

Order of Service: September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints' Episcopal Church

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision - Adam Koch

The Welcome

- Sign up for email communications (our primary source of current information) on www.allsaintsmd.org (scroll to the bottom)
- Want to attend the weekly Wednesday prayer & healing service in person? Sign up [HERE](#).
- We are not yet ready to begin in-person on Sunday mornings. These supporting pieces need to be in place before we can begin. Stay tuned to email for a start date!
 - Video cameras to maintain worship intimacy for those worshipping from home
 - Financial support for technological upgrades in the worship space
 - Decreasing COVID 19 infection numbers
 - A robust team of ushers and cleaners
- Virtual daily service offerings continue!
 - Check us out on Facebook and YouTube
 - Morning and Evening Prayer weekdays
 - Saturday noonday prayer
- Find our community life offerings listed on our webpage, <http://www.allsaintsmd.org/stayingconnected/> or on our facebook page, [facebook.com/allsaintsfredmd](https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsfredmd).
- Contribute to All Saints' online at allsaintsmd.org/donate or mail your check to the church office 106 W Church St. 21701.
- Join our Loving Touch Phone Tree by completing this very [short questionnaire](#) or contact Linda Miller at lindy205@verizon.net or call her at 301-676-2786.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at churchoffice@allsaintsmd.org.
- Stay Calm, Stay Connected, Stay Church.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

O Holy Wisdom, direct us on your path. Make us worthy of your teachings and open our hearts to accept your embrace, that we may serve you in peace and grace. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Here in This Place - Words and Music by Marty Haugen

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in in, the right and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

No in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

The Word of the Lord.

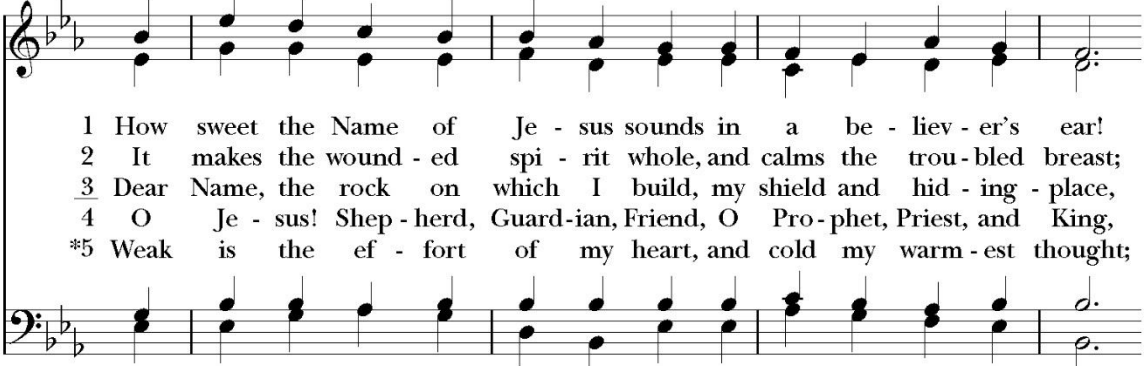
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

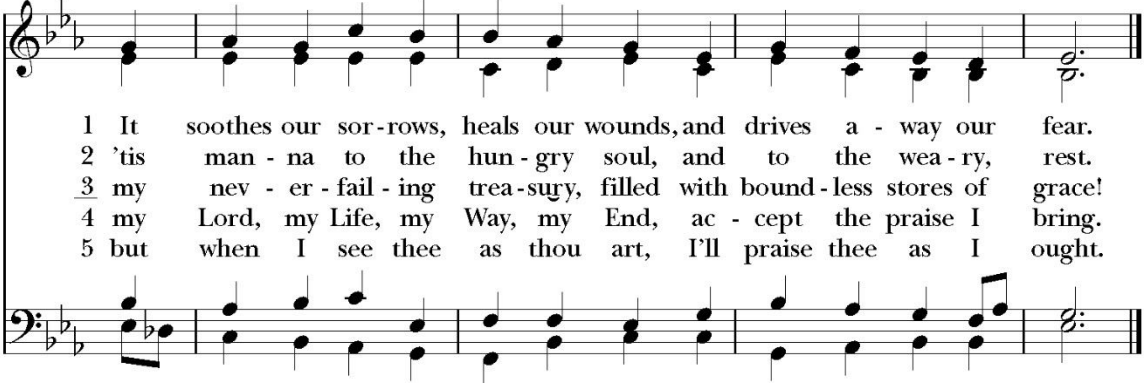
- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 **Search for the Lord and his strength; ***
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, ***
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 **Egypt was glad of their going, ***
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 **They asked, and quails appeared, ***
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 **For God remembered his holy word ***
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 **He gave his people the lands of the nations, ***
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

Hymn at the Sequence

The Hymnal 1982 - #644 How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds



1 How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
2 It makes the wound - ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,
4 O Je - sus! Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, O Pro - phet, Priest, and King,
*5 Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and cold my warm - est thought;



1 It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.
2 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.
3 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace!
4 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.
5 but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

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The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard

said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty, who blesses our journey.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled, and who ate and laughed, wept and celebrated with them in love.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the gentle breeze,
who strengthens our bindings, and
who offers hope eternal.**

**We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travelers,
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

As we turn to the tasks before us this day,

Fill us, gracious Lord.

In making faithful choices, great and small,

Guide us, gracious Lord.

As we seek to notice and serve those in need,

Teach us, gracious Lord.

For all places of need in this world:

For our lives impacted by COVID-19,

Heal us with your Love.

For our communities infected with racism,

Heal us with your Love.

For our culture divided by ideology,

Heal us with your Love.

For the grief and lament of our souls,

Heal us with your Love.

For the suffering of poverty and oppression,

Heal us with your Love.

As we offer our lives to you,

Hear us, gracious Lord.

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

We lift up those who have requested prayers, those who have died this week, and those in our community serving in the military or as first responders.

With our hearts ready to serve,

Accompany us, gracious Lord.

Prayers for the School Year

Dear Lord, please be with all of the teachers, parents and students as they embrace a new school year like no other.

Be their patience when they are frustrated.

Be their endurance when they are tired.

Be their wisdom when they are uncertain.

Be their inspiration when they are out of ideas.

Be their peacemaker when they feel hurt.
Be their comforter when they feel overwhelmed.
Be their energy when they are weary.
Be their guide when they are confused.
Be their forgiver when they get it wrong.
Be with them today, tomorrow and always.
Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Holy One, in love you created us and called it good: Grant us the deep wisdom of your love that, wherever this day leads, our lives may remain rooted in your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our broken hearts and lives to God:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

At this time, we invite you to share peace with the community in your household, or those with whom you are connected digitally. Hug a family member or furry friend, or text someone dear to you. The clergy will also offer a solemn bow to those unable to share the peace this morning.

Music at the Offertory

Sheep May Safely Graze - J.S. Bach
Phyllis Freeman, violin

Presentation Acclamation

We Give Thee But Thine Own

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We Give Thee But Thine Own'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed between the staves. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;
2. May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive,
3. And we be - lieve Thy Word, Tho' dim our faith may be,

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give.
What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

Words: W.W.How

Music: Schumann

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Gathering at the Table

Each Sunday we gather at the table in one of the homes of our All Saints' community. As we are unable to gather around the altar table in the church building, your table becomes our altar. Thank you for inviting us into your home, may we discover that our church without walls has many altars in the world.

To acknowledge our inability to share the sacrament of communion in bread and wine an empty cup and plate are on the table to signify our hunger to return and end our fast. When we return, we will celebrate resurrection at the Lord's Table and be fed by God's hand.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Ministration of Spiritual Communion

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though we cannot consume the Blessed Sacrament of Bread and Wine at this time, we thank you for the sacrament of Christ's presence, the gift of spiritual communion, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we become the sacrament of Christ's Body. Let our lives be manna to feed our hunger for communion; for the love we share becomes the bread for the world. Amen.

The Blessing

On our heads and in our homes, the Presence of God. In our coming and going, the Peace of God. In our life and believing, the Love of God. At our end and new beginnings, may the Blessing of God be upon us and journey with us always. **Amen.**

The Hymn at the Closing

The Hymnal 1982 - #657 Love divine, all loves excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

The Dismissal

Celebrant We embody the resurrection story. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Let us go forth and journey with resilient faith. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Toccata in d minor – Gaston Bélier