

# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 † 10:30AM

## PRELUDE

*Deep River*, George W. Kemmer

## WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN



*Glorious things of thee are spoken*, Hymnal 1982, 522

### 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. **Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE



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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 glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider* Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS



### THE FIRST LESSON



Jonah 3:10-4:11

*Lector* A Reading from the Prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

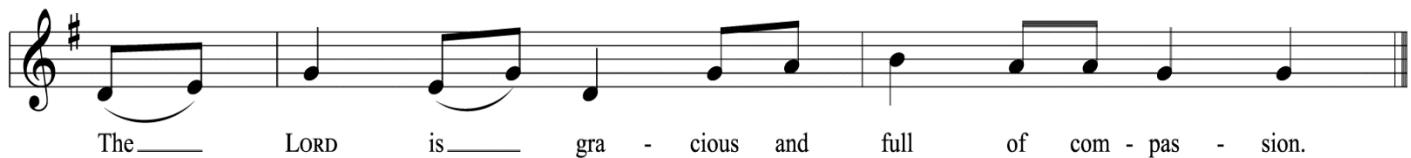
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE



Psalm 145:1-8

*All sing Antiphon*



The \_\_\_\_ LORD is \_\_\_\_ gra - cious and full of com - pas - sion.

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Antiphon*

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.

*Antiphon*

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.

*Antiphon*

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

*Antiphon*



*Lector* A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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



For thy dear saints, O Lord, who strove in thee to live, who followed thee, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.

They all in life and death, with thee their Lord in view, learned from thy Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.

Thine earthly members fit to join thy saints above, in one communion ever knit, one fellowship of love.

Jesus, thy Name we bless, and humbly pray that we may follow them in holiness, who live and died for thee.



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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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



## 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



*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Intercessor:* In this autumn season, gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community. Be we rich or poor, help us to see your abundant blessings all around us – in the life we

are given, in the bounteous world you have made, and in the time and talent you have bestowed upon us.

We are generous with our gifts,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*Intercessor:*

I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God this day. For our clergy, our diocesan leaders, and for our congregation. We pray especially for this season in which we give thanks for our blessings, celebrate our leadership, and commit to support our mission...

We are generous with our gifts of leadership,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*People*

*Intercessor:*

I ask your prayers for our Nation and all nations; for refugees fleeing climate change and war; for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for an economic system that remembers and helps the poor and the marginalized ...

We are generous with our gifts of peace,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*People*

*Intercessor:*

I ask your prayers for this community, that we confront the challenges we face with courage and grace. We beseech the mercy of God to protect us from wildfire and disaster, and to empower us to comfort those who have suffered loss. Renew the life of our church that we might shine with the light of Christ.

We are generous with our gifts of hope,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*People*

*Intercessor:*

I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We remember those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now in silence or aloud ...

We are generous with our gifts of healing,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*People*

*Intercessor:*

I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn, that we might all take comfort in the hope of the Resurrection... We are generous with our gifts of support,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*People*

*Intercessor:*

I ask for your remembrances of thanksgivings and blessings, both great and small, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world ... We are generous with our gratitude,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*People*

*Silence*

*Presider* Gracious and eternal God, your blessings are abundant and your love is everlasting. Accept our prayers and praises this day, and give us abundantly generous and thankful hearts, that we may share your bounty with each other and with the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## CONFESSiON OF SiN

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

*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.**

*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. ***Amen.***

## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

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Watch over thy 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 heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM



*Ain'-a that good news, Dawson*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*Remain standing, as able*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Presider inserts a proper preface here*

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:

*Presider and People say:*

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**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.**

*Presider* 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

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.

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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

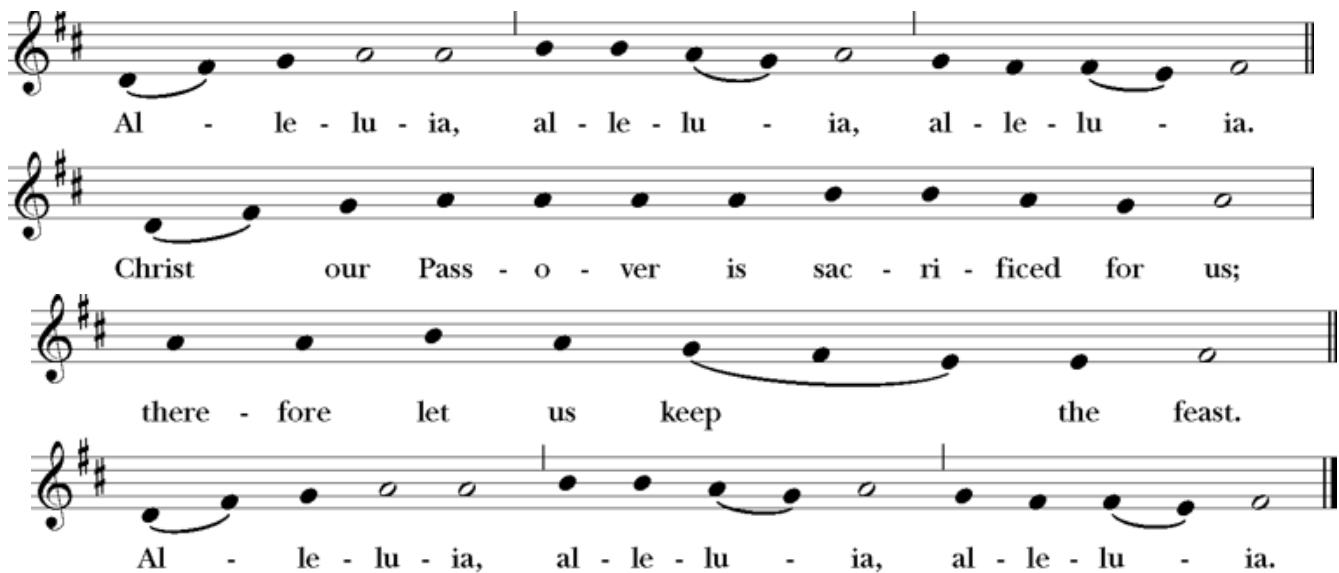
*All* Our Father, who art in heaven,  
**hallowed be thy Name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
    **on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
    **as we forgive those**  
        **who trespass against us.**  
**And 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

### AT THE FRACTION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - 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 Presider says the following Invitation*

*Presider* 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.

*Those who have obtained pre-consecrated sacrament for Shared Home Communion are invited to receive at this time.*

*Those who cannot receive at home are invited to pray the following prayer:*

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

St. Alphonsus Liguori

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians, regardless of your denomination or church affiliation, are invited to come forward to receive communion. As you come forward, place your hands out in front of you to receive the Body of Christ in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available, just whisper to our Presider that this is your wish. Those with mobility issues may also receive communion in your pew rather than needing to come forward. Please indicate to the ushers that this is your wish, and our Presider will bring communion to you.*

*If you would like to receive the Blood of Christ by intinction (having the bread dipped into the wine, without sipping directly from the cup), point to the chalice. The Presider will dip the wafer into the wine then hold it out to you to take a dry corner in your fingers. Please then step aside to consume the sacrament. If you would just like to receive the bread, cross your palms in front of you to receive the Body of Christ. If you would like to receive from the chalice, you may receive the bread in your palm and consume it, then step toward the chalice to receive the Blood of Christ.*

*If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the Presider will offer a blessing in the name of our Lord. If you are not baptized, but feel drawn to the sacraments and wish to receive, that is a holy longing! Please reach out to Fr. Aidan or our church office to discern whether you wish to be baptized and explore new life in Christ. For any who choose not to receive communion for reasons of comfort or conscience, please know that we are enriched by your prayers and presence with us, and we are delighted you are here today.*

## COMMUNION OFFERTORY

*O Master, let me walk with thee, Hymnal 1982, 660*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



*Presider* 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.

## THE FINAL BLESSING



*Presider* May the peace, 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 among you, and remain with you  
always. *Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN



*Rise up, ye saints of God!* Hymnal 1982, 551

## THE DISMISSAL



*Presider* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE



*The Heavens Declare His Glory*, Ludwig van Beethoven





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