

# All Souls Episcopal Church

2300 Cathedral Ave—Washington, D.C.



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## The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

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VOLUNTARY

Chant de Paix

Jean Langlais  
(1907-1991)

*Please stand.*

HYMN 427 (Blue Hymnal)

When morning gilds the skies

*Laudes Domini*

*Sung by all.*

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.***

*Sung by all.*

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,

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

SHOUT OUT, DO NOT HOLD BACK!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?  
Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 112:1-9

*Beatus vir*

John Goss (1800-1880)

*Chanted by the choir*

1 **H**allelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;

they put their trust in the Lord.  
8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.  
9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

## THE EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12

WHEN I CAME TO YOU, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 601 (*Blue Hymnal*)  
*Sung by all.*

O Day of God, draw nigh

Tune: St. Michael

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:13-20

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

JESUS SAID, "YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

*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 and Eugene, our Bishops;  
 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 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.*

*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 Call of Wisdom

Will Todd (b. 1970)

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Lord of wisdom, lord of truth, lord of justice, lord of mercy.  
Walk beside us down the years, 'till we see you in your glory.  
Striving to attain the heights. Turning in a new direction.  
Entering a lonely place. Welcoming a friend or stranger.  
I am here, I am with you. I have called, do you hear me?  
I am here, I am here, I am with you.  
Silver is of passing worth (Silver), gold is not of constant value.  
Jewels sparkle for a while. What you long for is not lasting.  
I am here, I am with you. I have called, do you hear me?  
I am here, I am here. I am with you.  
Rulers govern under me. With my insight and my wisdom.  
Those who know me know my love. Those who seek me find their answer.  
I am here, I am with you. I have called, do you hear me?  
I am here, I am here. I am with you  
God, the Father and the son. Holy Spirit, coeternal.  
Glory, glory, be ascribed to you. Now and to the end, to the end of ages.  
I am here, I am with you. I have called, do you hear me?  
I am here, I am here. I am with you, with you, with you.*

*Michael Hampel (b.1967)*

*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

Franz Schubert

*Sung by all.*

(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 686 (*Beige Hymnal*)

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Break Bread Together*

*Sung by all.*

*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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
***Amen.***

*The people stand.*

HYMN 505, vs. 1-5 (*Blue Hymnal*)

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

O heiliger Geist

*Sung by all.*

DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens  
(1823-1881)



**Thank you for joining us today at All Souls.**

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

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