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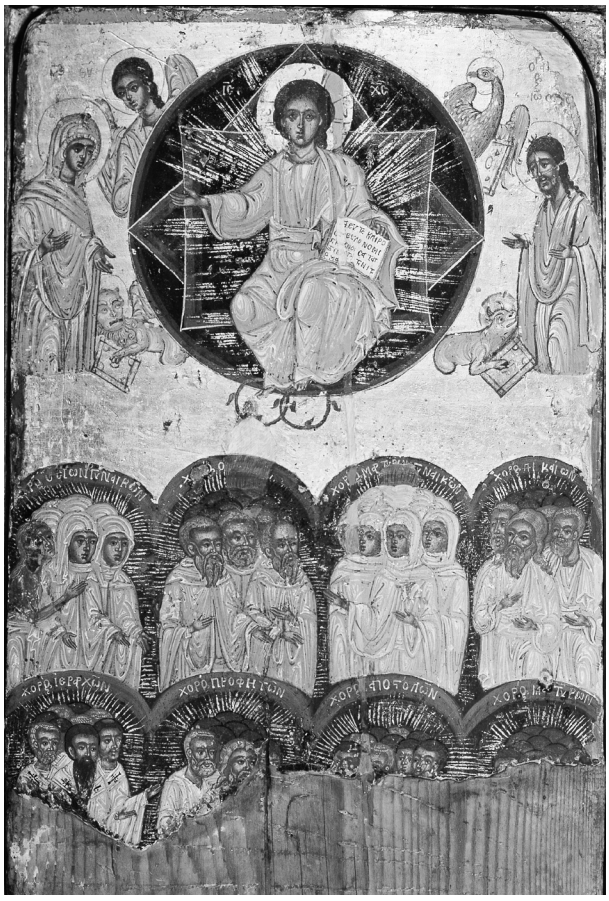
All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 11:00 a.m.



Unknown Greek Painter, *All Saints*, 18th c.

This morning, we celebrate All Saints' Sunday as we remember our fellowship with siblings in Christ across the world and throughout the ages. The Apostle Paul writes of his continuous thanksgiving for the faith of the Christians in Ephesus, in between rich theological statements regarding Christ's role in believers' inheritance and Christ's authority over the church. Luke's Gospel gives a portion of Jesus's Sermon on the Plain, where blessings and woes are given in statements that defy the conventional wisdom of the world.

Gathering

Carillon

Prelude

Prélude et Fugue sur le Nom d'Alain, Op. 7 — Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

Greeting and Call to Worship

***Gathering Hymn** | See hymn printed on the insert.

By All Your Saints Still Striving — KING'S LYNN

***Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance** | In unison:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

***Peace** | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Lord, expand our concern for your word in every generation that will follow until time is wrapped in eternity, the fragile is swept up in the strength of your love, and the eternal city finds its rest upon the earth you will renew. Amen.

*All rise as able

Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd (*Requiem*) — John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture,
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul,
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me
against them that trouble me;
thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

—*Psalm 23*

New Testament Lesson | NT pages 180–181 in pew Bibles.

Ephesians 1:11–23

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Hymn** | UMH 711. Stanzas 1–3. All turn to face the Gospel procession.

For All the Saints — SINE NOMINE

***Gospel Lesson** | NT page 60 in pew Bibles.

Luke 6:20–31

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Hymn** | UMH 711. Stanzas 4–6.

For All the Saints — SINE NOMINE

Sermon

The End of Our Inheritance

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Anthem

Agnus Dei (*Requiem*) — John Rutter

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time
to live, and is full of misery.
He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower;
he fleeth as it were a shadow.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

In the midst of life, we are in death:
of whom may we seek for succor?

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live,
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

—Requiem Mass (Latin);
Burial Service, Church of England (English)

***Doxology** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

***The Great Thanksgiving** | Musical setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.

***The Lord's Prayer** | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English text can be found at 895 in the pew hymnal.

Sharing of the Bread and Wine | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Bread and wine are used for Communion. After a server places bread in your hands, you may receive wine by dipping your bread into the chalice. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, these are available from servers at the front near Memorial Chapel and near the back opposite the attendant's desk. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

Three Pieces for All Saints' Day Margaret Vardell Sandresky
III. "There is a land of pure delight ..."

Communion Hymn | UMH 723. Stanzas 2 and 4 may be sung in harmony.

Shall We Gather at the River HANSON PLACE
arr. Ferguson

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Sending Forth

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn** | UMH 708

Rejoice in God's Saints — HANOVER

Postlude

Joie et clarté des Corps Glorieux (Les Corps Glorieux) — Oliver Messiaen (1908–1992)

"Then shall the righteous shine as the sun in their Father's kingdom."

—Matthew 13:43

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Lyn Pace . . . . . *Assistant Dean of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*
Amanda Highben . . . . . *Campus Pastor, Duke Lutherans*

Preacher

Willie James Jennings . . . . . *Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Systematic Theology and Africana Studies, Yale Divinity School; Graduate '93*

Lectors

Nia Robinson . . . . . *Chapel Scholar; Trinity '26*
Ian McAlister . . . . . *Chapel Scholar; Trinity '29*

Musicians

Duke Chapel Choir . . . . . *Choir*
Zebulon Highben . . . . . *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Chad Fothergill . . . . . *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
David Lim . . . . . *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Mitchell Eithun . . . . . *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

Head Ushers

Ken Arneson . . . . . *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Pete Acker . . . . . *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Today's Guest Preacher | Today's Wilkinson guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Systematic Theology and Africana Studies at Yale Divinity School. He is a theologian who teaches in the areas of Christian thought, race theory, and decolonial and environmental studies. Dr. Jennings is the author of *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*, published by Yale University Press and recipient of the 2010 American Academy of Religion Book of the Year in the Constructive-Reflective Studies category; It is now a standard text read in colleges, seminaries, and universities. He is also the recipient of the 2015 Grawemeyer Award in Religion for his groundbreaking work on race and Christianity. Dr. Jennings's commentary on the Book of Acts won the Reference Book of the Year Award, from The Academy of Parish Clergy. He is also the author of *After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging*, which was the inaugural book in the much-anticipated book series Theological Education between the Times, winning the 2020 book of the year award from *Publisher's Weekly*. It was also selected as a finalist for the 2021 American Academy of Religion Book of the Year in the Constructive-Reflective Studies category, and in 2023 won the Lilly Fellows Program Book Award. Dr. Jennings is an ordained Baptist minister and has served as interim pastor for several North Carolina churches. A Calvin College graduate, he received his M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. in religion and ethics from Duke.

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Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Congregation at Duke Chapel in loving memory of Bert Alexander, Mary Best, Bob Claytor, Robbie Cox, Jim Ferguson, Pat Fox, Matthew Guzman, Richard Hays, Marilyn Strother, Nina Upchurch, and Christian Wilson.

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GATHERING HYMN | By All Your Saints Still Striving

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823–1913), alt.
Music: English folk tune

King's Lynn
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Hearing assistance technology, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, is available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. For other accommodations, please approach a minister or usher.

RESTROOMS

For public restrooms, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and turn left to enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the Divinity School hallway.

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