

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

Abel	Colleen	Katie	Randy
Adrian	Craig	Laurie	Reid
Aimee	David	Linda	Rev. Bisoke
Alice	David	Linnie	Richard
Alison	Dennis	Liz	Richard
Ann	Edie	Louise	Rob
Ashley	Elizabeth	Lucas	Robin
Ashley	Evan	Lynn	Rome
Beth	Frank	Margaret	Sandy
Beverley	Furaha	Marianne	Sara
Bill	Glynda	Marta	Scott
Bill	Glynn	Mary	Theodore
Bob	Graham	Mary	Thomas
Bob	Helen	Mary	Tom
Bobby	Helene	May Day	Tom
Bonnie	Indira	Nathan	Vic
Bonnie	Jane	Pansy	Victor
Brooke	Jerry	Peter	Walter
Chris	JoAnn	Rachel	Wole
Claire	John	Racquelia	

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Lindsey Adkins	Daphne Laukitis	Catherine Ranger
Eve Armstrong	Peter Muscato	Rip Rawlings
Olivia Brawner	Linda Overman	Luke Schulman
Nikki Brown	Marly Perry	Janet Thompson
Addison Dey	Ami Susan Petrucelli	Anna-Catherine Wolynec
Charles Fiegl	Thomas Pomponi	Heatley Wolynec
Rosie Harbuck	Chase Posin	
Katharine Jenkins	Mary-Stuart Price	

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

Betsey Morser Sims	Kelsey Mullaney
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DEARLY DEPARTED

Martin Dunetz, husband of Marta Dunetz

THE LESSONS APPOINTED FOR USE ON SUNDAY, JULY 26

EIGHTH 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

1 KINGS 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, 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 this day."⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in.⁸ And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude.⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

PSALM 119:129-136

BCP 137

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

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ 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 among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:31-33,44-52

³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."