



The Cathedral of the Incarnation

Garden City, New York

November 1, 2026

8:00 AM Traditional Mass

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Welcome to the Cathedral of the Incarnation. The order of service is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and begins on page 323.

Celebrating the Eve of All Saints (All Hallows Eve), All Saints Day, and All Souls Day have their roots in the Celtic cultures of Britain and Ireland, and also in native Mexican culture. It was here that the Eucharistic feast was wedded to pre-Christian practices, and to the celebration known as El Día de los Muertos - the Day of the Dead. In Celtic lore, it was believed that this was a time when the veil between the living and the departed was very thin. Thus, the day came to be associated with remembering those who have been parted from us by death - those whom we love but no longer see.

This morning, we invite everyone to write the names of those you wish to remember on the card provided and place it in the offering plate. The cards will be brought to the ofrenda, a special altar honoring our beloved dead, near the Blessed Sacrament, in Mercer Chapel, a sign that in Christ's presence we are joined even now with those who have gone on before us.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

Presider Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-10, 22 – *Benedicam Dominum*

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 LESSON

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Canon Michael Sniffen, Ph.D

Dean of Long Island

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you would prefer a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest as you come forward. Gluten free hosts are available.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing of the Sick will take place at the Baptistry for those who wish after receiving Communion as well as at the conclusion of the Mass.

At the end of Communion, all stand and join the Presider in saying:

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

HYMN 287 (VERSES 1, 7 & 8)

Sine Nomine

THE DISMISSAL

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WELCOME! If are new to the Cathedral community, we are blessed by your presence today. Please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy. We look forward to meeting you.

Announcements

Bread and Wine for the Month of November is for God's Many Blessings, Family and Friends by Ruth and Lorraine Siegmann.

Today, November 1, 4:00pm – Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem. Op. 9*

Tuesday through Friday -- Noon in the Cathedral

All are invited for an experience of sacred pause in the midst of your day. Come for thirty minutes of prayer, Scripture, reflection, and Holy Eucharist. There is anointing for healing on Wednesdays. Fellowship follows Mass. *All are welcome.*

This weekend, we begin our annual financial stewardship campaign. This year's stewardship theme, *Plenty Good Room*, invites us to imagine God's great banquet table not limited by time or space, but embracing us all in the company of the saints, past, present and yet to come. During this time, we focus on financial generosity. What resources has God placed in your hands, and consider how you might share them joyfully in the year ahead. If you need a pledge card they will be available in the Cathedral at all services, or ask an usher.