THE 18th Sunday After Pentecost

OCTOBER 1, 2023 10:30 AM



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Welcome to All Saints!

FIRST TIME WORSHIPING AT ALL SAINTS?

Are you new to All Saints or the surrounding area? We are excited to welcome you and would love to learn more about you. Please take a moment to complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering basket. By doing so, you can let us know how we can include you in our community. Additionally, at the usher's tables, you can find visitor's cards and doodle bags for children, ensuring everyone feels welcome and engaged.

To discover more about our various ministries, we encourage you to visit our website at allsaintsrichmond.org. For the latest updates and information, we invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram: AllSaintsRVA. This way, you can stay connected with our community and upcoming events.

We look forward to getting to know you better and sharing the journey of faith together at All Saints.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located at the back of the church off the Narthex (entrance to the church) and at the end of the Cloister hallway.

CONTACT THE CLERGY

All Saints clergy are eager to hear from you if you have questions, concerns, or a pastoral emergency. Contact can be made by phoning the church at 804.288.7811

FAMILIES IN WORSHIP

We warmly welcome children of all ages to join us for worship. As you enter the church, you will find colorful bags near the entrances and in the Cloister. These bags are filled with coloring pages, a children's lesson, and crayons. Additionally, we have a table at the back entrance offering books for younger children to borrow, as well as paper and word puzzles for older kids.

If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 5th grade who would enjoy Children's Chapel, we invite them to meet our Christian Formation volunteers during the Song of Praise near the Cloister (hallway) entrance to the church. They will be taken to the Children's Chapel upstairs, where they can participate in a lesson, engage in a craft activity, and enjoy a snack. Parents are welcome to join their children at any time.

During the announcements, we will return your child(ren) and ensure they find their way back to your pew safely.

SUNDAYS AT ALL SAINTS

Our Nursery is open from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

8:00 *a.m.* Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Barcarolle Amy Beach (1867-1944)

HYMN #477 (Sung by all, standing)

The Hymnal 1982

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

THE WORD OF GOD

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

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

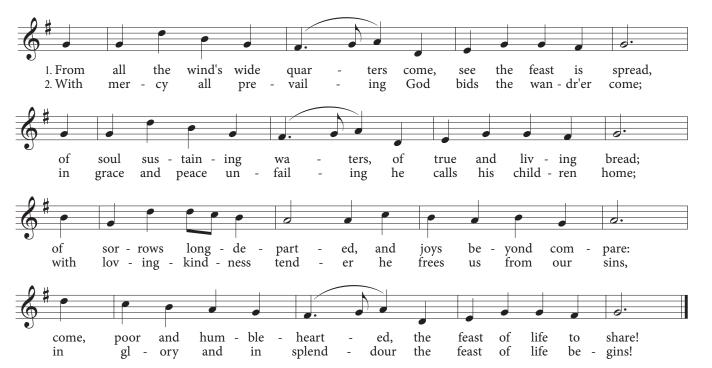
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

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, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Kids (and parents or friends) may follow the wooden cross. All will return during the Peace.

Song of Praise from Common Praise



Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926), ©1985 Hope Publishing Company Music: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN, German Folk Song

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 234

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

PSALM 25:1-8 (Sung by the Choir, Tone by William Crotch)

BCP, p. 614

- 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.
- 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.

- 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.

HYMN #439 (Sung by all, standing)

The Hymnal 1982

What wondrous love is this Wondrous Love

THE GOSPEL (Please remain standing)

Matthew 21:23-31

Officiant 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.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Ben Robertson

THE NICENE CREED 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

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

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

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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.



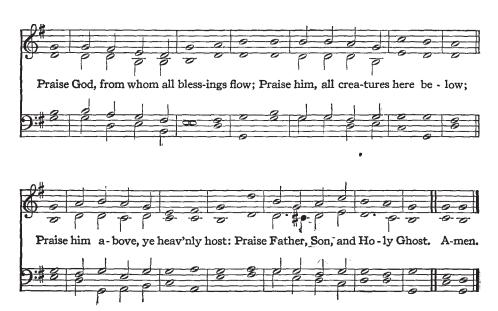
Offertory Voluntary (Sung by the Choir. Philip Tickle & Cathern Hazelwood, Soloists)

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and become obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above ev'ry name: that at the name of Jesus ev'ry knee should bow, of things in heaven, things in earth, and things under the earth; and that ev'ry tongue, ev'ry tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

~Words based on Philippians 2; Music by Amy Beach

AT THE PRESENTATION, all sing . . .

The Hymnal 1940 #139



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP, p. 369

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

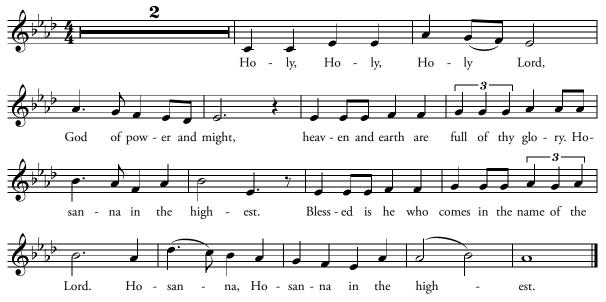
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

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:



Setting: Mary Beth Bennett (for the 2022 Association of Anglican Musicians Conference, Richmond, Virginia)

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant 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.

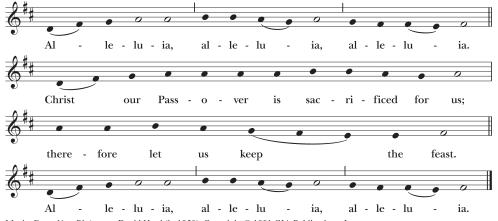
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP, p. 364

Celebrant 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & FRACTION ANTHEM



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Invitation to Communion

Celebrant 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.

REGARDING COMMUNION

All who seek a closer relationship with Christ are invited to his table. The ushers will let you know when it is your turn to approach the altar where you may either kneel or stand at the railing. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands, palms crossed, and a wafer will be placed in them. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Wine is offered from a common cup from which you may sip, or you may dip your wafer into a separately offered intinction cup. If you prefer not to receive wine, you may leave the rail after you've consumed the bread. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest when the priest approaches.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY (Sung by the Choir)

Words from the American Folk Tune; Music by Charles Dupree

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown, for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing. While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#343, Shepherd of Souls, refresh and bless #711, Seek ye first St. Agnes Seek Ye First

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Please stand)

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

EChrist, 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

HYMN #435 (Sung by all, standing)

The Hymnal 1982

At the Name of Jesus King's Weston

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on "King's Weston"

Daniel Stipe

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

The Reverend Ben Robertson, Celebrant

Dan Vallandingham & Jim McCauley, Lay Ministers
Gretchen & Spencer Gaffney, James Segneri, Acolytes
Scott Hayes, Choirmaster
Daniel Stipe, Organist
The Men, Boys & Girls Choirs with the Choral Scholars
Marie Wilcox & Team, Ushers
Cheryl Law & Team, Altar Guild

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Prayer List

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially: Jo Freeman, Preston Dalrymple, Wally Pitts, Charles Staples, Sarah Price, Emily Walthall, Brent Johnsrud, Daniel Johnsrud, Jimmie Drean, and Nancy Buhl

We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially: Mark & Gary Copes

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor and thanksgiving of Wally Pitt's 80th birthday by his wife, Bari, and children, Wayne, Laura, Alden, and Wilder.

We lift in prayer those who are sick or distressed, especially: Alice, Don, Emily Bardeen, Ted Bishop, Jane Scott Chapin, Norma Hyman, Katherine, Doris Leonard, Sun Lynch, Anne Oliver, Cliff Pierce, Pat Poulson, Carol Rhodes, George Cole Scott, Steve, Shannon, and Pat & Diane Taylor

