peace and concord;
and to us and every faithful servant, life everlasting:
and the blessing of God almighty,
+Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Gia Edition #9298

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Please stay online for conversation.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider & Preacher	Deacon	Minister of Music	Online Host	Bread Baker
Amity Carrubba	Andrea Billhardt	Marilyn Haverly	Wendy Manning	Sara Filipiak

Grace Singers
Cassidy Connolly, Sean Griffin, Katie Haan, Kevin Malone, Gail Purkey, Chris Wenderoth

Guest Musicians
Kendra Zusag, Bronwyn Schlaefer

Servers
Cassidy Connolly, Nolan Cooper, Yocelin Guzman, Ellen Sandmeyer

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+ Celebrating All Saints' Day +

All Saints', one of the seven principal feasts of the Church, is celebrated every year on November 1st. The holiday, with the accompanying All Hallows' Eve and All Souls' Day, invites us to commemorate those outstanding saints of our faith and to remember the dearly departed from our own lives. It is a thin time, when the church on earth intentionally draws close to the saints in heaven. All Saints' includes a mix of grief and of joy- grieving over the loss of loved ones, and rejoicing in the faith that they are now in their heavenly rest with God. Yet, in order to truly rejoice, we must honestly grieve.

Announcements

Healing Ministry at Grace Today
Praying for healing is an ancient prayer practice, whether praying for yourself (prayer of petition) or for someone else (prayer of intercession). Grace observes this on the **first Sunday of each month** immediately following worship. A Grace clergy member will be available to pray with you in the intimate space of the chapel located on the west side of the sanctuary. Bring your cares and concerns and receive individual prayer.

New Sixth Promise to the Baptismal Covenant
Beginning today, All Saints' Day 2026, Bishop Paula Clark has authorized congregations in the Diocese of Chicago to experiment with adding a sixth promise to the Baptismal Covenant that reflects our shared responsibility to care for God's creation. The five traditional Baptismal Covenant promises from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer will remain unchanged. This diocesan initiative follows Resolution B001, adopted by the 81st General Convention in 2024, which encouraged dioceses to explore additional creation care language while the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music develops recommendations for the 82nd General Convention this summer.

Celebrating Deacon Andrea on November 15
The Grace community is celebrating the Rev. Andrea Billhardt on Sunday, November 15 as she retires from almost five years of ordained ministry and many more years of lay leadership at Grace. Plan to attend this special celebration. Contact Kim Callis to help with the reception.

Grace Women to Meet November 14 at Grace
The November gathering of Grace women will be 2-4pm on Saturday, November 14. Christina Krenicki will host as we gather in the Grace sanctuary. Please let Christina know if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

Volunteer with Hope's Table Chicago Saturday, November 21
Help serve breakfast for hungry neighbors from 7-10 am in the Grace Fellowship Hall. Sign up at the Welcome Table or email Pastor Amity.

Abundant Life
Giving to Grace in 2027

ABUNDANT *life*

Throughout November, Grace celebrates the season of thanks and giving in our annual giving campaign. Our theme this year is Abundant Life, as we are invited to recognize the abundance God has already entrusted to us. Even in uncertain times, we are called to trust that there is enough: enough for our families, enough for our church, enough for our neighbors. Each Sunday, a member will share how they experience God's abundance in their life and why they give to Grace. We invite you to reflect on God's abundance in your own life for which you are thankful. We hope these practices will help you pray and consider your pledge to Grace in 2027.

We will gather our pledges of money, time, and talents and offer them as a community to God on Giving Thanks Sunday, November 22. A festive potluck will follow worship. The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table, or contact Kim Callis. Be sure to attend on November 22*!

*If you cannot attend in person, you can share your pledge online before November