

Welcome to the All Saints Parish



We're so happy you're here
to share in the blessing
of a new school year!

(Oh, and one important note: restrooms are located in the Parish Hall - just down the brick path)

All Saints Parish

Back to School Blessing

August 25, 2024 8am

The Word of God

Welcome The Rev. Andrew Rutledge

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

The Collect of the Day

The celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the readings

The Lessons

A Reading from the First Book of Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 84 *Please recite the Psalm alternating by whole verse. The Lector will begin.*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

A Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

All stand, as you are able

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6:56-69

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

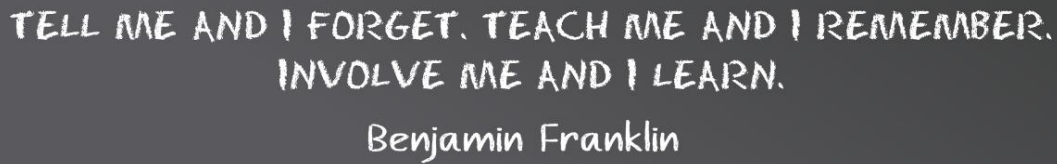
When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

The Sermon

Dr. Andraé Townsel
Superintendent, Calvert County Public Schools



TELL ME AND I FORGET. TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER.
INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN.
Benjamin Franklin

The Blessing

All students are invited to gather around the altar.

For Parents *Read by Erick Marsh, a parent of school-age children and member of All Saints*

Loving God, we ask your blessing on all who teach, work with or support our children in their education. We pray that you would give them patience, wisdom, and a sense of humor. Empower them to show all their students your love. Guide them and govern them as they grow in God's Spirit.

For Teachers *Read by Meagan Jeffries, CCPS Teacher of the Year*

Holy God, bless these students, and make holy for their use these backpacks, computers, Tablets, workspaces, Chrome books and notebooks. May they delight in discovering and developing their gifts and talents, and new ways of learning and growing. Send your Holy Spirit to guide them and strengthen them for this new year and new learning environment.

For Support Persons *Read by Kadesha Pleger, CCPS Support Person of the Year*

Eternal God, bless these your servants as they begin the school year. Grant that all who enter places of learning as support persons for our students and educators this year be filled with your grace and heavenly wisdom—that all their efforts be directed by your Holy Spirit, and work to your praise and glory. Most importantly, may those who support others feel support from You, our supporting God.

For School Leaders *Read by Pam Myrick, CCPS Principal of the Year*

Send your Spirit upon all in our education system and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. We pray for the continued safety, protection, and well-being for all who learn, support, and teach. Grant that they may devote themselves to uplift and encourage all who need it and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.

(The Prayers are continued on the following page)

For Students *Read by Sean Marsh, a CCPS student*

Gracious God, please help us who are going back to school to focus and to learn. We pray that our minds will be alert and receptive to the knowledge we need and pray that the distractions and worries of this world be alleviated by a sense of your comforting Presence. We pray that we won't be anxious about our schoolwork, but will be confident in all our efforts knowing that you love and care for us more than we could ever possibly imagine.

The priest says the following blessing:

God of all creation, we ask you to hear the prayers of your faithful ones. We ask your blessing upon all who work with or support students in their education. Send your Holy Spirit to bless these students, parents, educators, administrators, support persons and all who work in our education system for the greater good of our community. Bless their homes and their hearts, their desks, kitchen tables and spaces set aside for offices. Bless their computers, books, musical instruments and art supplies. Bless their sports gear and their dance costumes; their pencils, books, pens and erasers. May their thirst for creativity be quenched. And finally, we pray that you seal and set us apart for your service and for the good of all your creation. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all those who are touched by this holy water receive your blessing and feel your unfailing love and presence, now and always.

Amen

All taking part in education in any way, shape or form are invited to stand to receive a blessing.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Vestry Welcome Barbara Buck, Vestry Member

Announcements

The Offertory

As the Offering is presented at the altar, the people stand. The Celebrant says,

All things come of thee, O Lord.

People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON
YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Nelson Mandela

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

As you are able, please stand. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection;
We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN

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

People and Celebrant

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. 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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people, saying:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion or to receive a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Blessing

Dismissal

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

Thanks be to God!

*The altar flowers today are given by Deb and Steve Watson to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Deb's mother, Doris M. Adams,
whose love of learning never ceased, and in gratitude for all educators.*



If you are visiting with us today, welcome!
We are delighted you are here.
To all educators, administrators,
support staff, students and parents,
we extend our heartfelt best wishes
for a fulfilling, successful,
healthy and safe school year!

All Saints Parish

An Episcopal Community Serving Calvert County & the World

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(Note: The years given above reflect the anticipated last full calendar year of service by the Elected Vestry Person; however, Vestry persons' terms continue until the Annual Parish Meeting of the following year when successors are elected.)

All Saints Commissions and Committees

Worship & Music Commission

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Malane Silver 443-624-4691

Christian Formation

Rev. Andrew Rutledge 310-425-4186

Living Our Values Commission

If you are interested in this Commission, see Fr. Andrew

Outreach Commission

Patti At Lee 202-669-5594

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Calvert Arts Festival

Barbara & Steve Buck

Cemetery Committee

Bryan Dowell 410-257-5449

Diocesan Convention Delegate:

Kip At Lee (2026)

Alternate Delegate: Deborah Watson (2026)

If you are new to All Saints, welcome! We're glad you're here!

Please fill out a leaflet found on the back of the pew and place it in the Offering plate, hand it to Fr. Andrew or to an usher

Ushers 8am Erick Marsh, Nate Pope, Julie Schardt & Lloyd Kinch

10:30am: Rick Myllenbeck, Dale Everhart, Carl Horn & Malane Silver

Worship Leaders 8am: Avhalee Reist, AtLee Marsh, Ollie Reist **Acolyte:** Christian Marsh

10:30am: Jennifer Schatz, Katlin Bagdovitz, Alison Schatz **Acolyte:** Liam Horn

During the 10:30 service a staffed Nursery for young children is available in the Parish Hall.

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall

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A poem

The children start school this week. It's going to be strange for them for a while.
And I wish you would sort of treat them gently.

You see, up to now, they've 'ruled the roost'

They've been the bosses of the backyard.

I have always been around to repair their wounds and soothe their feelings.

But now - things are going to be different.

Tomorrow morning, they're going to walk down the front steps, wave their hands
and start on a great adventure that will probably cause wars, tragedy and sorrow.
To live their lives in the world they have to live in will require faith and love
and courage.

So, World, I wish you would sort of take them by their young hands and teach them
the things they will have to know.

Teach them - but gently if you can.

They will have to learn, I know, that not all people are just,
that not everyone is true.

Teach them that for every scoundrel, there is a hero - for every crooked official,
there is a dedicated leader - that for every enemy, there is a friend.

Let them learn early that the bullies are the easiest people to lick.

Teach them the wonders of books. Give them quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery
of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on the green hill.

Teach them that it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat.

Teach them to have faith in their own ideas, even if everyone tells them they are wrong.

Try to give my children the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is
getting on the bandwagon. Teach them to listen intently, but to filter all they hear
on a screen of truth and take only the good that comes through.

Teach them to close their ears to a howling mob - and to stand up for what's right.

Teach them gently, World, but don't coddle them, because only the test of fire
makes fine steel.

This is a big order, World, but see what you can do...

They're such lovely little children.

-Author Unknown