

NOONDAY PRAYER

The Church of the Holy Trinity
Juneau, Alaska

Readings for October 26 - 31, 2026



Monday, October 26 2026

The service for noonday can be found by going to our website trinityjuneau.org and clicking on the bulletins link.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

44 *Deus, auribus*

1 We have heard with our ears, O God,
our forefathers have told us, *
the deeds you did in their days,
in the days of old.

2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out
and planted our forefathers in the land; *
how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

3 For they did not take the land by their sword,
nor did their arm win the victory for them; *
but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance,
because you favored them.

4 You are my King and my God; *
you command victories for Jacob.

5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; *
through your Name we trampled on those who rose up against us.

6 For I do not rely on my bow, *
and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries *
and put those who hate us to shame.

- 8 Every day we gloried in God, *
and we will praise your Name for ever.
- 9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us *
and do not go forth with our armies.
- 10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, *
and our enemies have plundered us.
- 11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten *
and have scattered us among the nations.
- 12 You are selling your people for a trifle *
and are making no profit on the sale of them.
- 13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, *
a mockery and derision to those around us.
- 14 You have made us a byword among the nations, *
a laughing-stock among the peoples.
- 15 My humiliation is daily before me, *
and shame has covered my face;
- 16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, *
because of the enemy and avenger.
- 17 All this has come upon us; *
yet we have not forgotten you,
nor have we betrayed your covenant.
- 18 Our heart never turned back, *
nor did our footsteps stray from your path;
- 19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, *
and covered us over with deep darkness.
- 20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, *
or stretched out our hands to some strange god,
- 21 Will not God find it out? *
for he knows the secrets of the heart.
- 22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; *
we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- 23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? *
Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face *
and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; *
our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, *
and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

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The Book of Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus) was written in Hebrew by Joshua Ben Sira in Jerusalem around 200–175 BC, during a period of rising Hellenistic (Greek) cultural influence in Judea. It focuses on practical wisdom, emphasizing that true understanding stems from the "fear of the Lord". It offers ethical, moral, and social guidance for daily life, covering topics like friendship, money, family, and self-control. Its ethical teachings closely resembles Proverbs. By emphasizing ethical conduct, family, and religious tradition, it attempts to ensure Jewish adherence to God's ways despite cultural shifts. The book is not in the Bible proper but often printed in a separate section called the Apocrypha.

Sirach 19:4-17

⁴ One who trusts others too quickly has a shallow mind,
and one who sins does wrong to himself.

⁵ One who rejoices in wickedness* will be condemned,*

⁶ but one who hates gossip has less evil.

⁷ Never repeat a conversation,
and you will lose nothing at all.

⁸ With friend or foe do not report it,
and unless it would be a sin for you, do not reveal it;

⁹ for someone may have heard you and watched you,
and in time will hate you.

¹⁰ Have you heard something? Let it die with you.
Be brave, it will not make you burst!

¹¹ Having heard something, the fool suffers birth-pangs
like a woman in labour with a child.

¹² Like an arrow stuck in a person's thigh,
so is gossip inside a fool.

- ¹³ Question a friend; perhaps he did not do it;
or if he did, so that he may not do it again.
- ¹⁴ Question a neighbour; perhaps he did not say it;
or if he said it, so that he may not repeat it.
- ¹⁵ Question a friend, for often it is slander;
so do not believe everything you hear.
- ¹⁶ A person may make a slip without intending it.
Who has not sinned with his tongue?
- ¹⁷ Question your neighbour before you threaten him;
and let the law of the Most High take its course.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy: Give your blessings to the Diocese of
Alaska. Watch over our churches, sustain our people, strengthen our
leaders. Through the Holy Spirit, guide and guard the Diocese,
keeping it always under your care and protection. Let us be a loving
family, serving you in faithful devotion to the Gospel of your son,
Jesus Christ.

Give your blessings to Mark our bishop. Give him a spirit of courage
and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love. Let your Holy
Spirit be his companion. Let your Gospel be always in his thoughts.
May your presence in his life be a light for all to see, in every good
work for the building up of your people and to the Glory of your Holy
Name.

Give us the blessing of your example. Help us to follow in the Way of Jesus today and every day. Give us compassion at the center of all we do: Compassion for ourselves, as disciples still young in faith; compassion for others as members of our own family in God. Let us become examples for others as so many others have been examples to us, through your love and for the sake of your glory.

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

Free intercessions may be offered.

Amen.

ALFRED THE GREAT

KING OF THE WEST SAXONS (26 OCT 899)

O God, who called your servant Alfred to an earthly throne that he might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave him zeal for your

church and love for your people: Grant that we, inspired by his example and prayers, may remain steadfast in the work you have given us to do for the building up of your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Final Collect

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. (Celtic)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May God bless the work of our hands. **Amen**



Alfred, alone of all English rulers, has been called “the Great,” because of his courage and Christian virtues. Born in 849 at Wantage, the youngest of five sons of King Aethelwulf, Alfred spent his life in a time of “battle, murder, and sudden death” during the Viking invasions and settlement in Britain. He was deeply impressed when, on a visit to Rome at the age of four, he was blessed by Pope Leo IV, and two years later, when he witnessed the marriage of Aethelwulf to a young princess of the Frankish court. Following his

father’s death and the short reigns of his brothers, Alfred became King in 871.

In heroic battles and by stratagems against the Danes, Alfred halted the tide of their invasion and secured control of the southern, and part of the midland, regions of England. After a decisive victory in 878 at Edington over the Danish leader Guthrum, he persuaded his foe to accept baptism.

A man of deep piety, Alfred’s leadership in battle and administration was grounded by his faith. His biographer Asser wrote of his commitment to a life of prayer influenced by monasticism. “He learned the daily course, that is, the celebrations of the Hours, and after that

certain psalms and many prayers, gathered together in one book for the sake of prayer, which he carried around with him everywhere on his person by day and night, just as we have seen, inseparable from himself, in all of the doings of this present life.”

In his later years, Alfred sought to repair the damage that the Viking invasions had inflicted upon culture and learning, especially among the parish clergy. With the help of scholars from Wales and the European continent, he supervised translations into English of important classics of theology and history, including works by Gregory the Great, Augustine of Hippo, and Bede. In one of them he commented: “He seems to me a very foolish man, and very wretched, who will not increase his understanding while he is in the world, and ever wish and long to reach that endless life where all shall be made clear.”

Alfred died on October 26th, 899, and was buried in Winchester.

Tuesday October 27 2026

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Amen.

48 Magnus Dominus

1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the
hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to
the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

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Sirach 24:1-12

The Praise of Wisdom *

24 Wisdom praises herself,
and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.

² In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,
and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:

³ 'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
and covered the earth like a mist.

⁴ I dwelt in the highest heavens,

- and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.
- ⁵ Alone I compassed the vault of heaven
and traversed the depths of the abyss.
- ⁶ Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,
and over every people and nation I have held sway.*
- ⁷ Among all these I sought a resting-place;
in whose territory should I abide?
- ⁸ ‘Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,
and my Creator chose the place for my tent.
He said, “Make your dwelling in Jacob,
and in Israel receive your inheritance.”
- ⁹ Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,
and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.
- ¹⁰ In the holy tent I ministered before him,
and so I was established in Zion.
- ¹¹ Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting-place,
and in Jerusalem was my domain.
- ¹² I took root in an honoured people,
in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

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bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
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Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

Creator, our Father in heaven, we come to you as your children. We
confess that we are weak and broken images of you. We pray for the
forgiveness and healing you give in Jesus Christ. May his Spirit clean

our spirits, minds, hearts, and bodies. We pray that your Holy Spirit will help us to worship in spirit and truth.

Give us the blessing of your example. Help us to follow in the Way of Jesus today and every day. Give us compassion at the center of all we do: Compassion for ourselves, as disciples still young in faith; compassion for others as members of our own family in God. Let us become examples for others as so many others have been examples to us, through your love and for the sake of your glory.

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for.

O God, take from us cynicism, domination and idle chatter. Give us wholeheartedness, patience and love. Help us to see where we are wrong and not to judge others. Let your face shine on us, O Lord, as we make our prayer to you. Rescue us from our distress and transform our poverty by the richness of your grace. We ask all this through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Free intercessions may be offered.

Amen.

Final Collect

Let our eyes be your eyes, sharing compassion, warmth and love. Let our hands be your hands bringing healing with their touch. Let our ears be your ears listening where there is need. Let our words be your words bringing comfort joy and peace. **Amen.** (Celtic)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May God grant to the world justice, truth and peace. **Amen.**

Wednesday, October 28 2026

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles

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Praise the Lord, all you saints!

Praise him, all you heavenly hosts!

So great a cloud of witnesses surrounds us.

They witness to God's mighty acts.

They witness to God's steadfast love.

Their witness guides us in our faith.

Give thanks to God for Saints Simon and Jude.

Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sing praise to God, sing praise to him.

Sing praise and thanks for all his saints.

Ephesians 2:13-22

Now in Christ Jesus you Gentiles, who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Psalms 119:89-96

In aeternum, Domine

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; *

it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; *

you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, *
for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, *
I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments, *
because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! *
for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, *
I will apply my mind to your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I do not call you servants but friends,
because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my Father.

Alleluia, alleluia.

John 15:17-27

¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

18 ‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, ^{*}the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. ²⁰Remember the word that I said to you, “Servants ^{*}are not greater than their master.” If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. ²¹But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²²If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, “They hated me without a cause.”

26 ‘When the Advocate ^{*}comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify

on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

With all the saints, let us prayer to the Father.

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 but deliver us from evil.

Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

Litany of Healing

God the Father,

have mercy on us.

God the Son,

have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Holy and blessed Trinity,

have mercy upon us and save us.

For those who suffer in body

Hear us, good Lord.

For the distressed in mind and spirit

Hear us, good Lord.

For those burdened by sin

Hear us, good Lord.

For all of us who fall short of your glory

Hear us and save us.

For strength to endure

Hear us, good Lord.

For hope to sustain

Hear us, good Lord.

For the grace of the Holy Spirit

Hear us, good Lord.

For all of us present .

Hear us and save us.

For those who we lift up in our prayers

Hear us and save us.

In your great mercy look with compassion on your people,
hear our prayers, pardon our sins and bring us to eternal life.

Lord, hear us and have mercy.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen. (*Welsh BCP*)

Lord, give your blessings to the Diocese of Alaska. Watch over our churches, sustain our people, strengthen our leaders. Through the Holy Spirit, guide and guard the Diocese, keeping it always under your care and protection. Let us be a loving family, serving you in faithful devotion to the Gospel of your son, Jesus Christ.

Give your blessings to Mark our bishop. Give him a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love. Let your Holy Spirit be his companion. Let your Gospel be always in his thoughts. May your presence in his life be a light for all to see, in every good work for the building up of your people and to the Glory of your Holy Name.

Give us the blessing of your example. Help us to follow in the Way of Jesus today and every day. Give us compassion at the center of all we do: Compassion for ourselves, as disciples still young in faith; compassion for others as members of our own family in God. Let us become examples for others as so many others have been examples to us, through your love and for the sake of your glory.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Free intercessions may be offered.

AMEN.

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Great Physician of our souls and bodies, you are always at work in our lives to bring good out of evil . . .

**May your sick children
experience the same surge of healing power as did the sick
woman who touched the hem of your robe.**

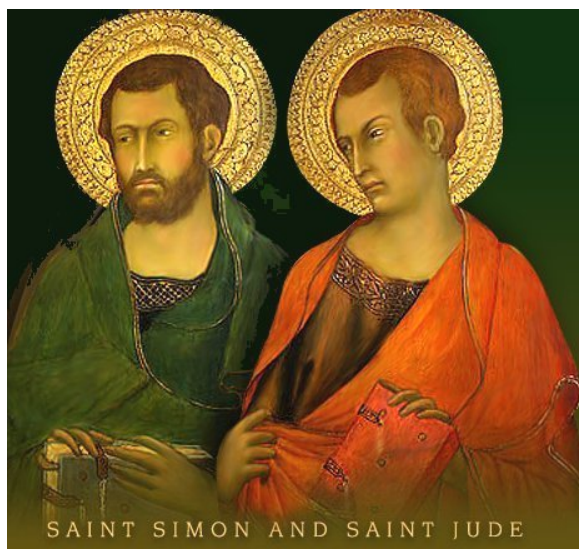
Great Spirit, who broods over the world,
restore the garment of our self-respect,
and remake us in your beauty.

**Renew in us
the stillness of our being,
the soundness of our bodies
and the secret of our wholeness.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May Christ our redeemer bring us healing and wholeness. **Amen.**

Anyone desiring healing prayers is invited to come to the altar after the service.



The only thing the Gospels tell us about Simon is that he was one of the disciples, and that he was called “the Zealot” (Zelotes). John mentions Jude in his description of the Last Supper. The Epistle of Jude may be the work of the disciple Jude, who is the man mentioned by John as the brother of James the Greater.

Tradition has consistently associated

Simon and Jude as apostles to Persia. Some accounts state that they were martyrs, a tradition generally accepted by the Western Church. The Monology of Basil, however, says that Simon died a peaceful death at Edessa. Jude, who was surnamed Thaddeus, has been confused with

another Thaddeus, who was also said to have died a quiet death, either in Beirut or Edessa. Whatever the facts, accounts conflict and reliable data are lacking.

There are other scholarly questions about both men. One involves Simon's appellation "Zelotes." Whether in fact he had been a member before his conversion of one of the several factions called "Zealots," or whether this title refers to his zeal for the Jewish law, is not known, but he has consistently been identified by it. For some centuries, and even to this day, Jude has been regarded in popular devotion as the "patron of desperate or lost causes," but the basis of this tradition is obscure.

The Epistle of Jude concludes with this striking doxology: "Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time and now and for ever" (Jude 24–25).

Jude is regarded as the patron saint of desperate situations; forgotten causes; hospital workers; hospitals; impossible causes; lost causes, while Simon is the patron saint of curriers; sawmen; sawyers; and tanners.

Thursday, October 29 2025

O God, make speed to save us.

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60 *Deus, repulisti nos*

1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us; *
you have been angry;
oh, take us back to you again.

2 You have shaken the earth and split it open; *
repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

3 You have made your people know hardship; *
you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, *
to be a refuge from the power of the bow.

5 Save us by your right hand and answer us, *
that those who are dear to you may be delivered.

6 God spoke from his holy place and said: *
"I will exult and parcel out Shechem;
I will divide the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; *
Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

8 Moab is my wash-basin,
on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, *
and over Philistia will I shout in triumph."

9 Who will lead me into the strong city? *
who will bring me into Edom?

10 Have you not cast us off, O God? *
you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

11 Grant us your help against the enemy, *
for vain is the help of man.

12 With God we will do valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

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Sirach 31:12-18,31:25-32:2

¹² Are you seated at the table of the great? *
Do not be greedy at it,
and do not say, 'How much food there is here!'

¹³ Remember that a greedy eye is a bad thing.
What has been created more greedy than the eye?
Therefore it sheds tears for any reason.

¹⁴ Do not reach out your hand for everything you see,

and do not crowd your neighbour* at the dish.

¹⁵ Judge your neighbour's feelings by your own,
and in every matter be thoughtful.

¹⁶ Eat what is set before you like a well-bred person,*
and do not chew greedily, or you will give offence.

¹⁷ Be the first to stop, as befits good manners,
and do not be insatiable, or you will give offence.

¹⁸ If you are seated among many others,
do not help yourself* before they do.

²⁵ Do not try to prove your strength by wine-drinking,
for wine has destroyed many.

²⁶ As the furnace tests the work of the smith,*
so wine tests hearts when the insolent quarrel.

²⁷ Wine is very life to human beings
if taken in moderation.

What is life to one who is without wine?

It has been created to make people happy.

²⁸ Wine drunk at the proper time and in moderation
is rejoicing of heart and gladness of soul.

²⁹ Wine drunk to excess leads to bitterness of spirit,
to quarrels and stumbling.

³⁰ Drunkenness increases the anger of a fool to his own hurt,
reducing his strength and adding wounds.

³¹ Do not reprove your neighbour at a banquet of wine,
and do not despise him in his merrymaking;

speak no word of reproach to him,

and do not distress him by making demands of him.

³² If they make you master of the feast, do not exalt yourself;
be among them as one of their number.

Take care of them first and then sit down;

² when you have fulfilled all your duties, take your place,
so that you may be merry along with them
and receive a garland for your excellent leadership.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

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Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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And let our cry come to you.

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Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Free intercessions may be offered.

Amen.

JAMES HANNINGTON AND THE MARTYRS OF UGANDA (29 OCT 1885)

O God, by whose providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church: Grant that we who remember before you James Hannington and his companions, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they gave obedience even to death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

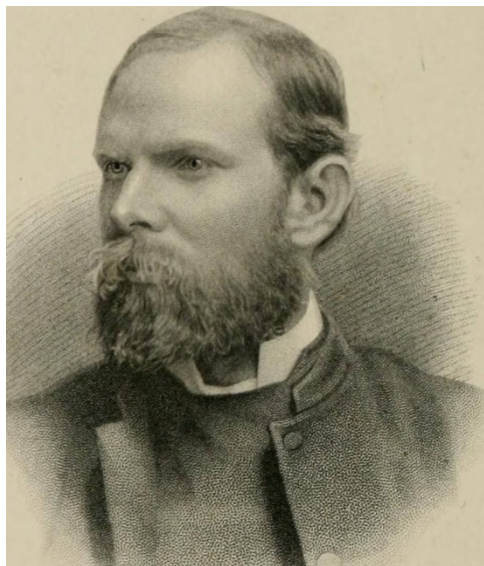
Final Collect

May God the Father bless us;
May Christ take care of us;
May the Holy Spirit enlighten us
all the days of our life.

The Lord be our Defender
and Keeper of body and soul
both now and for ever,
to the ages of ages. (*Book of Cerne, tenth century*)

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May God kindle in us the fire of love. **Amen.**



James Hannington was born in Sussex on September 3rd, 1847, and was educated at Temple School in Brighton. For six years, he assisted his father in the warehouse business. The family became members of the Church of England in 1867, and the following year, Hannington entered St. Mary Hall, Oxford, where he obtained his BA and MA degrees.

Following his ordination at Exeter, Hannington served as a curate in his native town

until, in 1882, he offered himself to the Church Missionary Society

for its mission in Victoria, Nyanza, Africa. Serious illness soon required his return to England, but he went out again to Africa in 1884, as Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa.

Hannington's mission field was on the shores of Lake Victoria. He dreamed of creating a shorter and more efficient route directly from Monbasa, in Kenya, to Buganda. Ignoring the advice of his local guides and porters that the venture would be politically sensitive, and failing to heed a warning from emissaries of King Mwanga to stop, he and his party were apprehended and imprisoned. After a week of cruel privations and suffering, he and the remaining members of his company were executed on October 29th, 1885, on the orders of King Mwanga.

Hannington's last words were: "Go, tell Mwanga I have purchased the road to Uganda with my blood." Other martyrs of Uganda shared his fate before the gospel was firmly planted in this heartland of Africa, where today the church has a vigorous life under an indigenous ministry. Mwanga was eventually exiled to Seychelles in 1899, where he was received into the Anglican Church and baptized. He died there in 1903.

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O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

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The Book of Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus) was written in Hebrew by Joshua Ben Sira in Jerusalem around 200–175 BC, during a period of rising Hellenistic (Greek) cultural influence in Judea. It focuses on practical wisdom, emphasizing that true understanding stems from the "fear of the Lord". It offers ethical, moral, and social guidance for daily life, covering topics like friendship, money, family, and self-control. Its ethical teachings closely resembles Proverbs. By emphasizing ethical conduct, family, and religious tradition, it attempts to ensure Jewish adherence to God's ways despite cultural shifts. The book is not in the Bible proper but often printed in a separate section called the Apocrypha.

Sirach 34:1-8,18-22

34The senseless have vain and false hopes,
and dreams give wings to fools.

² As one who catches at a shadow and pursues the wind,
so is anyone who believes in^{*} dreams.

³ What is seen in dreams is but a reflection,
the likeness of a face looking at itself.

⁴ From an unclean thing what can be clean?
And from something false what can be true?

⁵ Divinations and omens and dreams are unreal,
and like a woman in labour, the mind has fantasies.

⁶ Unless they are sent by intervention from the Most High,
pay no attention to them.

⁷ For dreams have deceived many,
and those who put their hope in them have perished.

⁸ Without such deceptions the law will be fulfilled,
and wisdom is complete in the mouth of the faithful.

¹⁸ To whom does he look? And who is his support?

¹⁹ The eyes of the Lord are on those who love him,
a mighty shield and strong support,
a shelter from scorching wind and a shade from noonday sun,
a guard against stumbling and a help against falling.

²⁰ He lifts up the soul and makes the eyes sparkle;
he gives health and life and blessing.

- ²¹ If one sacrifices ill-gotten goods, the offering is blemished;—
²² the gifts* of the lawless are not acceptable.

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Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Free intercessions may be offered.

AMEN.

MARYAM OF QIDUN
MONASTIC, 4th c.

O God of holiness and strength, rescue us from the sins that ensnare us and destroy the evils that defame us, that, like your servant Maryam of Qidun, we may find our own selves inseparable from your love made known in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Final Collect

May God's love be the love that surrounds us today.

May God's peace be the peace that we share on our way.

May God's grace be the grace that our actions display.

May God's truth be the truth in the words that we say. Amen

Celtic

The service concludes as follows

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May Christ our Savior give us peace. **Amen.**

Maryam of Qidun is one of the most popular Syriac Christian saints. The drama of her life story easily lends itself to fictionalized interpretations, and multiple accounts of her life were produced. There nevertheless does seem to be a historical person in the background of all of these accounts, who became the inspiration for all of these legends.

Maryam grew up in a Christian family and was orphaned at the age of 7. Her only living relative was an uncle named Abraham who lived as a hermit in the desert near Qidun, a village outside of



Edessa. Despite the seeming oddity of an anchorite serving as the guardian for a young girl, therefore, she was given to him to raise. For twenty years, she lived an ascetic life in her own room in his dwelling, growing deeply in holiness and prayer, teaching those who came to seek her wisdom through a window, and being praised and admired by all who met her.

However, there was a monk who desired her, and who used to come to the hermitage every day on the pretext of speaking with Abraham in order to see her. One day when her uncle was out, the monk seduced her. Afterwards, she fell into despair about the possibility of her salvation, for she had always been admired for her purity and holiness, and had felt secure in those things. Deeply shaken, she thought: “How can I ever again raise my eyes up to heaven when I cannot even bring myself to look at my uncle?” Rather than face him and confess her sin to him, she ran away to the city and began to work as a prostitute in a tavern.

After two years of frantic searching, her uncle discovered where she was living, and he borrowed a soldier’s uniform and a horse. He covered his face with the helm, and set off for the tavern. When he saw her dressed as a prostitute and flirting with the customers he wanted to weep, but he concealed his emotions lest she recognize him and run away. Although he had not touched wine or cooked food in nearly fifty years, he feasted and drank and joked as though he were truly a soldier. But when the girl led him back to her bedroom he took off his helm and said, “My daughter Maryam, don’t you know me? Whatever has happened to you? Why did you not just tell me when you had sinned? I would not have been angry with you, for who is without sin, except for God alone? I would have done penance for you myself, yet instead you have left me all alone in unspeakable sadness and grief.”

As he spoke these words, she was like a motionless stone in his hands, too ashamed and afraid even to speak or to raise her eyes to his. But he spoke words of comfort and compassion to her all night, and in the morning she allowed him to lead her home, where she pleased God more by her sincere repentance than she ever had by her virginity, and where she was able to direct others more wisely because she was able to identify with sinners in their weakness rather than looking down on them from a place of purity.

Saturday October 31 2026

All Hallows Eve

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God of eternity, God of the saints, you are:

**stronger than the elements,
stronger than the shadows,
stronger than the fears,
stronger than the dark powers that assail us.**

Wisdom 5:1-5, 14-16

5 Then the righteous will stand with great confidence in the presence of those who have oppressed them and those who make light of their labours.

2 When the unrighteous* see them, they will be shaken with dreadful fear, and they will be amazed at the unexpected salvation of the righteous.

3 They will speak to one another in repentance, and in anguish of spirit they will groan, and say,

4 ‘These are persons whom we once held in derision and made a byword of reproach—fools that we were! We thought that their lives were madness and that their end was without honour.

5 Why have they been numbered among the children of God? And why is their lot among the saints?

14 Because the hope of the ungodly is like thistledown* carried by the wind, and like a light frost* driven away by a storm; it is dispersed like smoke before the wind, and it passes like the remembrance of a guest who stays but a day.

15 But the righteous live for ever, and their reward is with the Lord; the Most High takes care of them.

16 Therefore they will receive a glorious crown and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord, because with his right hand he will cover them, and with his arm he will shield them.

34 *Benedicam Dominum*

1 I 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.

3 Proclaim 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.

5 Look 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.

7 The 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!

9 Fear 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.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvelous light. **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

1 Peter 2.9

Revelation 21:1-4,22-27,22:1-5

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home^{*} of God is among mortals. He will dwell^{*} with them; they will be his peoples,^{*} and God himself will be with them;^{*} ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’

22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and

the honour of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22Then the angel^{*} showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life^{*} with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants^{*} will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thank be to God.

With saints and martyrs through the ages, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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become examples for others as so many others have been examples to us, through your love and for the sake of your glory.

Please add your petitions and intercessions at this time.

Amen.

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

O God, you have called your people to your service from age to age. Do not give us over to death, but raise us up to serve you, to praise you, and to glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Creator and lover of souls, you uphold us in life and sustain us in death; our God who cares for us all. For us you have raised from death a mighty Savior who, like a rising dawn, shines on those who dwell in the shadow of death. We thank you for our loved ones whom we see no longer and for all our forebears. Renew in us gratitude for those from whom we come, for it was you who gave them their being. As the sun rises in the east so they arose out of your love. In the dimness of memory this alone we know, that as the sun goes to its rest in the west, so they rest in you.

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal God, our Comforter,
from you we come; to you we go.
Have mercy on those who have gone.
Give peace to us who remain.

All are yours, O Lord, you lover of souls.

Those with wisdom and those with wit,
those whose work enriched others
and those frustrated in their hopes,
those who showed courage in triumph or trial,
those who disappointed even themselves,
those who stand out in our memories

and forgotten souls remembered now
by you alone.

All are yours, O Lord, you lover of souls.

Since it was you, O Christ, who bought each soul
at the time it came into the world,
at the time it breathed its last breath,
may your peace be on your ingathering of souls.
Jesus Christ, Son of gentle Mary
your peace be upon your own ingathering. **Amen.**



Halloween or **Hallowe'en** (a contraction of **Hallows' Even** or **Hallows' Evening**), also known as **Allhalloween**, **All Hallows' Eve**, or **All Saints' Eve**, is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the three-day observance of [Allhallowtide](#), the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

One theory holds that many Halloween traditions originated from ancient Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain, which may have had pagan roots and that Samhain itself was Christianized as Halloween by the early Church. Other scholars believe, however, that Halloween began solely as a Christian holiday, separate from ancient festivals like Samhain.

In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, remain popular, although elsewhere it is a more commercial and secular celebration. Some Christians historically abstained from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this vigil day, including apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes. The cakes are usually filled with allspice, nutmeg, cinnamon, ginger or other sweet spices, raisins or currants, and before baking are topped with the mark of a cross to signify that these were alms. On All Hallows' Eve (Halloween), children would go "souling", or ritually begging for cakes door to door.