



THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 10:30

Welcome to All Saints Episcopal Church! Whether you are a first time visitor or you have been a part of All Saints for generations, thank you for joining us this morning. We invite you to explore how All Saints can be a part of your journey with God.

Dear Visitors, to learn more about All Saints, please read the "Sainly Particulars" card in your pew. It includes lots of information about a variety of topics, including our offerings for families with children (Welcome parents! You've got this!) like Children's Chapel and our nursery. We also invite you to complete a visitor card and give it to an usher so we can get to know you better. We are glad you're here!

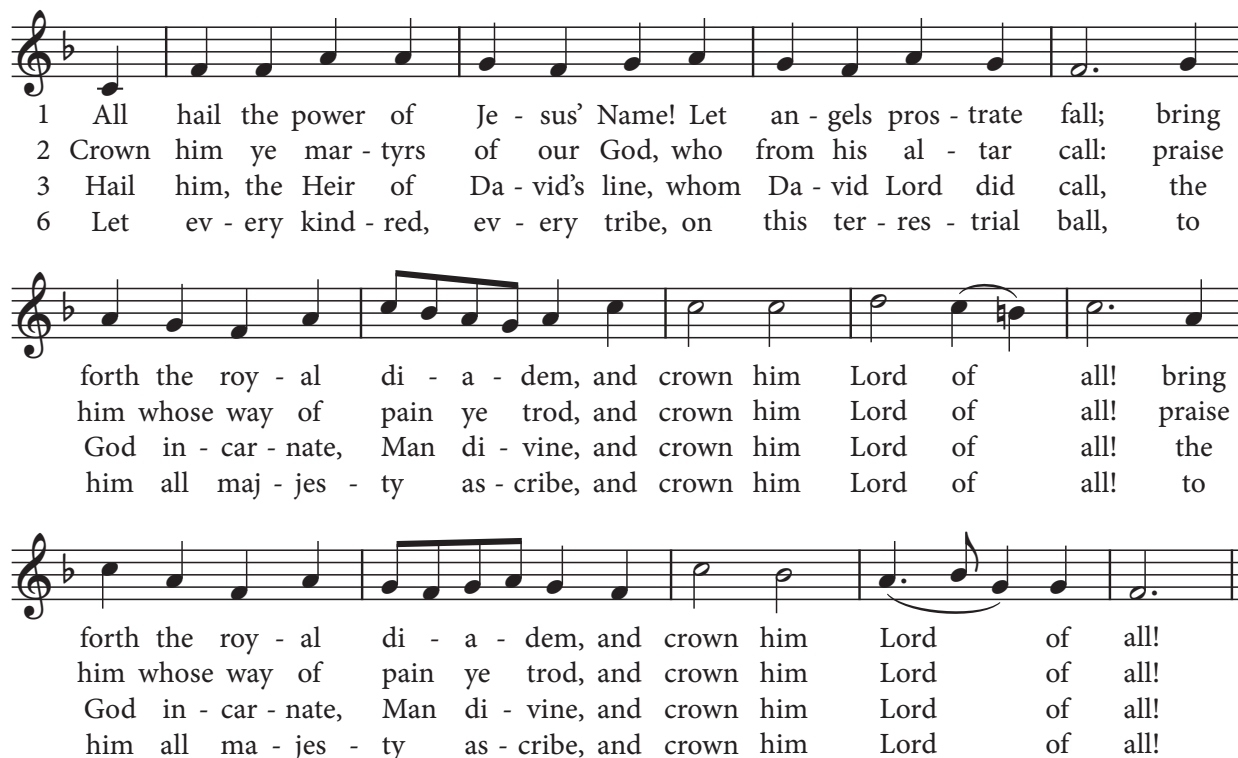
OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on "Simple Gifts"

Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

HYMN #450 (*Sung by all, standing*)

The Hymnal 1982



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring
2 Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call: praise
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call, the
6 Let ev - ery kind - red, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball, to
forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all! bring
him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all! praise
God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all! the
him all maj - jes - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all! to
forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
him all ma - jes - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.

Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

JESUS SAID, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*During the Song of Praise, young people age 3 through 5th grade may follow the wooden cross to Children's Chapel.
All will return during the Peace.*



Choir: *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. Refrain*

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. Refrain.

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 the glory of God the Father. Amen. Refrain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 234

Presider The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Presider Let us pray.

O GOD, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING (*Please be seated*)

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO ME: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

- ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- ³ Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- ⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-13

IF THEN THERE IS ANY ENCOURAGEMENT in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science

2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to

3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious

4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the

all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from

to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to

pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and

sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us,

catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of

God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.

Lord, we pray, dai - ly to know the bet - ter way.

pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.

may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918); John Abdenour (1962-), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

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

WHEN JESUS ENTERED THE TEMPLE, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

THE SERMON

The Venerable Theresa Lewallen

THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand*)

BCP, p. 358

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 *(Please stand or kneel)*

BCP, p. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To support the mission and ministry of All Saints, you can make a donation by placing your offering in the plates passed through the congregation, or by scanning this QR Code to make a donation online through allsaintsrichmond.org.

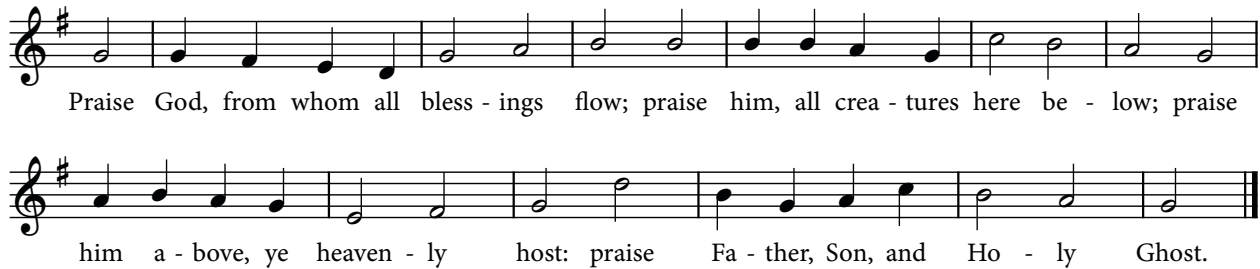


OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Russian Communion Hymn; Music by Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

SALVATION is created:
Salvation of the world is come.
Alleluia.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN (*Sung by all; standing*)



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Please remain standing*)

BCP, p. 369

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 our thanks and praise.**

GOD OF ALL POWER, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

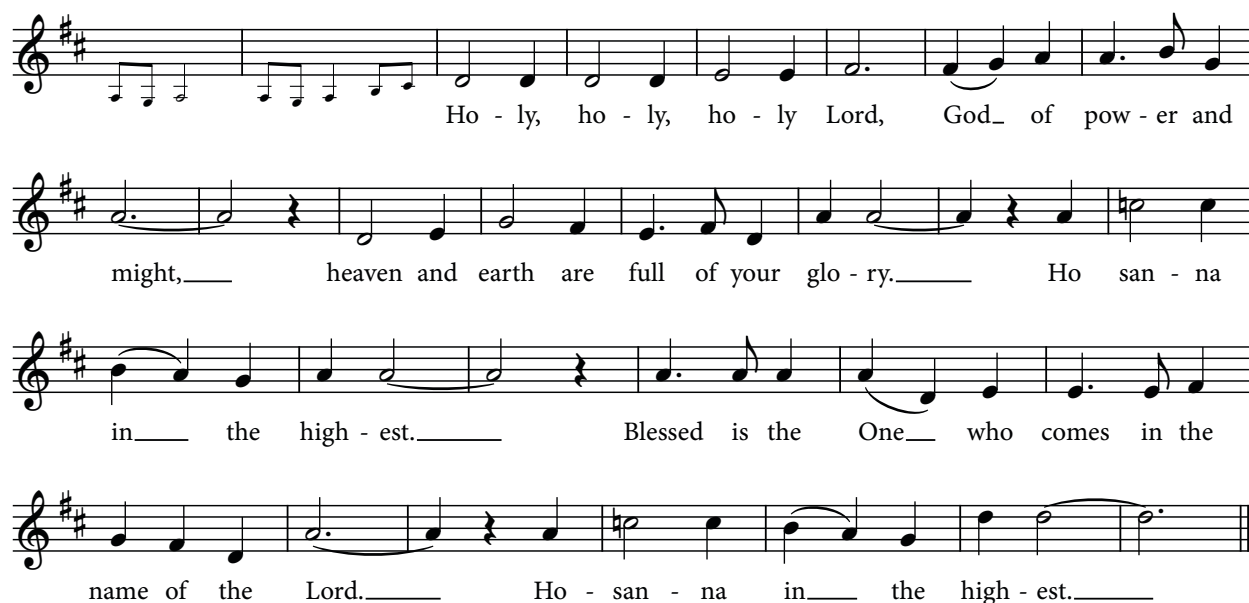
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, _____ heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. _____ Ho san - na
 in _____ the high - est. _____ Blessed is the One _____ who comes in the
 name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est. _____

The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues . . .

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

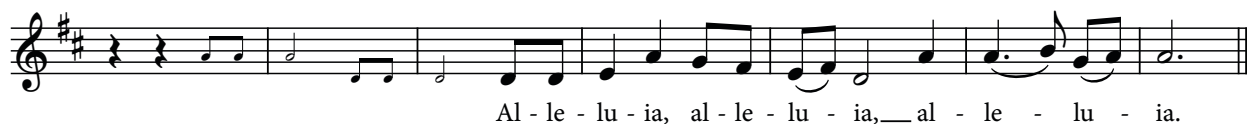
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

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

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.



Choir: *Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Refrain.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Iona Community

THIS IS THE TABLE, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed; Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

*Looking for guidance or information about receiving Communion?
Please feel free to ask an usher or consult the Sainly Particulars card in your pew.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Words from an Antiphon for Maundy Thursday; Music by Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est;
congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur,
timeamus et amemus Deum vivum;
et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, there God is.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him,
let us fear and love the living God,
and love one other with a sincere heart.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

The Hymnal 1982

#601, O day of God, draw nigh, *St. Michael*
#344, 'Tis the gift to be simple, *Simple Gifts*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Please stand*)

BCP, p. 365

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING



1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, _____ didst yield the
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; _____ by thee the
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, _____ who wast a
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou _____ art high ex -
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord _____ in heaven and



glo - ry that of right was thine, _____ that in our
 out - cast and the poor were sought _____ and by thy
 ser - vant that we might be free, _____ hum - bling thy -
 - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, _____ and given the
 earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; _____ and God the



dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. _____
 death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
 - self to death on Cal - va - ry. _____ Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Name to which all knees shall bow. _____
 Fa - ther be by all a - dored. _____



_____ Al - - le - lu - - ia! A - - men.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

LITANY OF LEAVE-TAKING FOR THE REV. DAVID CURTIS

Rector David, you have assisted us in worship and set God's Holy table for us.
All **Go with our blessing.**

Rector David, you have proclaimed to us the Good News of God's love and its power to transform our world.
All **Go with our blessing.**

Lay Leader David, you have helped us look beyond ourselves, to go out in mission, and to welcome in the stranger.
 You have led us for those in need.
All **Go with our blessing.**

Lay Leader David, you have prayed with us, visited us, consoled us, and helped us to grieve our departed.
All **Go with our blessing.**

Lay Leader David, you have brought Christ's presence to us and helped us deepen our relationship with God in prayer and spiritual growth.

All **Go with our blessing.**

Archdeacon David, you have loved this congregation and invited them to love you. Because God's love always adds and multiplies, it is never divided nor taken away.

All **We release you with our blessing, confident that you will hold your love for us in your heart, as we will hold our love for you in ours.**

Archdeacon The time has come to release your active role in the ministry of this congregation. Do you now surrender your tasks and ministry to others, trusting in God's provision for this congregation as you focus on discerning what is next for you?

David **Yes. Dear people of All Saints, be the saints of God I know you to be. Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

Rector Holy and gracious God, receive David more and more into your faithful service and continue to send us out in the spirit of truth to love and serve you as faithful witnesses. Even in our farewell, may we know what a good and right and joyful thing our life together is in you. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata for a Joyful Day

Emma Lou Diemer

~ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY ~

The Reverend Megan McDermott, *Presider*
 The Venerable Theresa Lewallen, *Preacher*
 The Reverend David Curtis, *Deacon*
 The Reverend Ben Robertson
 Mark Wilcox, Dennis Biggs, & Dan Vallandingham, *Lay Ministers*
 Lena O'Shea, Wesley Smith, and Anna & Julia Wright, *Acolytes*
 Don Lahy/Andrea Mulvaney & Team, *Ushers*
 Gretchen Cosgrove & Team, *Altar Guild*
 All Saints Choir
 Daniel Stipe, *Choirmaster*
 Scott Hayes, *Organist*

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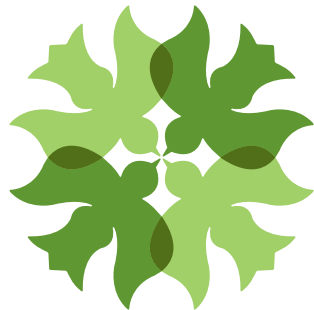
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VESTRY

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John Delandro, *Junior Warden*
Paul Fincke
June Lehman
Alyson Ridpath
Carol Smithson
Will Washburn, *Senior Warden*
Errol White, *Treasurer (Ex-Officio)*
Claiborne Winborne
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