CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Evensong on All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026

We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to fill in one of the cards found in the pew rack.

Choral Evensong

five o'clock in the afternoon

THE REV. LIZ KRONENBERG, *Canon Vicar*

THE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
JOSEPH CAUSBY, *Director of Music and Organist*
KEN COLEMAN AND ROBERT BREWER, *Assisting Organists*

The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.

The People stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.

VOLUNTARY
Liturgical Improvisation No. 2 — George Oldroyd (1886-1951)

OPENING SENTENCES — *BCP, page 40*

PRECES — William Smith of Durham (1603-1645)

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 — Anglican chant: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Sung by Choir, People seated.

1. I will alway give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3. O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his Name together.
4. I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

5. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
6. Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

7. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.
8. O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.
10. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
22. The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

First Lesson — Revelation 21:1-4; 22-22:5

Reader A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then 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; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; 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." I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves

of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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

Magnificat in G — Herbert Sumsion

All stand. Sung by Choir.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All sit

Second Lesson — Matthew 5:1-12

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Nunc Dimittis in G — Herbert Sumsion

All stand. Sung by Choir.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Apostles' Creed *all standing.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responses — William Smith

Sung by Choir. People kneeling as able.

The Lord's Prayer *Sung by Choir.*

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. Amen.

Collects

Greeting

At the Offertory, an Anthem

O Jesu Christ, meins lebens licht, BWV 118 — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht,	*O Jesus Christ, light of my life,*
Mein Hort, mein Trost, mein Zuversicht,	*My refuge, my comfort, my confidence,*
Auf Erden bin ich nur ein Gast	*On earth I am only a guest,*
Und drückt mich sehr der Sünden Last.	*And life's many burdens are upon me.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom *The people stand.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

Hymn 289 *Wolvercote*

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Procession

You are cordially invited
to a reception in Reynolds Hall
following the service.

After Evensong, the Eucharist will be celebrated in the chancel of the Cathedral. Those who wish to remain for the Eucharist are invited to come forward into the choir stalls. After the preparation of the altar, the Eucharist will be celebrated continuing on page 367 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember Nancy Lynn Wolf and John Julyan Clemens.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar were given on October 25 to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Benzon by his family.

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Bob Thurmond, my parents, Jane and Jack Head, and my brothers, JD and Joe Head by Julie Thurmond.

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God and in joyful thanksgiving for Diana Elizabeth Wareing, daughter of Amanda Child and John Wareing, by her grandparents Bess and Matt Wareing.

The flowers on the organ console are given to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Bill and Nell Murdaugh and Arthur and Hazel Smith, by Jim Murdaugh and Gary Smith.

The flowers at the Bishop Richardson Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the deceased members of the Bishop Richardson Society.

Welcome
Sunday, November 1, 2026
Announcements

- **Neighborhood Gatherings •** RSVP to Lisa Cantu at 713-222-2593 or lcantu@christchurchcathedral.org to receive the address.
  — Woodland Heights: Catherine & Bruce McDonald, November 2, 6–7:30 p.m.
  — Greater Uptown: Carol & Andy Vickery, November 4, 6–7:30 p.m.
- **Cathedral Book Club | November 4, 6:30–8 p.m. •** Join the Cathedral Book Club for lively conversation, thoughtful reading, and fellowship. New readers are always welcome! Book Club selections are available through the Cathedral Bookstore, with a 20% discount for participants.
- **20's & 30's Friendsgiving | November 6, 7– 9 p.m. •** Join friends and make some new ones at our annual 20's & 30's Friendsgiving Feast! The church will provide the main dish, and guests are invited to bring a side-dish or dessert to share. We will meet in the Mellinger Room. Childcare is provided and registration is required.
- **Ingathering Sunday: Special Worship Schedule | November 15 •** Join us as we celebrate our stewardship season and offer our pledges in gratitude for God's abundant blessings. Worship will be at 8 a.m. and at one special bilingual service at 10 a.m (replacing our regular 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. services.) Stay for Ingathering Lunch at 11 a.m. as we celebrate our shared ministry with food, music, and fellowship.
- **66th Annual Diocesan Choral Festival | November 15, 6 -7 p.m. •** Return to the Cathedral in the afternoon as singers from parishes throughout the Diocese of Texas gather under the direction of Dr. Joseph Causby, our Director of Music and Organist, for the annual Diocesan Choral Festival. All are invited to experience this celebration of sacred music and the Church's shared tradition of song.
- **Support and Serve Our Cathedral •** As Ingathering approaches, please prayerfully consider your Every Member Canvass pledge for the coming year. Your generosity sustains the worship, music, pastoral care, formation, outreach, and welcome we share. Make your pledge at christchurchcathedral.org/give or return your pledge card during worship.
- **Vestry Nominations Are Open •** If you or someone you know feels called to help lead and steward our Cathedral, please email SrWarden@christchurchcathedral.org.
- **Looking for Children's Ministry? •** Follow Agnus to childcare for infants (6 weeks–5 yrs) on the 1st floor of the Jones Building, or enjoy some time on the Huffington Playground. Questions? Contact KariAnn Lessner at kalessner@christchurchcathedral.org

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Sunday Worship

8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. *en Español,* 5 p.m.

Daily Worship — Monday through Friday

12:05 Noonday Prayer, Golding Chapel; with Eucharist Wednesdays