



Celebrating the Saints

8:45 a.m. + November 5, 2023 + Feast of All Saints' and All Souls'

*The invitation to holiness is a lifelong call to draw closer to God,
who wants nothing more than to encounter us as the people we are and the saints we are meant to be.*
James Martin, S.J.

Affirming the Light of Christ

*Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

"Lord Jesus Christ"

Welcome

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving (with "Holy, Holy, Holy")

adapted from Walter Brueggemann

*We are a people who must sing to you,
for the sake of our very lives.
You are a God who must be sung by us,
for the sake of Your majesty and honor.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and Mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

And so we thank you,

*We thank you for the long parade of saints in our lives who have sung you deep and true;
We thank you for the good company of all that sing for us and with us, toward you.
We are witnesses to your mercy and splendor; we will not keep silent... ever again.*

*Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee.
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee.
Which were and art and evermore shall be.*

A Gospel Reading for All Saints

Matthew 5:1; 14 - 16 (The Message)

One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them: . . . "You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand - shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."

Being the Light

"O Living Flame of Love"

*O Living Flame of Love, that tenderly wounds my soul.
Burn through the veil of earth and heaven, till I am one with You.*

*O let me blaze with fire, let Spirit fill each part.
Come light the caverns of my soul, illuminate my night.*

*May my life burn bright,
With a holy light.
May my soul burn like a candle.*

*How gentle and how sweet, You wake within my heart.
And breathe in me the breath of life and fill my soul with love.*

*May my life burn bright,
With a holy light.
May my soul burn like a candle.*

Lights On Our Path

Silence

Sung Response

“O Enlightened One”

*O Enlightened One, Life-giving Spirit.
May I bear your Image, and be a child of Light.*

Prayer for All Saints

Resting in the Silence

During these 5 minutes of silence, simply rest in God’s abiding and loving presence in this moment. Simply be here now. Descend into this Silence. There is nothing you need to do. Just relax. Sense your body. Breathe more deeply than usual. It can help to focus on the region of the heart. You might use a breath prayer to help you descend into this silence at the level of the heart, such as “May my mind” (inhale), “be as Your Mind” (exhale), or use a sacred word (such as Love, Peace, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit).

Song of Response

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed trinity.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

*O God, by whose Word commanded, “Let light shine out of darkness,”
You have caused us to be Your children of Light.
**We thank You for all those who have reflected Your love to us
and have shown us the Image of God.***

*Hear our thanksgiving for those who have entered their eternal home
to live with You but whose lives of faith live on in our hearts:*

(silence as you whisper the name(s) of loved ones)

*With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us,
we gather around Your throne of grace and remember Your great sacrifice of love,
offered through Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith and the faith of all your saints.*

***Today we celebrate this holy meal in Your presence
and in the company of the great cloud of witnesses
who are reflections of Your Light.
By Your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world
until we feast with all the saints at Your heavenly banquet. Amen.***

Holy Communion

“Sing Me To Heaven”

Receiving a Good Word

Our Staff

Haley Brown – Ministry Assistant & Director of gastrochurch
Peter Johns – Associate Director

Rev. Rachel Sciretti – Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr. – Pastor of The Center

*Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please register your attendance.
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If you are worshipping in person, please text the word chapel to (844) 474-0707*

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Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.



Centering Prayer

Today | The Chapel | after Contemplative Worship

If you would like to linger in silence as centering prayer for a bit longer after Contemplative Worship, join the group that gathers near the organ to be led in an additional 10 minutes of silence.

Worship Response

Today | The Anchor House | after Contemplative Worship

Pilgrim Tales

Wednesday | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we continue our series learning about the spiritual journeys of the individuals who are part of our contemplative community. You'll learn about how they started their contemplative journey; what life events and moments shaped them; the wisdom they carry; and the teachers, books, and practices that have been formative for them. This coming week we will hear from Rachel Sciretti.

October SoulCollage

Saturday, November 11 | The Anchor House | 9:00am – 4:00pm

For more information or to sign up, go to the Welcome Table in the foyer.

Vigil for Peace

Sunday, November 12 | The Chapel | 6:00pm

Join us for a time of prayer, lament, and speaking words of hope for our war-torn world.

Giving to The Center

All of us are part of a never-ending process of giving and receiving. Life is not possible without this organic flow. What we co-create together here at The Center for Christian Spirituality is not possible without our conscious participation in this holy activity of freely receiving and freely giving. In this light, we invite you to financially give to The Center in response to what you have received today or throughout our contemplative offerings. Using the QR code will take you to a page where you can make a one-time offering or recurring gift. Thank you for your contribution and investment.

