

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 26  
 Morning Prayer: Rite II ✦ October 31, 2021

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Worship Leader: Kitty Underwood  
 Lector: Wes Wagester Music Director: Kitty Underwood

Opening Hymn: *Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve* Hymn 546

Opening Sentence BCP 77

Confession of Sin BCP 79

**The Invitatory and Psalter:** BCP 80

Antiphon BCP 81

The Invitatory: *Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down* Praise 180

Psalm 146 Insert

Glory to the Father BCP 84

**The Lessons:**

The First Lesson: 1 Sam. 28:3-25 Insert

*The First Song of Isaiah* (sung, seated) Hymn 679

The Second Lesson: Ez37;1-14 Insert

*Glorify thy Name* Insert

The Third Lesson: Rev 12:[1-6]7-12 Insert

**Sermon:** Kitty Underwood

The Apostles' Creed *all standing* BCP 96

**The Prayers** *stand or kneel*

The Lord's Prayer BCP 97

Suffrages A or B BCP 97/98

Collect of the Day: BCP 230

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collects and Prayers BCP 98

The Prayers of the People: Form I BCP 383

The Peace BCP 360

Announcements, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

*Prayers are found in the back of the Book of Common Prayer*

Offertory Sentence BCP 376-7

Offertory: *Just as I am* Hymn 693

Doxology

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

V. All things come of thee, O Lord.

R. **And of thine own have we given thee.** (1 Chr. 29:14)

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 102

Closing Hymn: *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* Hymn 7

The Blessing BCP 102

Concluding Sentence BCP 102

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**FYI**

**BCP:** *The Book of Common Prayer* (red book).

**Hymn:** *The Hymnal* 1982 (blue book).

**Praise:** *Praise* (green spiral bound).

**LEVAS:** *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (red & black).

**Liturgical Note:** Tonight is **All Hallows' Eve**, the evening of Oct. 31, which precedes the church's celebration of All Saints' Day on Nov. 1. The *Book of Occasional Services* provides a form for a service on All Hallows' Eve. This service begins with the Prayer for Light, and it includes two or more readings

from scripture which we are using this morning. The BOS notes that “suitable festivities and entertainments” may precede or follow the evening service, and there may be a visit to a cemetery or burial place.

The popular name for this festival is of course, Halloween (a corruption of “Hallows Eve”). This time of the ingathering of the harvest and the approach of winter apparently provided a reminder of human mortality. It was a time when the souls of the dead were said to return to their homes. Bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. The church “adopted” this time of celebration for Christian use by observing **All Saints' Day** on Nov. 1, and **All Hallows' Eve** on the evening of Oct. 31.

Please pray for: Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; for Bonnie Perry, Bishop of Michigan; Rayford Ray, Bishop of Northern Michigan; Moisés Quezada Moto, Bishop of the Dominican Republic; and for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

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**Treasurer**– John Malinich

**Bookkeeper/Secretary** – Roxanne Todd

**Music Director** – Kitty Underwood

**Sacristan** – Kitty Underwood

**Card Ministry** – Kathy Wagester

**Linked Hearts** – Sherry Wagner

**Outreach Teen Relief** – Russ Underwood

**Prayer Shawls** – Dianne Bishop

**Ushers** - John Malinich, Wes Wagester, Jack Dodd



## *Readings for All Hallows Eve*

1 Sam 28:3-25 (the Witch of Endor)

### Saul Consults a Medium

Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. Saul had expelled the mediums 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 army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, not by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, ‘Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her.’ His servants said to him, ‘There is a medium at Endor.’

So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They came to the woman by night. And he said, ‘Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you.’ The woman said to him, ‘Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?’ But Saul swore to her by the Lord, ‘As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.’ Then the woman said, ‘Whom shall I bring up for you?’ He answered, ‘Bring up Samuel for me.’ When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman said to Saul, ‘Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!’ The king said to her, ‘Have no fear; what do you see?’ The woman said to Saul, ‘I see a divine being coming up out of the ground.’ He said to her, ‘What is his appearance?’ She said, ‘An old man is coming up;

he is wrapped in a robe.’ So Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

Then Samuel said to Saul, ‘Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?’ Saul answered, ‘I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do.’ Samuel said, ‘Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy? The Lord has done to you just as he spoke by me;

for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor David. Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you today. Moreover, the Lord will give Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; the Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.’

Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night. The woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, ‘Your servant has listened to you; I have taken my life in my hand, and have listened to what you have said to me. Now therefore, you also listen to your servant; let me set a morsel of bread before you. Eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.’ He refused, and said, ‘I will not eat.’ But his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he listened to their words. So he got up from the ground and sat on the bed. Now the woman had a

fatted calf in the house. She quickly slaughtered it, and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened cakes. She put them before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

## Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
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whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Messiah,

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

## Ez 37;1-14 (The Valley of Dry Bones)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says

the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say

to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

### **Rev 12: 1-12 (the War in Heaven)**

#### *The Woman and the Dragon*

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 of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear 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 rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.]

#### *Michael Defeats the Dragon*

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 for the accuser of our comrades 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!’

who keeps his promise for ever;

**October 2021**  
**Prayer List: Family, Friends, and Members**  
**Oct 31, 2021**

Kyle Bishop - grandson of Dave Bishop - for healing  
Bruce Bronson-friend of Wes Wagester, for successful chemotherapy  
Kathleen and Richard Buszek – Recovering from a car accident.  
Mary Cameron-for greater mobility and diminished pain.  
Diane Cantu-Friend of Myron & Sherry Petrie; Surgery & Good recovery.  
Ray Cisco-recovering from pneumonia & recurrence of foot issues  
Connie-Friend of Linda Neros-for continued good health  
Robin Daugherty-Prayers for healing  
Jonah Debusk-Heart murmur  
Danny DeLis0-Friend of Dianne Bishop: Recovering from Brain Tumor  
Blake Ellen-from Wes Wagester; infant with cardiac problems  
Melissa Fettig - (Eleana's daughter), her lifetime partner Robert, and their daughter Harper - for peace.  
Shirley Forcall-Friend of Connie Jones as she recovers from a stroke  
Georgeann-Friend of Richard & Kathleen Buszek-For healing following surgery for ovarian cancer.  
Sally Granger-for Shoulder Surgery  
Judy Gray - for successful treatment of skin cancer.  
Mary Halfpenny - dear friend of the Miller's - cancer.  
Jane Harlow-Cancer  
Bob Hollis-Friend of Sherry Wagner-Healing from diabetic infection  
Lois Hutchcraft-Cousin of Dianne Bishop-Successful surgery & Recovery.  
Karl Hoskey-Friend of Margaret Smith-In the hospital with Stomach issues.  
Deanna Karoub-Friend of Margaret Smith, relief from COPD  
Rick Kerner-Friend of Wes- Recovering from Stroke  
Chris Landis-Nephew John& Yvonne Malinich-for healing  
Kevin McNeil-friend of Corinne Fry-Foot surgery

Aiden Morris- Friend of Russ & Kitty-Successful Surgery to replace cranial bone with metal plate  
Kathy Navarro - sister of Eleana Fettig - for peace & healing.  
Helen Reebel-Kitty Underwood's step-mother;  
Cardiomyopathy  
Cindy Shimp-Becky Foster's sister-in-law-Healing of Cancer  
Kathy Shipp-for healing from cancer. Sherry Boyden's sister  
Margaret Smith-Low blood pressure  
Kari Stark - stepsister of Kitty Underwood - Comfort for MS.  
Sally Thiede-Friend of Sherry Boyden-for strength & healing  
Chris Volvero - nephew of the Millers - cancer is in remission.  
Lelia Wagner-Pregnancy  
James Walker-PTSD from 2 tours in Iraq  
Melanie White-Liver transplant  
Bob Wolak-friend of Dianna Bishop-recovering from a Broken neck  
Michaela Wolford-friends of the Wagester family as she recovers from an accident  
For Educators and Students during Covid.

**Our home parishioners:** Eleana Fettig and Harvey Taylor, Evelyn Sunich, Helen Thiemkey,

**Those in Service to our country:** Dylan Anderson, John Hodgeman, John McNary, Jacquelyn Folcarelli, Michael Folcarelli, Jared Turnipseed, their families, and all military chaplains.

**Offerings for October 24<sup>th</sup>:** \$225.00

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for:**  
The Bishop Whittemore Foundation  
St. Gregory's, Muskegon-Lily Mars, Rector

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer-**The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria