Christ Church Cathedral
Houston, Texas

All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026
9 a.m.

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 out one of the welcome cards found in the pew rack. We are glad you are here!

The Cathedral is equipped with a hearing loop for assisted listening via telecoil.

Holy Eucharist with Baptism: Rite Two

The Very Rev. Nathaniel Katz, *Dean*
Celebrant

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

Opening Voluntary
Elegy — George T. Thalben Ball (1896-1987)

Hymn 287 verses 1-4, and 8 — *Sine Nomine*

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *BCP page 299*
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
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 Lesson — 1 John 3:1-3

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

Today there will not be a processional cross for the children's sermon. Instead, children will be invited later in the service to sit on the steps with Ms. KariAnn during the Baptisms.

Hymn 293 — *Grand Isle*

The Holy Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel reading, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon — The Very Rev. Nathaniel Katz, Dean

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates — *page 301*

The Celebrant addresses the People, saying

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

People **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant — *page 304*

Prayers for the Candidates — *page 305*

The Children are invited to come forward.

Thanksgiving over the Water — *page 306*

The People sit.

The Baptisms — *page 307*

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the people are seated for brief announcements.

The Holy Communion

Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.

At the Offertory — Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Anthem, *We shall walk through the valley in peace*

We shall walk through the valley in peace;

If Jesus himself shall be our leader …

We will meet our loved ones there …

There will be no more trials there …

The Necrology

Here all members of the parish who have died since last All Saints' Day are named.

The Great Thanksgiving — *Eucharistic Prayer B, page 367*

Sanctus and Benedictus S 125 Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The People kneel as able.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues *page 368*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God's forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

At the Administration

Communion Hymn 620 *Land of Rest*

Communion Hymn 623 *O quanta qualia*

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors take the Sacrament to members of our Cathedral family:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Prayer after Communion *page 365*

The Blessing

During the closing hymn, the clergy asperge the congregation with holy water as a reminder of their baptisms.

Hymn 625 *Darwall's 148th*

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.**

Closing Voluntary

Allegro maestoso e vivace (from Sonata No. 2) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Readings this Week from the *Revised Common Lectionary*

The New Testament Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, singing, "Amen! Blessing and

glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 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. "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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 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 Epistle — 1 John 3:1-3

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

❖ **TODAY**

Boo Bash and the Moveable Feast • Children, youth and families are invited to celebrate Boo Bash and the Moveable feast from 10-11:30 am. Enjoy a festive morning of faith, food, fellowship, and fun. All are welcome!

All Saints Choral Evensong & Reception • Close All Saints' Day at 5 p.m. with a beautiful service of Choral Evensong in the Cathedral. Gather for Scripture, prayer, and the music of the Cathedral Choir as we remember the saints and those we love. A reception follows in Reynolds Hall. All are welcome.

❖ **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

To support the ministry outreach of the Cathedral, please scan to donate.

Welcome to

Christ Church Cathedral!

We are blessed by your presence. If you are new to the Cathedral, please fill out the WELCOME card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Tours of the Cathedral are available every Sunday following the 11 a.m. service.

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

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