

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2300 CATHEDRAL AVE—WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11TH, 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.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

CHORAL PRELUDE

We Gather at Your Table, Lord
The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

*We gather at your table, Lord, we humbly lift our hearts to you:
Here all are welcomed, all restored, and all are given work to do.*

*God, pour your Spirit on us all, and on these gifts that we receive;
for in Christ's presence we recall his life and death, and so believe.*

*From north and south, from west and east, now reconciled, we gather near;
we taste your kingdom's banquet feast, so finding strength to serve you here.*

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN 481 (*Blue Hymnal*)

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Gopsal

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.***

*Sung by all. (Front of Blue Hymnal)**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise;**Glory to you.**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple:**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**Glory to you beholding the depths;**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**Glory to you!***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY***Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* *And also with you.**Celebrant* Let us pray,

LORD, WE PRAY THAT YOUR GRACE MAY always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* *And also with you.**Celebrant* Let us pray,

CREATOR, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU ARE and all that you bring to us within your creation. In Jesus, you placed the Gospel in the Center of the Sacred Circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Forgive us for the wrongs done to our Indigenous peoples over the centuries. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen

*The people sit.***THE FIRST LESSON****Isaiah 25:1-9**

O LORD YOU ARE MY GOD; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the

blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM 23
Sung by choir.

Dominus regit me

Bobby McFerrin, b. 1950

- 1 *The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need
She makes me lie down in green meadows
Beside the still waters, She will lead*
- 2 *She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs
She leads me in a path of good things
And fills my heart with songs*
- 3 *Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land
There is nothing that can shake me
She has said She won't forsake me
I'm in her hand*
- 4 *She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes
She anoints my head with oil
And my cup overflows*
- 5 *Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me
All the days of my life
And I will live in her house
Forever, forever and ever*

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 4:1-9

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

The people stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 645

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

(Blue hymnal)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

ONCE MORE JESUS SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE IN PARABLES, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. 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.*

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*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 FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying Lord, have mercy.

For peace among all nations, for justice among neighbors, for safety for all in uncertain transit; for refugees from violence and all those seeking a home, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the remembrance of our own ancestors who may have been displaced, and who may have come to this land seeking freedom from oppression and conquest, but who in turn displaced others, perhaps not even fully understanding the harm that was being done, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the forgiveness of sin, for the repentance of wrong, and for justice to shine in its place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For understanding and acknowledgement of injustice wrought in the name of God by those whose paths we inherit, for righting the infliction of harms, for fellowship to replace oppression, and for reconciliation and healing to ease pain, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For bearing witness to the pain of our neighbors, and in hope that the love of God can heal all broken bonds, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those forgotten tongues, rites, peoples, clans, tribes and traditions, including bands of our own ancestry and those who once walked this land, who were oppressed by conquerors, and yet prayed to You in all Your forms for deliverance, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the love of God to fill this place and the hearts of all of God's children with good will; for a path of peace to walk side by side; and the promise of God that we all, regardless of race or creed, belong to God and that we belong to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us commend ourselves and one another and all our lives to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God. 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 people stand as they are able

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

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Henry Purcell, 1659-1695

The Choir and Soloists

John Wiecking, alto

Will Stewart, tenor

Kevin Slade, bass

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice

Let your moderation be known unto all men; The Lord is at hand; Be careful for nothing;

But in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,

let your requests be made known unto God

And the peace of God which passeth all understanding

shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord

Please stand as you are able.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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*)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Sung by all.

*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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Flocks in Pastures Green Abiding

J. S Bach, 1685-1750

*Flocks in pastures green abiding, safely with their Shepherd rest.
Cool'd by waters gently gliding, flocks in pastures green abiding, safely with their Shepherd rest.
With the food of life He feeds them, to the fold He gently leads them, there to dwell forever blest.*

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.***

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY



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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