

# ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2300 CATHEDRAL AVE—WASHINGTON, D.C.



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## THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY 9, TRANSFERRED

JANUARY 4, 2026 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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**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 flowers at the high altar are offered in thanksgiving and to the greater Glory of God  
in loving memory of the life of Melissa Brannon  
by her nieces Dilara and Zeren Brannon  
by Ike Brannon*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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#### VOLUNTARY

*The Morning Star Carol*

Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)

*Please stand.*

**HYMN 497** (*Blue Hymnal*)  
*Sung by all.*

How bright appears the Morning Star

*Wie schön leuchtet*

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant*     Let us pray,

O GOD, WHO WONDERFULLY CREATED, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

ARISE, SHINE; FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

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

- <sup>1</sup> GIVE THE KING YOUR JUSTICE, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
<sup>2</sup> That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;  
<sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
<sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.  
<sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
<sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
<sup>11</sup> All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.  
<sup>12</sup> For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
<sup>13</sup> He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup> He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

## THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1-12

THIS IS THE REASON that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles -- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant

according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

*The people stand.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 128 (*Blue Hymnal*)            We three Kings of Orient are            *Three kings of Orient*  
*Sung by all.*

## THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

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

IN THE TIME OF KING HEROD, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

    'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
    are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
    for from you shall come a ruler  
    who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

*The people sit.*

SERMON

THE REV. SARA E. PALMER, RECTOR

*A brief time of silent reflection is kept after the sermon.*

*The people stand.*

THE NICENE CREED

*All*

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, FORM VI

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence  
 For all people in their daily life and work

*People* *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

*Leader* For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann our Bishop; and all bishops  
 and other ministers;

*People* *For all who serve God in his Church.*

*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Please mention  
 the names and situations you are concerned about either aloud or in the  
 silence of your heart.  
*Silence* Hear us, Lord;

*People* *For your mercy is great.*

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*Silence* We will exalt you, O God our King.

*People* *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

*Leader* We pray for all who have died ☉, that they may have a place in your  
 eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* *Who put their trust in you.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us humbly 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 thee 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.**

*The people sit.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have a birthday or anniversary this week, please come forward for a 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*

Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come

George J. Elvey  
(1816-1893)

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.  
For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:  
but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.  
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.  
Arise, shine; for thy light is come. Isaiah 60:1-3

*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 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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 130

*Sung by all.*

Franz Schubert  
(1797-1828)

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 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

*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: 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.

*The people may sit or remain kneeling.*

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. 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. Receiving in one kind 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 AAHH 680 (*Beige Hymnal*)  
*Sung by all.*

Taste and See

*Taste and See*

*The people kneel.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** *Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## BLESSING

*Celebrant* 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. May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. Amen. May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. Amen. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

HYMN 119 (*Blue Hymnal*)  
*Sung by all.*

As with gladness men of old

*Dix*

## VOLUNTARY

*Wie schön leuchtet*

Egil Hovland  
(1924-2013)

**SPRING 2026**  
**ADULT FAITH FORUM SERIES**  
**MEETING IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 10 AM**

**January**

- 11 - Understanding the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew (Joe Howell)
- 18 - Understanding the Synoptic Gospels: Mark (Joe Howell)
- 25 - Understanding the Synoptic Gospels: Luke (Joe Howell)

**February**

- 1 - Collects of the Church Liturgy (Venessa Acham)
- 8 - African Bible Study: Lectio Divina (Rev. Sara Palmer)  
*(Based on a reading for the feast of Martin Luther King Jr., Pastor and Martyr)*
- 15 - Spiritual Journey Interview (Rev. Sara Palmer)
- 22 - Lenten Book Study (Rev. Sara Palmer)

**March**

- 1 - Lenten Book Study (Forum Committee Member)
- 8 - Lenten Book Study Forum Committee Member)
- 15 - Lenten Book Study (Forum Committee Member)
- 22 - Lenten Book Study (Forum Committee Member)
- 29 - Passion (Palm) Sunday (NO FORUM)

**April**

- 5 - Easter Sunday (NO FORUM)
- 12 - Spiritual Journey Interview (Rev. Sara Palmer)
- 19 - What is Life? What is Death? (Sebastian Wellford)
- 26 - What is Life? What is Death? (Sebastian Wellford)

**May**

- 3 - White Christian Nationalism (David Palmer)
- 10 - Spiritual Journey Interview (Rev. Sara Palmer)
- 17 - Parish Reflections on Growth and Depth (Rev. Sara Palmer)





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