

# Welcome to St. John's Church



*"The Witch of Endor,"* Nikolai Gei, 1857

## The Sunday before Halloween

*October 27, 2024*

*10:00 a.m.*

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**Organ Prelude**     *The Phantom of the Opera Overture*     Andrew Lloyd Weber

**The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell**

**Opening Hymn # 573**     *Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation*



1 Fa - ther e - ter - nal,     Ru - ler of cre - a - tion,  
2 Rac - es and peo - ples,     lo, we stand di - vid - ed,  
3 En - vious of heart, blind - eyed, with tongues con - found - ed,  
4 Lust of pos - ses - sion     work - eth des - o - la - tions;  
5 How shall we love thee,     ho - ly hid - den Be - ing,



1 Spi - rit of life, which     moved ere form was made,  
2 and, shar - ing not our     griefs, no joy can share;  
3 na - tion by na - tion     still goes un - for - given,  
4 there is no meek - ness     in the powers of earth;  
5 if we love not the     world which thou hast made?



1 through the thick dark - ness     cov - ering ev - ery na - tion,  
2 by wars and tu - mults     love is mocked, de - rid - ed;  
3 in wrath and fear, by     jea - lous - ies sur - round - ed,  
4 led by no star, the     ru - lers of the na - tions  
5 Bind us in thine own     love for bet - ter see - ing



1 light to our blind - ness,     O be thou our aid:  
2 his sav - ing cross no     na - tion yet will bear:  
3 build - ing proud towers which     shall not reach to heaven:  
4 still fail to bring us     to the bliss - ful birth:  
5 thy Word made flesh, and     in a man - ger laid:



thy king - dom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

*Celebrant*     Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People*     ***Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.***

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Kyrie**                      *Missa Cum Jubilo*    Plainchant

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, have mercy*

*Lord, have mercy*

### **The Collect of the Day**

God be with you.

*People*                      ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*              Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, you have made all things in your wisdom and established the boundaries of life and death: Grant that we may obey your voice in this world, and in the world to come may enjoy that rest and peace which you have appointed for your people; through Jesus Christ who is Resurrection and Life, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Readings**

*INTRODUCTION: King Saul, in fear of the Philistines, calls upon the Witch of Endor to conjure up the spirit of Samuel, the Prophet to help.*

#### **A Reading from the First Scroll of Samuel, the Prophet (28.3-25)**

Now the priest Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned and buried him in Ramah, his own city. King Saul had expelled all the witches and the wizards from the land. The Philistines assembled and came and encamped at Shunem. Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. When Saul saw the size of the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. When Saul inquired of the Lord what he should do, the Lord did not answer him, not by dreams or by Urim or by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a witch, so that I may go to her and inquire of her." His servants said to him, "There is a witch at Endor."

So, Saul disguised himself and went there, he and two bodyguards with him. They came to the woman by the dark of night. And Saul said to her, "Conjure a spirit for me, and bring up from the dead the one whom I name to you." The woman said to him, "Surely you know that Saul has cast out the witches and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life? Are you trying to get me killed?" But Saul swore, "As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you. Trust me." Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He answered, "Bring up the priest Samuel for me." When the woman saw Samuel, she

screamed, and said, “Why have you deceived me? You are King Saul!” The king said to her, “What do you see?” The woman said to Saul, “I see a ghost coming up out of the ground.” He said to her, “What does he look like?” She said, “He’s an old man wrapped in priestly robes.” So, Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed down, pressing his face to the ground and did obeisance.

Then the ghost Samuel complained, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me back?” Saul answered, “I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has abandoned me and answers me no more, so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do.” Samuel replied, “The Lord has done to you just what I said he would do, he has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to David. Furthermore, you will lose in the battle against the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be dead like me.”

Here ends the Reading.

### **Psalm 13**

*the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain.*



I will put my trust in your mer - cy.

1. How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?
2. How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
3. Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
4. Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

*INTRODUCTION: In this New Testament reading, we hear about a war in heaven.*

### **A Reading from the Revelation to St. John the Divine (12:1-12)**

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another

portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars out of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to deliver a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a scepter of iron. For her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness. And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world — he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath because he knows that his time is short!”

Here ends the Reading.

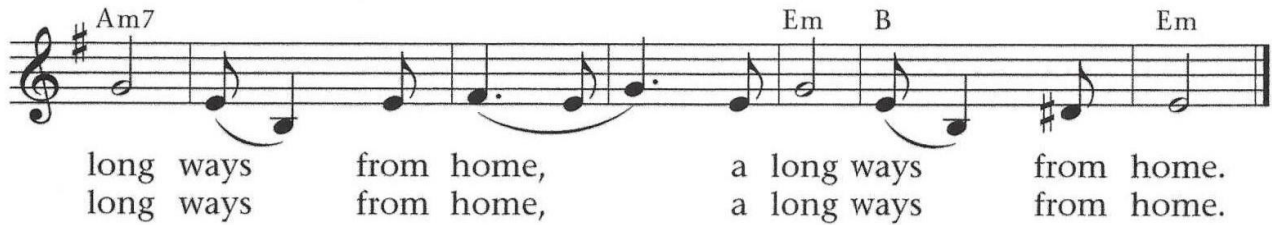
**Gradual Hymn LEVAS # 169**

*Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child*

1 Some - times I feel like a moth - er - less child.  
 2 Some - times I feel like I'm al - most gone.

Some - times I feel like a moth - er - less child.  
 Some - times I feel like I'm al - most gone.

Some - times I feel like a moth - er - less child, a  
 Some - times I feel like I'm al - most gone, a



*INTRODUCTION: In the gospel Jesus talks about the End Times and the Coming of the Son of Man.*

## **The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Mark (13:14-27)**

*People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus came out of the temple in Jerusalem and was going on his way, his disciples came to point out to him the magnificent buildings of the temple. Then Jesus asked them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

So Jesus replied saying, when you see the desolating sacrilege, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, set up where it ought not to be on the altar in the Temple (let the reader understand), then that those in Judea must flee to the mountains; the one on the housetop must not go down or enter to take anything from the house; the one in the field must not turn back to get a coat. And woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! And pray that it may not be in winter. For in those days there will be great suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the creation until now, no, and never will be again. And if the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would be saved, but for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, God has cut short those days. And if anyone says to you at that time, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ or ‘Look! There he is!’ — do not believe them. False messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be alert; I have already told you everything that you need to know. And in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then, then, they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out his angels, with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect, from the four corners of the earth, to the ends of heaven. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People            Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Children's Homily**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, priest-in-charge

**The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God,*

*the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,*

*the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation*

*he came down from heaven:*

*by the power of the Holy Spirit*

*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;*

*he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again*

*in accordance with the Scriptures;*

*he ascended into heaven*

*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,*

*and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,*

*who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.*

*He has spoken through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

*We look for the resurrection of the dead,*

*and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People**

With a clear hope and a sure faith, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings to the One who hears our petitions and answers our call, responding, "Hear us, O Host

of Heaven.”

**The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers**

+ For the commitment and strength to share God’s blessings throughout the world, honoring those who hunger and thirst, those who mourn, and those who live in fear and anxiety, giving out of our weaknesses to fill the hopes of others; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O Host of Heaven.***

+ For the peacemakers who proclaim justice in the marketplace, and petition prime ministers, presidents and legislators, to turn the ways of war into the dividends of peace; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O Host of Heaven.***

+ For those who volunteer their time to enlighten the lives of others, especially those who work in our schools, recreational centers, and wherever young people seek enrichment and encouragement; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O Host of Heaven.***

+ For holy women and men who have died in the light of Christ, and whose righteousness inspired the faithful of every generation; may their souls and the souls of unsung heroes of every age enter the gates of paradise; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O Host of Heaven.***

+ In thanksgiving for the many peoples, languages, tribes and nations, whose diversity of thought and action become blessings to all who seek the fullness of God’s presence in the midst of daily life; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O Host of Heaven.***

+ In thanksgiving for the Eucharistic Meal in which we are fed by Christ, who reveals his goodness and invites us to trust in his love with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O Host of Heaven.***

In companionship with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John our Patron, and all the Saints, we continue the offering of our prayers, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend ourselves to your loving care. Acknowledge us, we humbly beseech you, as sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive us into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen. ***Amen.***



## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the confession**

*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 Priest, stands and says*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of God be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2.*

**Offertory** *Miserere* Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

*Translation: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy." - Psalm 51:1*

## The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not

ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**                      *Missa Pro Defunctis*                      Plainchant

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

***The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer***

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,***

***We proclaim his resurrection,***

***We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection

under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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.***

***For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

**Agnus Dei**      *Missa Stabat Mater*      Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours*

***INSTRUCTIONS: Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. Please speak with an Usher if you need to receive Communion in the pew. The consecrated host will be placed in the hands or upon the tongue of the recipient, as desired. If one wishes intinction, then either the chalice bearer or the communicant may take the host and dip it in the wine. Otherwise, communicants may sip from the chalice, assisting by taking hold of its base. If the communicant does not wish to receive the wine, one can simply cross their arms across their chest so to indicate.***

*Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask at the altar rail if you wish one.*

**Communion Hymn # 324***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*


1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

*for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive, here is a Prayer for Spiritual Communion:*

**A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we are not now receiving you physically, we ask you to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing*

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### Closing Hymn LEVAS # 19

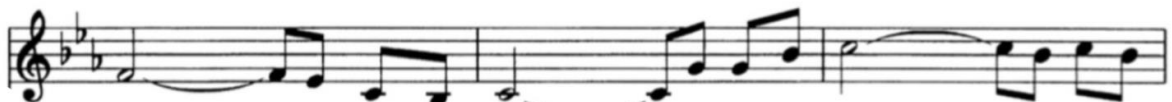
### *I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger*



1. I'm just a poor way-far - ing stran - ger, I'm trav' - ling through this world be -
2. I know dark clouds will gath - er o'er me, I know my path - way's rough and



1. low; There is no sick - ness, toil, nor dan - ger, In that bright
2. steep; But gold - en fields lie out be - fore me, Where wea - ry



1. world to which I go. I'm go - ing there to see my
2. eyes no more shall weep. I'm go - ing there to see my



1. fa - ther, I'm go - ing there no more to roam;
2. mo - ther, She said she'd meet me when I come; I'm just a



go - ing o - ver Jor - dan, I'm just a go - ing o - ver home.

Let us go forth into the world in peace.

*People Thanks be to God.*

## **Organ Postlude**

### **Worship Ministers Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman: *Celebrant & Preacher*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

Tom Dulack: *First Reader*

Sara Coles: *Second Reader*

Worth Bracken: *Intercessor*

MB Witt: *Chalicer*

Fr. Geoff: *VeeJay*

MB Witt & Sara Coles: *Altar Guild*

Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers/Greeters*

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**78 Green Hill Road**

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### **Staff**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Priest-in-Charge*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Dawn Rosiello, *Parish Administrator*

Joan Burgess, *Foundation Administrator*

### **Vestry**

Mary Davis, Worth Bracken: *Wardens*

David Gillespie: *Treasurer*

Andris Kalnins: *Assistant Treasurer*

Justin Ormand: *Clerk*

#### *Class of 2024*

Rebecca Bent, Michael Del Nin, Susan McFeely

#### *Class of 2025*

Worth Bracken, Sara Coles, Andris Kalnins

#### *Class of 2026*

Laura Daly, Veronique Dulack, Justin Ormand

**Diocesan Delegates:** Sara Coles, MB Witt

Laura Daly: **Alternate**

*Nothing to be scared about, it's the*  
**St. John's (PRE-)HALLOWEEN**  
**PARISH CELEBRATION!**



*Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>*  
*10:00 a.m. (NO 8:00 Service that day)*

**FAMILY SERVICE**

*with a children's homily*

*Followed in the Parish Hall by a*

**Pizza & Potluck Halloween Brunch**

*Childrens' Games with Prizes*

*Come in costume, if you wish*

**All are invited!**

To contribute a potluck dish, please go to our signup page:

<https://signup.zone/pre-halloween-brunch>



**EVENSONG**  
**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**4:00 p.m.**

*featuring the St. John's Choir*

*All are welcome to join us!*

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