

ALL SAINTS

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

August 23, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity, being formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the hallmarks of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy literally is “the work of the people,” and refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

*All hymn numbers correspond to the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew rack.
The people’s responses are in bold.*

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME

✠ THE ENTRANCE RITE ✠

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

ENTRANCE HYMN

The Church’s One Foundation

No. 525

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

S280

The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 1:8-2:10

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

124

Read Responsively by Whole Verse

The psalms are prayers from the Old Testament that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.

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| 1 | If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say; | 5 | Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us. |
| 2 | If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us; | 6 | Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us
over to be a prey for their teeth. |
| 3 | Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us; | 7 | We have escaped like a bird from the snare of
the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have
escaped. |
| 4 | Then would the waters have overwhelmed
us, and the torrent gone over us; | 8 | Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. |

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

The people stand as able at the introduction to the Sequence Hymn.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

No. 518

The Sequence Hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”

(VV. 1-3 BEFORE THE GOSPEL, VV. 4 AFTER THE GOSPEL)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus’ words and actions.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dcn. Kelly Gearhart

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

THE NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

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 $\pm$ resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI, BCP p. 392

Prayer is offered with intercession for the following. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

Lector In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Lector For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

Lector 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.**

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

Lector For Carrie our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

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

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; remembering especially our Military and First Responders: Bruce, Erin, Tavis, Charles, Chris, Clark, Jasmine, Ryan, Tyler, Tapanga and Vincent; For those in need of healing: Adeline, Alyssa, Amber, Amy, Bonnie B., Caroline, Charlie, Chris, Diane A., Dottie, Elaine+, Felicia, George, Greg, Ida, Ike R., Jacques, Jane, Jonathan, John & Sudha, John M., Kathryn, Kevin+, Kezziah, Lynne, Matt S., Matthew N., Morgan, Nancy, Owen, Pam, Sheila H. Sheila P., Sherriz, Susie, Sylvia, Tess, Tyler F.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lector Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great**
Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.
Lector We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**
Lector We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence.
Lector Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Lector We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
Presider 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.
People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP p. 830

People **Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the mystery and miracle of the Holy Eucharist. An offering is received to support All Saints ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code or online at allsaintsmd.org/give.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Offertory"

Hollis Thoms

Jacqueline Thoms, *soprano*

God, my Father, loving me,
Gave His Son my friend to be;
Gave His Son, my form to take,
Bearing all things for my sake.

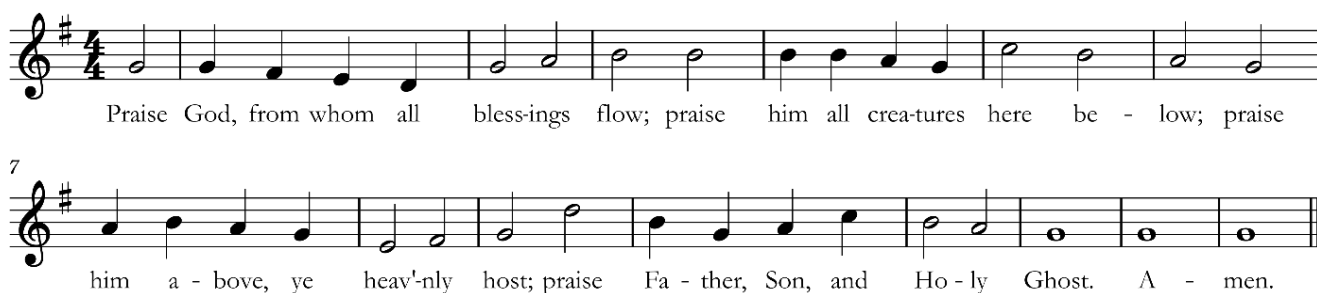
Jesus still remains the same
As in days of old he came,
As my brother by my side,
Still he seeks my steps to guide.

How can I repay Thy love,
Lord of all the hosts above?
What have I, a child to bring
Unto Thee, thou heavenly King?

I have but myself to give;
Let me to Thy glory live;
Let me follow day by day,
Where thou showest me the way.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Sung by All



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP p. 361

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

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 our 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.

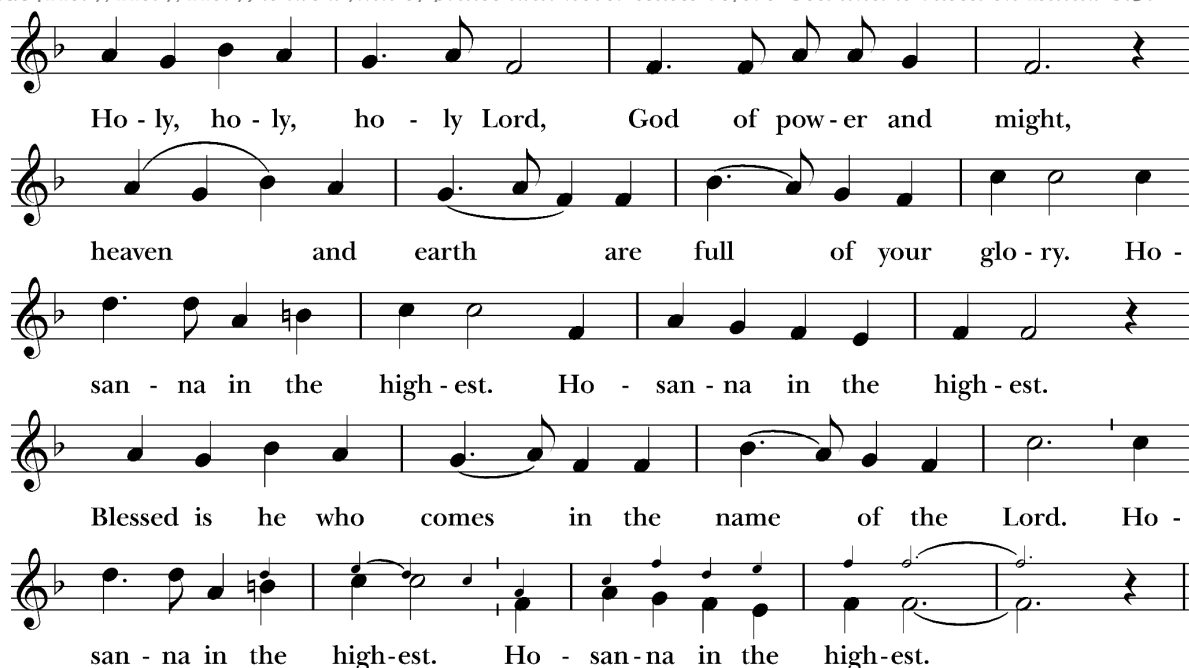
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

THE SANCTUS

S125

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

During the following prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ☩ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.

Celebrant All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 364

We pray together, the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

Celebrant 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY 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 are seated.

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the wafer in your outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying, "Amen." If you require a **gluten-free** wafer, please place one arm over your chest to make your need known. Receiving the wafer alone is full participation in the Eucharist. For those who wish to consume wine, please assist in guiding the chalice to your lips. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, you may indicate your choice by crossing your arms across your chest. If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you.*

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

No. 304

MEDITATION

"Psalm 139"

Hollis Thoms

In celebration of the birth of Hollis & Jacqueline Thoms' granddaughter Jocey Hazel Thoms on August 8, 2026.

O Lord, you have searched and known me,
You know when I sit and rise up.
You know my words before I speak.
You know my thoughts and all my ways.
You are before and behind me
And you lay your hand upon me.
O such knowledge is too wonderful
I can not attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee your presence?
If I go to heaven you are there,
If I go to hell then you are there.
If I take the wings of the morn
And go to the limits of the sea.
Your hand heads me and is guiding me.
Your right hand shall hold me fast.

O Lord, you have formed my inward parts,
You knit me together in the womb
of my mother, I shall praise You,
I am wonderfully made by You
I was not hidden from You
When I was made in secret
Intricately woven in the womb.
Your eyes watched over me.

Alleluia, Praise the Lord!
Alleluia, Praise the Lord!
O my soul does magnify the Lord!
For He has done marvelous things,
He has done great things for me.
And Holy is his name!
Alleluia, Praise the Lord!
Alleluia, Praise the Lord!

THE POST-COMMUNION 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.**

✠ THE CONCLUDING RITE ✠

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

No. 427

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ARE YOU NEW?

We are so glad you are with us today. Whether in person or online for a short time or a lifetime, sure in faith or full of doubt, you belong here. If this is your first time at All Saints, we'd love to learn more about you. Please scan this QR code to fill out our welcome form and a member of our Newcomer's Committee will be in touch with you shortly. We look forward to getting to know you better.



This Week at All Saints: August 24th - August 30th

Monday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Chapel and Zoom)
7:00 PM Weekly Bible Study (Zoom)

Tuesday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Chapel and Zoom)
7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (Small Conference Room)

Wednesday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Chapel and Zoom)
5:30 PM Healing Service with Eucharist (St. Paul's Chapel)

Thursday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Chapel and Zoom)

Friday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom)

Saturday:

8:30 AM Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)

Sunday:

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Historic Church)
9:00 AM Adult Formation: The Life & Ministry of Pauli Murray (Great Hall)
9:00 AM Fellowship (Parish Hall)
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Historic Church)
10:00 AM Children's Chapel (St. Paul's Chapel)
11:15 AM Fellowship (Parish Hall)

Blessing of our Loops of Love

Today at both the 8:00 and 10:00am services we will bless the prayer blankets and prayer shawls made by members of our Loops of Love ministry. These gifts will be given to anyone in need of prayer. If you or someone you know would like a prayer blanket or shawl please contact Rev. Jen Mariano at associate@allsaintsmd.org or 240 215-7419. If you would like to join this wonderful ministry please contact Linda Randall at lrاندall1861@comcast.net.

Adult Formation

Join us for the second part of our Adult Formation series exploring the extraordinary life of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray — lawyer, activist, and the first Black woman ordained an Episcopal priest — and the making of the icon that is now at All Saints. The presentation will be led by Lynn Gebrowsky in the Great Hall, **TODAY at 9:00 AM:** Why the Church honors her as a saint, and how Lynn transcribed her story as a holy icon.

Weekly Bible Study on the Appointed Gospel (Zoom)

Our next Bible study will be on **Monday, August 24, 2026**, when we will study the Gospel for the coming Sunday which is **Matthew 16:21-28**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Elaine+** at revprince1986@gmail.com. Anyone wishing to study this Gospel reading for next Sunday may gather on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 881 8405 9606 Passcode: 272102

Adult Christian Formation Course on the Gospel according to John

Please join Roland Morin at **9:00 am, starting Sunday, August 30th**, in the Great Hall for a series of discussions on the fourth gospel. Among the things we will discuss are the authorship of the gospel and what authorship meant in the first century. We'll look at what makes John different from the other three gospels and some of the stories unique to John. We will also explore some of John's theology and how it can help us understand who Jesus said he was. All are welcome for these interesting conversations. The class will take place on Sundays at 9:00 am through September 20th.

Presentation and Panel Discussion on "The Cultural Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Church and Community"

On behalf of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, All Saints will be hosting an event open to everyone on **Tuesday, September 1st, at 10:00 am in the Great Hall**. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Michael Delashmutt, Senior Vice President of General Theological Seminary in New York City. His research and writing range widely across Anglican theology, practical theology, and the ways emerging technologies—from information systems to artificial intelligence—are reshaping how people understand knowledge, authority, and religious life. His current research explores the theological implications of artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies for Christian ministry and formation. Following the keynote speech, there will be a question-and-answer session with a panel of experts in the field, including The Rev. Dr. Pan Conrad, Dr. George Dimitoglou, and Dr. Mark A. Thompson, Sr. A light lunch will be provided following the panel discussion. We invite you to join us for this informative session. *Scan the QR code for more info.*



Seasoned Saints Luncheon

September 9th at 12PM, please join in the fun at Gladchuk Brothers for great conversation with friends, and an excellent lunch! Call Terry for reservations 301-620-9906. Let her know if you can not make it.

In the Streets 2026 - Volunteers Needed!

Please join us on **Saturday, Sept. 12** for the annual In the Streets Celebration at the "Kids Block", on Market Street between 6th and 7th Street. If you are available to volunteer, please sign up for a time slot using the QR code. Questions? Email aharrington@allsaintsmd.org



Caring for What God Has Entrusted to Us-Creating Your Will:

Stewardship is a lifelong response to God's abundance: the care of all that has been entrusted to us, including what we will leave behind. Preparing or updating your estate plan is a practical act of love for your loved ones and a faithful exercise of that stewardship. Through a partnership with FreeWill, you can create or update your will online, securely and at no cost, in about 20 minutes. Accomplish this by:

1. Attending a FreeWill event on **Sunday, September 13**, after the 8 am and 10 am services in the Great Hall. Use a parish provided laptop or bring your own laptop, phone, or other device to access the website. A notary will be available on site and childcare will be provided.
2. Using this link to access FreeWill on the diocese website Create your plan today.



Fellowship Volunteers Needed for 11:15 AM

After Sunday services, we provide an opportunity to gather in the **Parish Hall** for coffee/tea and treats with fellow parishioners, to visit and see old friends and meet new people. We are looking for one or two additional folks to volunteer 1.5 hours to assist with set-up or clean-up and serving at 11:15 AM. The parish provides food and supplies, and a mentor will assist with training and answer questions. Volunteers rotate so assignments are about once a month. Please contact **Betty Briesel-Ludwig** at bettybrieseludwig@gmail.com.

EfM Registration is Now Open:

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a program designed to nurture spiritual growth and explore one's faith journey. The small community of 12 participants is facilitated by a mentor, and meets weekly to learn, discuss and reflect on readings for that week. This group will begin their work together in September, but registration is now open. For more information, please see **Ben Green** or contact the church office at churchoffice@allsaintsmd.org.

August Outreach-Medical Debt Relief:

We at All Saints are partnering with several local faith communities to raise \$103,172.00 by October 31st, in order to relieve more than 14,000 of our neighbors here in Frederick County who collectively owe \$15 million dollars. Impossible as this may seem, we are working with a national 501-C3 non profit, "Undue Medical Debt" which, supported by donations, buys large bundled medical debts at a steep discount. *A donation of just \$1.00 on average erases \$100.00 of debt!!* Recipients of this campaign are those with debt amounts of more than 5% of their income, and/or earn at or below 400% of the federal poverty level. Let's help to relieve them of the crushing weight of health care bills they cannot afford to pay!



Special Challenge Camp Day #2

Mark your calendars now for the next Special Challenge Camp Day, at the Bishop Claggett Center on **Thursday, October 20th!** The theme will be Fall & Halloween and the Campers and volunteers are certainly going to have lots of fun. Activities are still being planned but currently they include: Dog Show, Chapel & Eucharist, Lunch, Zipline, Pumpkin Painting, Arts & Crafts/Woodworking, Campfire & S'mores. If you'd like to sign up now to volunteer, just email **June Miller**. Around **October 1st**, a SignUp Genius will be shared by the Camp Director, Sara Yoe+. For more information you can visit claggettcenter.org/special-challenge-days.

A poster for "Choir Boot Camp" with a camouflage border. The text is as follows:

YOU'VE BEEN DRAFTED!

CHOIR

SEPT 11-12 **BOOT CAMP** **PARISH HALL**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Parish Hall
Bring a Friend | New Member Info Session
Sing Your Favorites & Happy Hour!

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
9:00 a.m. | Historic Church
Morning Prayer & Eucharist with Rev. Jen

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Parish Hall
New Music | Psalms | Vocal Skills Workshop
lunch will be provided

Register today: musicdir@allsaintsmd.org

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