

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

FOR: ALL SAINTS' DAY

HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 828

1. How bright these glorious spirits shine!
Whence all their white array?
How came they to the blissful seats
of everlasting day?
2. Lo! these are they from sufferings great
who came to realms of light;
and in the Blood of Christ have washed
those robes that shine so bright.
3. Now with triumphal palms they stand
before the Throne on high,
and serve the God they love amidst
the glories of the sky.
4. Hunger and thirst are felt no more,
nor suns with scorching ray;
God is their Sun, Whose cheering beams
diffuse eternal day.
5. The Lamb, who dwells amid the throne,
shall o'er them still preside,
feed them with nourishment Divine,
and all their footsteps guide.
6. In pastures green He'll lead His flock,
where living streams appear;
and God the Lord from every eye
shall wipe off every tear.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 51 1

1. Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs;
their soul is Christ's abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men
their pattern and their King.
3. Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart;
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 823

1. Who are these like stars appearing,
these, before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia! Hark, they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.
2. Who are these in dazzling brightness,
clothed in God's own righteousness?
These, whose robes of purest whiteness,
shall their lustre still possess,
still untouched by time's rude hand?
Whence came all this glorious band?
3. These are they who have contended
for their Saviour's honour long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph by the Lamb have gained.
4. These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.
5. These, the Almighty contemplating,
did as priests before him stand,
soul and body always waiting
day and night at his command:
now in God's most holy place
blest they stand before his face.

COMMUNION HYMN: 591

1. How glorious is the life above,
which in this ordinance we taste;
that fullness of celestial love,
that joy which shall for ever last.
2. That heavenly life in Christ concealed
these earthen vessels could not bear;
the part which now we find revealed,
no tongue of angels can declare.
3. The light of life eternal darts
into our souls a dazzling ray;
a drop of heaven o'erflows our hearts,
and deluges the house of clay.
4. Sure pledge of ecstasies unknown
shall this divine Communion be;
the ray shall rise into a sun,
the drop shall swell into a sea.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 799

1. Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue
2. Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his light
with sweet delight
ye do abound.
3. Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly king,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthems sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.
4. My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love.
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise