

ALL SAINTS PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to any of our prayer lists or wish to update our pastoral care team about someone on the prayer list, please contact the church office (301-654-2488 or info@allsaintschurch.net).

FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN TROUBLE, SORROW, NEED, SICKNESS, OR ANY OTHER ADVERSITY

Adrian	Chris	Harrison	Louise	Rob
Aimee	Claire	Helen	Lucas	Robert
Alice	Clehusa	Indira	Margaret	Roberta
Alison	Cole	Jane	Marianne	Robin
Andrew	Colleen	Jarad	Mark	Roger
Andrew	Cora	Jennifer	Marta	Rome
Ann	Danielle	Jennifer	Martha	Sandy
Ashley	David	Jerry	Mary	Sara
Ashley	David	Julie	Mary	Scott
Beth	Deidre	Karen	Mary	Tom
Beverley	Edie	Kate	May Day	Vic
Bill	Elizabeth	Katie	Melissa	Victor
Bill	Elizabeth	Katie	Pansy	Virginia
Bob	Ellen	Kim	Paul	Walter
Bonnie	Emma	Kusen	Peter	William
Brenna	Evan	Lavelle	Rachel	Wole
Carlos	Frank	Linda	Randy	
Catherine	Furaha	Linnie	Reid	Marriages
Chris	Graham	Lisa	Rev. Bisoke	in distress
Chris	Gregory	Liz	Richard	

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Charles Bennett	Leah Harper	Chris Rodriguez
Louise Bernhard	Kate Huntress-Reeve	Kathleen Sheffield
Laura Bernhofen	Ema Karakoleva	Catherine Shorb
Benjamin Brooks	Keller Kulik	Grace Smith
Claire Brown	Owen McAdam	Nmesomachukwu
Paul Cauchon	Todd Miller	Ukaegbu
Liza Cole	David Ottenbreit	Judy Vandegriff
Bill Garner	Ruby Ottenbreit	Delancey Webster

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Paige Blomquist	Michael Tuttle
Jon Dickens	Russell Wanke
Evan Hansen	Kyle Yutuc
Chris Robinson	

FOR THOSE WHO ARE EXPECTING

Julie McVey	Kelsey Mullaney	Betsey Morser Sims
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THE LESSONS APPOINTED FOR USE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

YEAR A



Our Scripture readings come from the "Revised Common Lectionary." A "lectionary" is a table of readings from Scripture appointed to be read at public worship. The "Common Lectionary," published in 1983, was an ecumenical project developed out of a concern for the unity of the church and a desire for a common experience of Scripture. It was "revised" in 1992 into the version we use today.

The lectionary follows the Christian year, whose seasons are shaped to focus our memory on the story of Christ's life. There are three years in our lectionary's cycle, each of which are organized around individual Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke respectively, with selections from John's Gospel interspersed every year. The readings from the Old and New Testaments offer a semi-continuous commentary aligned with these Gospel readings. For example, Mark, who refers to Jesus as the Son of David, is generally juxtaposed with readings about Davidic kingship and/or Wisdom (a la David's son, Solomon). Luke, by contrast, with his prophetic slant on Jesus, is usually paired with readings about and by the prophets.

We follow this lectionary cycle in the hopes that as the story of God's saving acts for his people is retold in worship, our whole lives will be oriented toward and shaped by this story, and we might by extension become participants in the saving action of God today.

FIRST READING

GENESIS 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."
¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people[a] should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

PSALM 103:8-13

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- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 14:1-12

¹ As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For 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. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."