

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2300 CATHEDRAL AVE—WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 21, 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 flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Jim Pridgen
by Art Warren.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in D

George Dyson (1883-1964)



The people stand.

HYMN 408 (*Blue Hymnal*)
Sung by All.

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Mit Freuden Zart

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.***

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S 280

(Blue Hymnal) Sung by all

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant

Let us pray,

GRANT US, LORD, NOT TO BE ANXIOUS ABOUT EARTHLY THINGS, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 8:18-9:1

MY JOY IS GONE, GRIEF IS UPON ME,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Chanted by the choir

- 1 O GOD, THE HEATHEN HAVE COME INTO YOUR INHERITANCE;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

THE EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1-7

FIRST OF ALL, I URGE THAT SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN AAHH 524 (*Beige Hymnal*)

Sung by all.

There is Balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

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

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

JESUS SAID TO THE DISCIPLES, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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.*

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) Mariann, Eugene and Sean; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Please feel free to mention the names of those for whom you would like to pray.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

The people kneel

All ***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord 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 the choir (see insert)

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

C. H. H. Parry

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 RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. 🛎

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." 🛎🛎🛎

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All

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

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.

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 488 (*Blue Hymnal*) Be Thou My Vision

Slane

(*Sung by all.*)

The people may sit or remain kneeling.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

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 601 (*Blue Hymnal*)

O day of God, draw nigh

St. Michael

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

Postlude in D

Healey Willan (1880-1968)



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.

*Please join us downstairs in the Undercroft after the service
for a time of fellowship, coffee and refreshments.*