

no one like you shall arise after you.”
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual *Psalm 119:129-136 (read responsively by whole verse)*

Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
*When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.*
I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
*Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.*
Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
*Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.*
Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
*My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.*

Second Lesson *Romans 8:26-39*

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Sequence Hymn 698 *Eternal Spirit of the living Christ* *Flentge*

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:31-33,44-52*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of

every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. James B. Flowers

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name! Let us pray to God, saying, “Spirit, help us in our weakness. *Intercede for us.*”

God of the Church, may your people be as persistent as the mustard shrub. May we spread your love and grace to all people and in all places. May we do our kingdom work with the confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Silence
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.
God of the world, make known your deeds among the peoples. Bring peace in places of conflict and violence.

Silence
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.
God of creation, all of your works are marvelous. Everything in creation with which you have surrounded us speaks to your goodness. Give us eyes to see your fingerprints in our world.
You are invited to add your own thanksgivings.

Silence
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.
Present God, you did not withhold you own Son, but gave him up for all of us. May we all come to know and experience the depths of your love. By your love, transform hearts and change lives.

Silence
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.
God of wholeness, neither hardship nor distress can separate anyone from your love. Assure the suffering and sick, the hurt and sorrowful, that you care for them. May they remember that you are a God who does marvelous things.

You are invited to add your own petitions.

Silence
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.
God of our ancestors, you have always been mindful of your promises. You promise that not even death can separate us from your love. May all those who have died rest in your eternal love.

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Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

Concluding Collect

O God, your mercy endures forever. Hear the prayers of your people. And grant us the strength and the courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. *Amen.*

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

Sursum Corda and Proper Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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-129 *Robert Powell*

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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.*

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem S-154 *David Hurd*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.
God revealed in the stranger’s approach and the bread of hospitality, in the message of new life and the laughter of response: we thank you for this meal, this sharing in yourself, and we pray that our communion might be broken

apart for the world. Amen.

The Blessing

May the outrageous welcome of the Father accept us for who we are; may the incarnation of the Word touch and hold us close; may the wandering of the Spirit help us risk ourselves for love; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

For the Procession Phoenix Processional Dan Locklair

Please remain in place until the procession is completed.
The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.
Breakfast will follow in Stirling Hall.

Serving today:

Lector: Nic Wood
Intercessor: Woody Hannum
Chalice: Bob Allen
Usher: Woody Hannum
Altar Guild: Julie Praytor, Brenda Woodmansee
Bread Baker: Hans Rufer
Breakfast: Tori & Rick Davis, Renea Greene, Katharine Flowers
Flowers: Elizabeth Doyle
LEV: Woody & Foy Hannum (Barretts)

Upcoming schedule:

Sun, Jul 26 7:45a Nursery opens
8a Holy Eucharist, church
9a Breakfast, Stirling Hall
9:15a Adult choir rehearsal, Choir Rm
9:30a Adult Sunday School, Smith Rm
10:30a Holy Eucharist, church
Reception follows, Parish House
Mon, Jul 27 6p AA, Smith Rm
Wed, Jul 29 8a Food Share distribution, Stirling Hall
6p AA, Smith Rm

We are a community of faith who seek to continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers; who seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves; who strive for justice and peace among all people; and respect the dignity of every human being. Baptismal Covenant, BCP, p.304
If you are visiting please make yourself known to us either face to face, via the information cards in the pew racks, or via email: office@allsaintsmobile.org

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Please keep in your prayers . . .

For healing for: Jessie, Lakeisha Rivers, Uriah Pollock, Gail Bramer, Daniel Galbraith, Missy Foose, Salma Heath, Mona Ganoe, Rose Yurcisin, Lacey Bowcock, Terry, Sheridan Hinton, Byron Cruthirds, Amy & Clay Carmichael, Debbie Boelte, Penelope, Kevin, Donna Bowcock, Evi Valera, Curran Foose, Michael Laird, Joan, Ben Wilson, Mary Robert, Carolyn Thornton, Stephen Rollins, Peggy Barnett, the Simpson family, the Landrum family, James Lee Quinn, Monica Thompson, Dana Pollock, Cora Lou Robinson, Karen Bullock, Buck Baker, Lequita Adkins, Phyllis Smith, Bryan LaPorte, Will Strickland, Sue Elledge, Lister Thomas, Jan Cade, Serena Willcox, Claudia McClure, Caden Gray, Mary, Hannah Pullins, Cora Cade Lemmon, Becky Wilson, Rose Ellen Stanbery, Marcia Wyatt, Jacky Bell, John Heronime, Eve Morrison, Colleen, Ann Wesley, Staci Smith, Andi & Bruce Barrett, Ken Buford, Dottie Dunnam, Gwyn Brantley, Mark Kidd, Lynn Koors, Mary Rose, Preston Griffith, Jan Irving, Hoagy, Tom Root, Shannon, Regina, Brian Davidson, Debra Guyton, John Gibson Baylor, Jr., Rita Foust, Haley, Jill, Jennifer Smith, Shannon Cook, the Hodges family, Pat Guyton, Laura Price, Jareth Lancaster, Fran Smith

For those who serve in the armed forces, especially Bernie Waters, David Palmer, David L. Ritter II, Ethan Roberts, Thomas Roberts, Matt Abbot, Trevor Thiel

For those who have died: Kay Hedgepeth, J. Roe Hand, Kristen DeLaney

*Please notify the church office by the last Wednesday of the month if you wish your prayer concern to continue to be listed.

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THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:00 AM
JULY 26, 2026

Welcome to All Saints! We begin worship in holy silence.

Please silence all cell phones. In the tradition of the church, prayer posture is standing or kneeling. Our preference at All Saints is standing, but kneeling is acceptable. The red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & the blue Hymnal 1982 are in the book rack in front of you. Hymn numbers preceded by “S” are found in the front section of the hymnal. Words written in Bold Italics are said by the congregation.

Voluntary The Peace may be Exchanged Dan Locklair

Hear the words of Jesus: You shall love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first Law of God, and the second is like it:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two laws hang the whole of scripture.

The Peace

“Why do you stand looking up into heaven?” Jesus comes to us again in the body of his people, in the bread and wine of his table and the communion of peace.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Gloria BCP, p. 356

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Scandalous God, sowing weeds among the crop, raising bread with impure yeast, offering treasure beyond price, casting a net that catches good and bad: throw down our mean idols of purity and possession and let the son of man show us your inclusive, provocative, wide-branching love; through Jesus Christ, the stumbling block. Amen.

The First Lesson 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and