

ALL SAINTS

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

September 13, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

The Sixteenth 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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

No. 556

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. O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

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

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

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Chanted by the Parish Choir

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 | Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, | 5 | What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back? |
| 2 | Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion. | 6 | You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep? |
| 3 | The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back. | 7 | Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,*
at the presence of the God of Jacob, |
| 4 | The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep. | 8 | Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water*
and flint-stone into a flowing spring. |

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

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.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in

honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

No. 674

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 18:21-35

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.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

*The Rev. Canon Dina van Klaveren
Episcopal Diocese of Maryland
Canon for Stewardship*

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

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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, Charles, Chris, Clark, Conrad, Jasmine, Ryan, Tavis, Tyler, Tapanga and Vincent; For those in need of healing: Adeline, Alyssa, Amber, Amy, Bonnie B., Brian, Bob, Caroline, Chris, Diane A., Dottie, Donna, Elaine+, Felicia, George D., George K., Greg, Ida, Ike R., Jacques, Jane, John & Sudha, John M., Kathryn, Kevin+, Kezziah, Laurie, Lynda, Lynne, Matt S., Matthew N., Morgan, Nancy, Owen, Pam, Sally+, Sheila H. Sheila P., Sherriz, Susie, Sylvia, Tess, Tom, Tyler F., William.

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.**

CONFESSON 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

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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

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Maurice Bevan

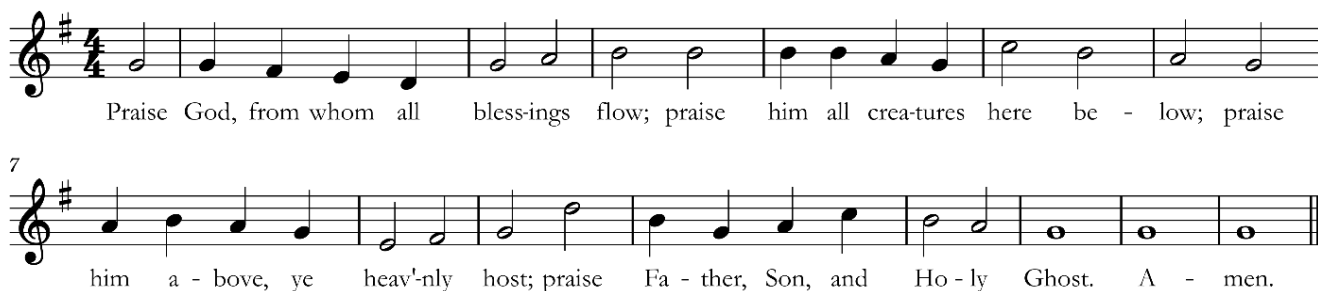
There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow, by false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Sung by All



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.”

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	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.

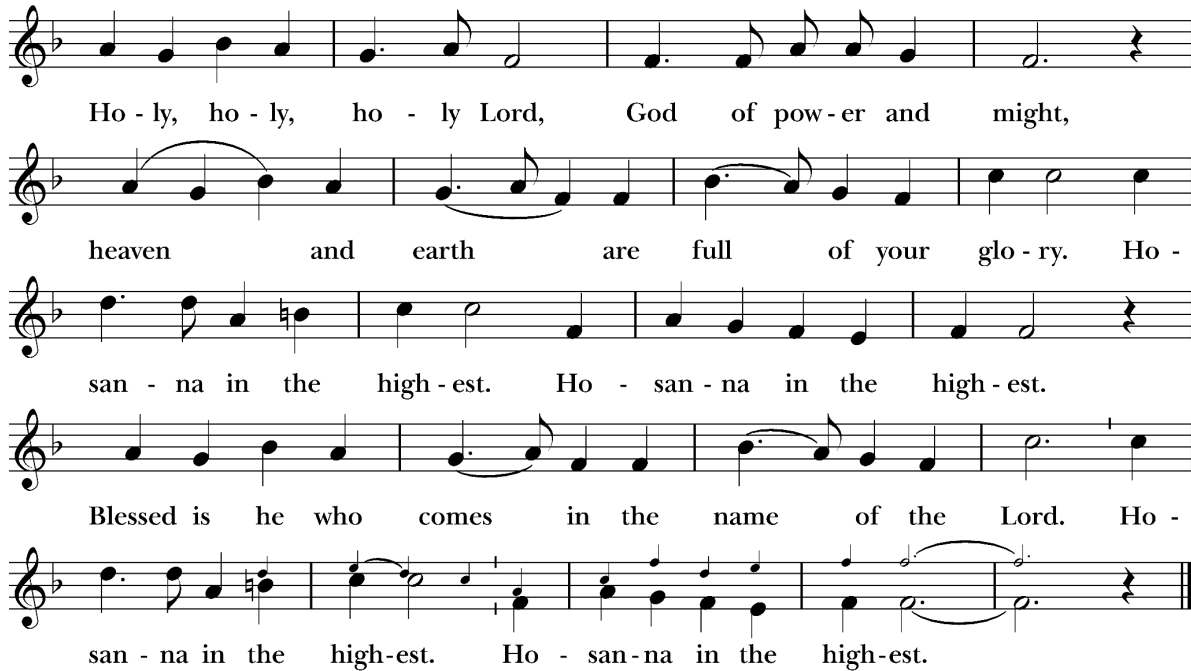
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

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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

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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

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

No. 313

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.**

SENDING FORTH OUR EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

✠ 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

Christ for the World We Sing!

No. 537

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: September 14th - September 20th

Monday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer
(St. Paul's Chapel and Zoom)
12:00 PM St. Mary's Chapter Meeting (Parish Hall)
1:30 PM Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
(Small Conference Room)
7:00 PM Weekly Bible Study (Zoom)

Tuesday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer
(St. Paul's Chapel and Zoom)
8:30 AM Budget & Finance Meeting (Zoom)
4:00 PM Education for Ministry
(Small Conference Room)
6:30 PM Truth & Reconciliation Committee
Meeting (Memorial Lounge)

Wednesday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Chapel and Zoom)
5:30 PM Healing Service with Eucharist
(St. Paul's Chapel)
6:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (Great Hall)

Thursday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer
(St. Paul's Chapel and Zoom)
5:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)
6:30 PM Hand Bells (Choir Room)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
(Choir Room, Historic Church)

Friday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom)

Saturday:

8:30 AM Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)
9:00 AM Environmental Ministry Hike
(Monocacy National Battlefield)

Sunday:

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Historic Church)
9:00 AM Children's Formation
(Court St. Classrooms)
9:00 AM Adult Formation: The Gospel
According to John (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)
11:00 AM Fellowship (Parish Hall)
11:15 AM Youth Group (Youth Group Room)

Attention All Saints Newcomers!

If you are new to All Saints, welcome! We would love to meet you **today at 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall** for our Newcomers Orientation and luncheon! We want to be sure all newcomers are included!

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

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland has partnered with FreeWill to provide a secure, online estate planning resource. In just 20 minutes, you can write a legally valid will at no cost, allowing you to protect your loved ones and document your wishes for the future. Accomplish this by:



1. Attending a FreeWill event **today, 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.

Name Tags, Please! - To better acquaint and reacquaint each other, we need name tags! Until we determine a more long term approach, please fill out a name tag as you enter church each Sunday, **OR** if you have one from the past please wear it. We are always looking to connect and build relationships with one another.

Adult Christian Formation: The Gospel According to John

Please join Roland Morin **today at 9:00 am**, 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.

Weekly Bible Study on the Appointed Gospel (Zoom)

Our next Bible study will be on **Monday, September 14, 2026**, when we will study the Gospel for the coming Sunday which is **Matthew 20:1-16**. 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

St. Mary's Meeting

St Mary's will hold its first meeting of the program year on **Monday, September 14 at noon**. \$10 dues will be collected for the year. Lunch will be provided by the officers. Free-will donations will be accepted. This will be a business meeting for budgeting and planning for the year. Please bring your enthusiasm and your ideas!

Why is Giving to All Saints Important to You? We Want to Know!

On Sunday, September 20th, we will be recording members of our church family who would like to tell us why they choose to give to All Saints. During the month of October, we will share these videos as part of our upcoming stewardship campaign. If you are excited about why All Saints is for all people and would like others to hear it, please sign up by sending an email to Ryan Spadaro S(rspadaro@allsaintsmd.org) to reserve a time that works best for you.

Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North

The Truth & Reconciliation Committee will host a viewing of the film in the Great Hall on **Friday, September 25, at 6:30 P.M.** Produced by Katrina Browne, the Emmy-nominated Traces of the Trade is a documentary about Browne's discovery that her ancestors, the DeWolfs of Rhode Island, were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. The film follows her and nine fellow descendants as they retrace the Triangle Trade from New England, to Ghana, to Cuba, uncovering the vast extent of the North's complicity in slavery and grappling with questions of repair in the present day. Traces of the Trade contributed to the Episcopal Church's 2006 decision to apologize for and address its role in slavery. Ms. Browne now works as a consultant for the Church as part of their Becoming Beloved Community racial justice and healing initiatives. Refreshments will be served. Please join the T & R committee for an evening of fellowship, reflection, and conversation. Kindly RSVP to Rixey Houlton at rixeyann@comcast.net by September 20.

Environmental Ministry: Monocacy Battlefield, Help and Hike

Our next hike is **Saturday, September 26** at Monocacy Battlefield. We will first join the park rangers at 10:00 AM at the Visitor Center to help with National Public Land Day (see link below), then we will go to Worthington Farm for our hike. This hike features a path along the calm Monocacy River where we will see paw paws, trails along pastureland where we will see cattle, and a forested trail. The total distance will be around 3.5 miles with options to break off to return to the parking lot if needed. Please bring your lunch, we will provide water and other drinks, and snacks. **The next day, September 27 after the 10:00 AM service**, there will be a meeting of the Environmental Ministry in the Great Hall to discuss future projects! All are welcome.

Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we are gathering in the Memorial Garden **October 4 at 1:00 PM**, to bless animals, and to renew our commitment to God's creation. Please join us, along with the animals who share your home, to be blessed and renewed for the coming year. We ask that all animals be kept on a leash or in a carrier, both for their safety and for ours. All are welcome and invited to attend, so please invite your friends and neighbors.



Paint & Sip Benefit for Bright Beginnings

Please join us on **Friday, October 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM** in the Great Hall for a chance for creativity and fun! All Saints member, Cathy Rogers, will lead you in a step-by-step tutorial as you paint a lovely scene. The cost of this event is \$25.00 and all materials will be provided, as well as tea and cookies! Proceeds will benefit Bright Beginnings Learning Center in Ponnur, India. Please email Cathy Rogers cabrogers624@gmail.com to sign up (and ask any questions you may have.) Please make your payment using the QR code. Once on tithe.ly select Outreach in India and add to the Note/Memo: Paint & Sip. During the month of June, Bright Beginnings Learning Center was the focus of our All Saints Outreach Ministry. **\$1259 was raised during this period**, above and beyond normal monthly donations! These funds will be very useful in purchasing food for daily meals, educational supplies, and sewing machines. Thanks to all for your generous donations!





LET'S COLLECT FOOD FOR KIDS!

Each weekend, Blessings in a Backpack provides nutritious, kid-friendly, ready-to-eat food for children in our community. Because every home situation is different, we include items that need little to no preparation: no stove, microwave, or can opener. Please choose shelf-stable food that is sealed, labeled with ingredients, undamaged, and not expired within 30 days. Your care in selecting food helps ensure safe, hunger-free weekends for the kids we serve.

INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED APPROVED MENU ITEMS

- Cereal bowls/boxes
- Cereal or granola bars
- Shelf-stable yogurt
- Fruit pouches or cups
- Sunflower seeds
- Raisin or craisin packets
- Packaged crackers (e.g., Cheez-Its, Goldfish Crackers, Animal Crackers)
- Chef Boyardee or similar Pop-Top ready-to-eat pasta bowls and soups
- Meat sticks (e.g., Jack Links, Slim Jims)

Please avoid family-size or homemade items (only manufacturer-sealed, single servings are accepted). Avoid products with peanuts, easily bruised produce, or canned goods without pop-top lids. Skip perishable foods, high-sodium items (over 100 mg per package), and candy, gum, or other non-nutritious snacks.



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