

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2300 CATHEDRAL AVE—WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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. 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 or Mother Sara.

*The altar flowers are given to the greater glory of God for the people of All Souls
in celebration of the day of Pentecost, the birthday of the church.*



*The Holy Spirit depicted by a descending dove
in the Gable window above window 14,
North wall of Clerestory Windows in All Souls Church*

INTROIT

Sung by the choir

Veni Creator Spiritus

plain song, Mode 8

Please stand.

GATHERING HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Manna

Sung by all.

There's a sweet, sweet spir - it in this place, _____ and I know that it's the spir - it of _____ the
sweet ex - pres-sion on each face, _____ and I know that it's the pres-ence of _____ the

1. _____ 2. _____
Lord. _____ There's a Sweet Ho-ly Spir-it, sweet heav'n-ly dove,
Lord. _____

stay right here with_ us, fill-ing us with_ your love. And for those bless-ings, we

lift our hearts with praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re-ceived, when_ we shall leave_ this place.

Celebrant Let us proceed in peace.
People *In the name of Christ Amen.*

The procession departs the Nave and the people follow the cross. The procession departs from the red doors on Cathedral Ave, proceeds East to Woodley Pl, turns right to walk South on Woodley Pl, at Woodley Rd, crosses the street to the East side of Woodley Pl, and returns to the Nave. The people find their seats in preparation of the indoor Procession.

OUTDOOR PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

Sung by all.

Iverson

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody in the treble staff begins with a dotted quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same rhythmic and harmonic structure.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

The third system of musical notation features a more active melody in the treble staff, with eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the hymn with a final cadence in both the treble and bass staves.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

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 S-278 (*front of Blue Hymnal*)
Sung by all

William Mathias (1934-1992)

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray,

ALMIGHTY GOD, ON THIS DAY you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST HAD COME, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show

portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

PSALM 104:25-35, 37
Sung by the choir.

Benedic, anima mea
Chant: Martin Neary (1940-2026)

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures.
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
 with its living things too many to number, *
 creatures both small and great.
27 There move the ships,
 and there is that Leviathan, *
 which you have made for the sport of it.
28 All of them look to you *
 to give them their food in due season.
29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
 you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
 you take away their breath,
 and they die and return to their dust.
31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
 and so you renew the face of the earth.
32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
 may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.
34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
35 May these words of mine please him; *
 I will rejoice in the Lord.
37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
 Hallelujah!

NO ONE CAN SAY "JESUS IS LORD" EXCEPT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 505 (*Blue Hymnal*)

Sung by all.

O Spirit of Life
O heiliger Geist

THE GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

ON THE LAST DAY OF THE FESTIVAL, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Sara 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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader *Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;*
People *That we all may be one.*

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Leader Give to the departed, eternal rest.
People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant 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.***

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 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 the choir.

Come, Thou Holy Spirit, Come
Gere Hancock (1934-2012)

*Come, thou Holy Spirit come, and from thy celestial home shed a ray of light divine.
Come, thou father of the poor; come, thou source of all our store, come, within our bosoms shine.
Thou, of comforters the best, thou the soul's most welcome guest, sweet refreshment here below;
in our labour rest most sweet, grateful coolness in the heat, solace in the midst of woe.
O most blessed light Divine, shine within these hearts of thine, and our inmost being fill;
where thou art not, man is naught, nothing good in deed or thought, nothing free from taint of ill.
Heal our wounds; our strength renew; on our dryness pour thy dew; wash the stains of guilt
away; bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; guide the steps that go
astray.
On the faithful who adore and confess thee, evermore in thy seven-fold gifts descend;
give them virtue's sure reward, give them thy salvation, Lord, give them joys that never end.*

Words by Stephen Langton (d.1228) translation by E. Caswall (1814-78)

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 our Lord God.
People ***It is right to give him 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

SANCTUS S-128 (*Blue Hymnal*)
Sung by all.

William Mathias

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

The people 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.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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.

The people may sit or remain kneeling.

All are welcome to receive Holy 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.

HYMN AAHH 316 (*Beige Hymnal*)
Sung by all.

Let it breathe on me
Magnolia Lewis-Butts

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

Celebrant MAY THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

And 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 AAHH 325

Sung by all.

Every time I feel the Spirit
Spiritual

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on Veni Creator Spiritus

John Cook
(1918-1984)



Thank you for joining us today at All Souls.

We are grateful to have you with us and invite you to return and worship with us again.

**Please join us in the Undercroft after service
for our time of fellowship and coffee hour.**



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MEANING & SIGNIFICANCE OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

The term means “the fiftieth day.” It is used in both the OT and the NT. In the OT it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the NT to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15). The Day of Pentecost is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is “especially appropriate” for baptism (p. 312). The liturgical color for the feast is red. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsun or Whitsunday, a corruption of “White Sunday.” This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost would wear their white baptismal garments to church on the Day of Pentecost.

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