



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 11, 2026 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 flowers on the altar and in the Mary Chapel are given
to the glory of God and in honor of their son, Michael Justin Drell's ordination,
by Victoria & Larry Drell.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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VOLUNTARY

When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Please stand.

HYMN 135 (*Blue Hymnal*)
Sung by all.

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

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.*

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 pray.

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,

FATHER IN HEAVEN, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan pro claimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The people sit.

HERE IS MY SERVANT, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

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

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE EPISTLE

Acts 10:34-43

PETER BEGAN TO SPEAK TO THEM: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the

third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

The people stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 120 (Blue Hymnal) The sinless one to Jordan came *Solemnis haec festivitas*
Sung by all.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:13-17

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

JESUS CAME FROM GALILEE TO JOHN AT THE JORDAN, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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 BAPTISMAL COVENANT

- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?
People *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*
- Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People *I believe in the Holy Spirit,*
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
- Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People *I will, with God's help.*
- Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People *I will, with God's help.*

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

The Blessed Son of God

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Sung by the Choir

Words: Miles Coverdale, after Martin Luther

The blessed son of God only
In a crib full poor did lie;
With our poor flesh and our poor blood
Was clothed that everlasting good. *Kyrie elesion.*

The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear,
Was a guest and a stranger here;
Us for to bring from misery,
That we might live eternally. *Kyrie elesion*

All this did he for us freely,
For to declare his great mercy;
All Christendom be merry therefore,
And give him thanks for evermore. *Kyrie elesion.*

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 Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

All

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.

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 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.*

VOLUNTARY

Passacaglia on a Theme by Dunstable

John Weaver

(1937-2021)



Thank you for joining us today at All Souls.

Please join us in the undercroft after the service for Coffee Hour.

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





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