

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2300 CATHEDRAL AVE—WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY

Arioso

J.S. Bach

The people stand.

HYMN 10 (*Blue Hymnal*)

New every morning is the love

Kedron

Sung by All.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

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

All Glory be to God on High

Allein Gott in der Höh

(*Blue Hymnal*)

Sung by all

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant

Let us pray,

GRANT US, O LORD, TO TRUST IN YOU WITH ALL OUR HEARTS; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAH FROM THE LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17 *Domine, probasti*

Said responsively by whole verse

1 LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME OUT AND KNOWN ME; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places ***
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

**16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!**

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

THE EPISTLE

Philemon 1-21

PAUL, A PRISONER OF CHRIST JESUS, AND TIMOTHY OUR BROTHER, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader The Word of the Lord

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

The people stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 603 (*Blue Hymnal*) When Christ was lifted from the Earth *St. Botolph*
Sung by all. See insert.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

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

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

NOW LARGE CROWDS WERE TRAVELING WITH JESUS; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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 a birthday or any anniversary, 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

Day by Day

arr. Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

The people stand.

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)
Sung by all. 🕊️🕊️

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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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 AAHH 449

(Beige Hymnal)

Sung by all.

The people may sit or remain kneeling.

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Adelaide

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 345 *(Blue Hymnal)*

Sung by all.

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise

Ellers

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

Toccata

J. Frohberger

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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