

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2300 CATHEDRAL AVE—WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 2025 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Welcome to our Visitors! We are thankful for your presence with us today and we invite you to join us as we worship God. The liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the music from the blue Hymnal 1982 and the beige African American Heritage Hymnal (AAHH). The “S” music is found in the service section in the front of the Blue Hymnal. All books are found in the pew racks. Where the rubrics invite the people to stand or kneel, an individual may remain seated.

If you are a visitor, please fill out a visitor card and give to an usher.

Please come by the Welcome Table in the Undercroft after the service.

The mission of All Souls Church is to be a Christ-centered sanctuary where a diverse and inclusive community worships and serves. We live this mission through faithful celebration of the Eucharist, Christian education, and loving nurture of both members and neighbors.

*The altar and Mary chapel flowers are given to the glory of God
by the Drell family,*

*In loving memory of Christopher Drell,
beloved son and brother of Larry, Vicky, and Michael,
on his 46th earthly birthday.*



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY

Versicle

Camil Van Hulse

The people stand.

HYMN 376 (*Blue Hymnal*)
Sung by All.

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant **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.*

HYMN OF PRAISE 421 *(Blue Hymnal)* All Glory be to God on High *Allein Gott in der Höh*
Sung by all

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray,

LORD OF ALL POWER AND MIGHT, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR LABOR DAY

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE SO LINKED OUR LIVES ONE WITH ANOTHER that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 2:4-13

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD, O HOUSE OF JACOB, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the

prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 81:1, 10-16 *Exultate Deo*

Said responsively by whole verse

1 SING WITH JOY TO GOD OUR STRENGTH *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

LET MUTUAL LOVE CONTINUE. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN AAHH 567 (*Beige Hymnal*)

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am

Sung by all.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

ON ONE OCCASION WHEN JESUS WAS GOING TO THE HOUSE of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The people sit.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Sara E. Palmer

A brief time of silent reflection is kept after the sermon.

The people stand.

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.

- Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Silence
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People *Hear our prayer.*
- Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Silence
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People *Hear our prayer.*
- Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People *Hear our prayer.*
- Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
Silence
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People *Hear our prayer.*
- Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Silence
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People *Hear our prayer.*
- Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Silence
- Leader* Lord, in your mercy
People *Hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

The people kneel

All ***God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.***

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The people stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have had a birthday or any anniversary this past week,
please come forward for a special prayer.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant gives an offertory sentence.

The offering plate will be passed by the ushers. You may also donate by texting ALLSOULS to 73256, or by scanning the QR code.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Sung by Cantor
The people stand.*

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

Thomas Troeger (1945-2022)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord 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 our God.

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

Celebrant IT IS TRULY RIGHT, and good and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your
constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one
body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of
every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS S 129 (*front of Blue Hymnal*) Holy, holy, holy Lord Robert Powell (1932-2025)

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._____

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Sung by all. 🎵🎵🎵

The people may kneel

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

Celebrant

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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,

All

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, We may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

All

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 164 (front of Blue Hymnal)

Sung by all

Jesus, Lamb of God
Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

At Communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Please receive the sacrament in open and outstretched hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. To receive the chalice, gently guide the base of the chalice with your hand to allow the rim to reach your lips. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the bread) into the common chalice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your arms across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

COMMUNION HYMN 321 (*Blue Hymnal*) My God, thy table now is spread *Rockingham*
Sung by all.
The people may sit or remain kneeling.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel this way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

HYMN 541 (*Blue Hymnal*) Come, Labor On *Ora Labora*
Sung by all.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant The eternal Creator calls us. The risen Savior sends us.
The dynamic Spirit empowers us. Go in peace to serve the triune God.
All Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Improvisation on ORA LABORA T. Andrew



Thank you for joining us today at All Souls.
We are privileged to have you with us and invite you to return and worship with us again.



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