

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2300 CATHEDRAL AVE—WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12TH, 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in
loving memory of Jane Woodall
by her family.*



VOLUNTARY

Come Down, O Love Divine arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Please stand.

HYMN 398 (*Blue Hymnal*)

I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

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.***

*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,

O LORD, MERCIFULLY receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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

Isaiah 55:10-13

AS THE RAIN AND THE SNOW COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Psalm 65:9-14 *Te decet hymnus*
Said responsively by half verse

- ⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- ¹⁰You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- ¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- ¹²You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹³May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- ¹⁴May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

The people stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 516 (*Blue Hymnal*) Come down, O Love Divine *Down Ampney*
Sung by all.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

JESUS WENT OUT OF THE HOUSE AND SAT BESIDE THE SEA. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and

choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Sara E. Palmer, Rector

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 Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The people kneel

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

*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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have had a birthday or 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 codes.*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Sung by Cantor, Kevin Slade

We Are the Lord's

*Londonderry Aire
arr. Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)*

*We are the Lord's; His all-sufficient merit,
Sealed on the cross, to us this grace accords.
We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit;
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

*We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender
Our souls to Him in deeds, not empty words.
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.
We are the Lord's; no darkness brooding o'er us
Can make us tremble while this star affords
A steady light along the path before us—
Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's.*

*We are the Lord's; no evil can befall us
In the dread hour of life's fast loosening cords;
No pangs of death shall even then appall us.
Death we shall vanquish, for we are the Lord's.*

Karl Spitta (1801-1859)

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 God 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 with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 129 (*Front of Blue Hymnal*)

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

Sung by all.

***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;
People* *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

FRACTION ANTHEM S 164 (*Front of Blue Hymnal*)
Sung by all

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer 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. Everybody, everybody, everybody is welcome at the
table of the Lord!*

The people may sit or remain kneeling.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. 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 chalice. Receiving in one kind (bread alone) is full communion. 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 Levas II

One Bread, One Body

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The people kneel

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 ALMIGHTY GOD, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.***

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 530 (*Blue Hymnal*)
Sung by all.

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

VOLUNTARY

Jig Fugue

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)



Please join us in the Undercroft after service for Coffee Hour

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.



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