

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Mills River, North Carolina

The Feast of All Saints
November 1, 2026

Sacred Place +++ Sacred Space
Please observe silence after the altar candles are lit



PRELUDE *For All the Saints*

Pepper Choplin

A bell rings three times; the people stand.

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN

H #287 For all the saints, vv. 1-4



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,—
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!—

thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet

Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are— one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the Revelation of John.

After this I 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

- ¹I 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.
- ³Proclaim 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.
- ⁵Look 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.
- ⁷The 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!
- ⁹Fear 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.
- ²²The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of John.

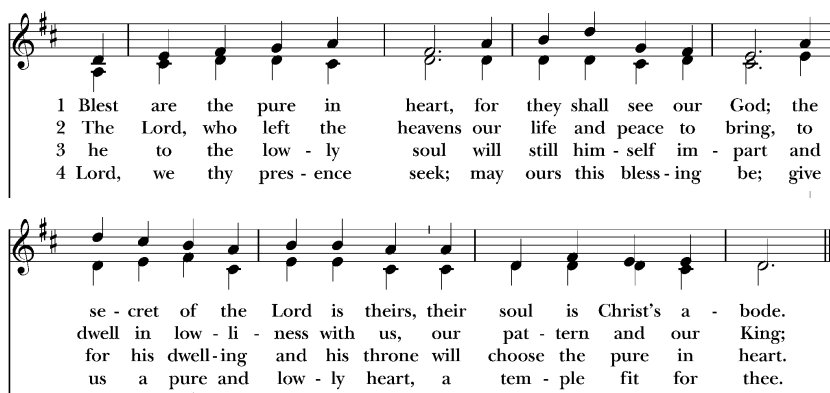
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

H #656 Blest are the pure in heart



1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present Kannon Keith Drake for Confirmation.
I present Cathy Barrow Heck for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates:

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

The Bishop addresses the congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with Kannon and Cathy who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for Kannon and Cathy who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

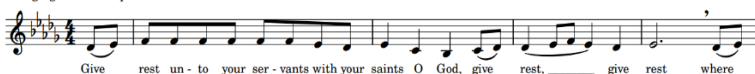
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader The Lord takes great pleasure in us. God cares for us and hears our prayers. So let us pray, saying, “We offer our prayers; **our hope is set on you, O Christ.**”

Leader Bless your Church, O Lord. Increase our faith in you. Increase our love for one another. Increase in us a spirit of wisdom. Bless the human family, O Lord. Bless the poor. Bless the hungry. Bless those who now weep. We offer our prayers; **our hope is set on you, O Christ.**

The Kontakion of the Departed (Congregational Response)

Congregational Antiphon



Leader Bless the saints who now rest from their labors, O Lord. Give to them the kingdom of God as a dwelling place — forever and ever. All things were made through you, and by your resurrection they are given new life. We give thanks that you are already making all things new. We offer our prayers; **our hope is set on you, O Christ.**

Celebrant Almighty God, we set before you the names of those whom we have loved and lost, trusting that they have joined the great cloud of witnesses which surrounds us. We remember your all saints —faithful servants and believers; a communion of saints who have died and of all Christian persons. May we come to know the joy and hope of our faith through our fellowship in Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

Instrumental

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY *Come to Me*

Dan Forrest

Today's undesigned offerings will be given to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to provide confidential charitable relief.

PRESENTATION HYMN *WLP #766 You're called by name, forever loved*



1. You're called by name, for - ev - er loved, a -
 2. Marked as Christ's own, signed by the cross where
 3. Raised to new life, a life of grace, set
 4. Sealed by the Spi - rit, Lord of life, sus -



dopt - ed as a child of God. Now one with us, the
 Je - sus for our sins once died. with Je - sus bur - ied
 free from sin, in Christ to grow; his res - ur - rec - tion
 tained and strength - ened by his might. Joined to the church to



fam - i - ly of those who know and love the Lord.
 in his death, called to con - fess Christ cru - ci - fied.
 to pro - claim, his love in all of life to know.
 share, with us, the in - her - i - tance of saints in light.

Refrain



Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,
 In your hands we place your own. Lord,



in their lives make your love known.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

S 124 Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the

Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Tracey, our Priest, and all who minister in your Church. Remember those who have died since our last remembrance of All Saints. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD FRACTION ANTHEM

S 161 Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(The bread and wine are given to the people. Please indicate that you would prefer a gluten free wafer by placing your hands with palms together when you come up to receive communion.)

COMMUNION HYMN

H #679 Surely it is God who saves me



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



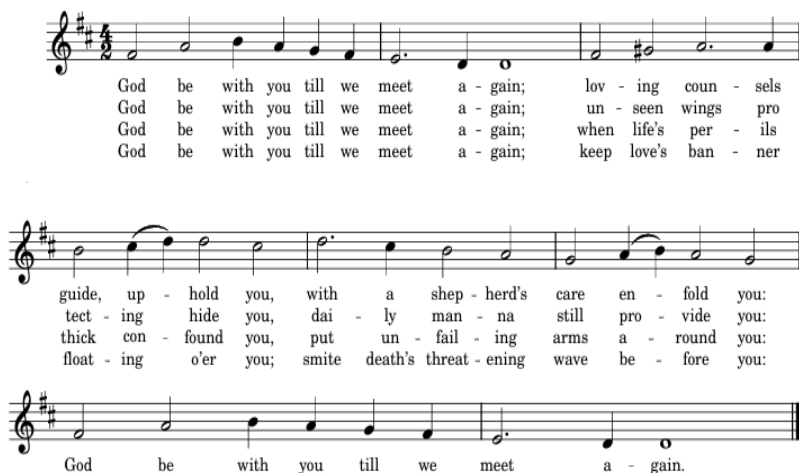
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

POST COMMUNION HYMN *GTG #541 God be with you till we meet again*



God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro
 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ills
 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

GTG #375 Shall we gather at the river



Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;
 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;
 gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

DISMISSAL

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study Sundays, 9:15 am

Gentle Yoga with Kelly, Fridays, 9:00 am

Men's Breakfast, Sat. Nov. 7th, 9am, Mills River Restaurant

Women's Breakfast, Sat. Nov. 7th, 10 am

The Next Chapter, Tues. Nov. 10, 11:30 am

Evening Book Club, Thurs. Nov. 12, 6:00 pm, Michal Baird's home

Daytime Book Club, Tues. Nov. 17, 11:30 am, Southern Streams

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