

ALL SAINTS'

EPISCOPAL
CHURCH





THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

¶ Visitors are warmly welcomed to All Saints' Church. Those not familiar with our service will see that we use two books, the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1928, and the *Hymnal*. Hymn numbers are preceded by the symbol # and page numbers in *The Book of Common Prayer* are indicated by BCP.

MORNING PRAYER

Prelude	<i>Prelude</i>	LOUIS LEFÉBURE-WÉLY
Hymn #579	<i>Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (Second Tune)</i> Verses 1,2,3 and 8	MARION
Opening Sentences		BCP 3
Confession & Absolution		BCP 6-7
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 7
Versicles & Responses		BCP 7-8
The Venite Hymn #610		BCP 9
Psalm 25		BCP 369

I THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. *Amen.*

Benedictus es Hymn #626 Randall

BCP 11

The Second Lesson

St. Luke 14.1

BCP 213f

IT came to pass, as Jesus went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go; and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day? And they could not answer him again to these things. And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief seats; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest seat; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest place; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

<i>Jubilate Deo</i> Hymn #645 W. Russell	BCP 15
The Apostles' Creed	BCP 15
Suffrages	BCP 16
The Collect	BCP 213

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent
 and follow us, and make us continually to be given to
 all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collects for Peace and Grace BCP 17

A Litany of Intercession

From the Prayer Book (1929) of the Episcopal Church of Scotland

LET us beseech the all-holy and ever-blessed Trinity
 to send forth mercy and grace upon us and upon all
 people.

O God the Father,
Have mercy upon us.
 O God the Son,
Have mercy upon us.
 O God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy upon us.

STRETCH out thy hand upon us, O Lord, and save
 us, raise us up and defend us.
Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for the peace that cometh from above, and for
 the salvation of our souls.
Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for the peace of the whole world, and for the
 welfare and unity of the Church of God.
Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for the conversion of those in unbelief and error.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for our country, for this city, for this Diocese, and for all that dwell therein.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all Christian people throughout the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all Christian princes and governors, especially Donald our President, and Bryan our Governor.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all in authority in this land, especially in Georgia and Thomasville.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for the Bishops and Clergy of Christ's holy Catholic Church, especially for Frank our Bishop and for the Clergy here residing.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all voyagers and travelers.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for steadfastness in the faith for our brethren beyond the seas.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all who are sick or suffering, in mind, body, or estate.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for a holy and happy death, for rest in paradise, and for the perfect vision of the glory of God.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray that we may follow the blessed saints and martyrs in bearing our cross before the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for the faithful departed (especially... whose years' minds occur this week).

Lord, have mercy.

The Litany concludes with the following Collect:

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

General Thanksgiving BCP 19

The Grace BCP 20

Hymn #418 *Blessed are the pure in heart* FRANCONIA

The Sermon Fr. Brown

Offertory *Spirit Truth, Pure Light of Love* ROBERT J POWELL

*Spirit Truth, pure Light of Love,
Guiding Light of God above;
Make Your beacon ours;
Inspire us to shine so all may know
The radiance of the Spirit's own
Revealing power.*

*Spirit Wind, sweet Song of Love,
Stirring Song of God above,
Make Your music ours;
Excite us to sing so all may know*

*The anthem of the Spirit's own
Resounding power.*

*Spirit Fire, fierce Breath of Love,
Blazing Breath of God above,
Make Your passion ours;
Impel us to live so all may know
The fervor of the Spirit's own
Resplendent power.*

Presentation of Alms:	<i>Old Hundredth</i>	Hymn #139
	<i>America (vs. 4)</i>	Hymn #141

The Blessing

Hymn #396	<i>The Church's one foundation</i>	AURELIA
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Postlude	<i>Voluntary in A</i>	PHIL LEHENBAUER
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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Jacqueline Ireland
by the Ireland family.*



Lay Reader
Mary Lou
Mirocha

Altar Guild
Connie Middleton
Lisa Scott
Brenda Singletary
Lib Olson
Emeline Loughlin

Usher
Warren Bicknell
Claud Davis



ORDO KALENDAR

September 27 – October 10

17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sept. 27

10:30 AM | Morning Prayer

5:00 PM | Holy Communion

Monday, Sept. 28

9:00 AM | Morning Prayer

4:30 PM | Evening Prayer

Tuesday, Sept. 29

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

9:00 AM | Morning Prayer

Noon | Holy Communion

4:30 PM | Evening Prayer

Wednesday, Sept. 30

St. Jerome, P.C.

7:00 AM | Morning Prayer (Men's Group)

Noon | The Litany

4:30 PM | Evening Prayer

Thursday, Oct. 1

St. Remigius, B.C.

[No MP or EP—Fr. Brown is away.]

Friday, Oct. 2

Abstinence

Saturday, Oct. 3

18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Oct. 4

Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, C.

10:30 AM | Holy Communion

5:00 PM | Evening Prayer

Monday, Oct. 5

9:00 AM | Morning Prayer

4:30 PM | Evening Prayer

Tuesday, Oct. 6

St. Faith M.V.

9:00 AM | Morning Prayer

4:30 PM | Evening Prayer

Wednesday, Oct. 7

7:00 AM | Morning Prayer (Men's Group)

Noon | The Litany

4:30 PM | Evening Prayer

Thursday, Oct. 8

9:00 AM | Morning Prayer

4:30 PM | Evening Prayer

Friday, Oct. 9

St. Denys, M.B.

Abstinence

Saturday, Oct. 10

NOTES

✠ *Weekday services are in St. David's Chapel.* ✠ *The lessons appointed for weekday Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer for the weeks following the 17th and 18th Sundays after Trinity may be found on pages xxxiv - xxxvii of the Book of Common Prayer.* ✠ *Office propers for Michaelmas (Sept. 29) are on (or near) page xlv, and Holy Communion propers for Michaelmas are on p. 251ff.* ✠ *The initials after the names of saints signify: M, martyr; C, confessor; B, bishop; V., virgin; and P, priest.*

GOING DEEPER

Questions for Personal Reflection & Prayer

Preventing Grace *Collect*

The Collect asks that God's grace would "always prevent and follow us," and so "make us continually to be given to all good works." "Prevent" here means to go before: grace arriving before our actions, not as a reward for doing good. Many of us have proven track records of competence and usefulness. We can treat good works as a kind of proof that we've already "got it together." The Collect tells a different story. We actually are not self-starting. We are given to good works, or we are not given to them at all. Where this week have you been living as if your planning must precede mercy? Where has completed work become your security? Pray that Christ's grace would go ahead of your decisions and remain after them, until usefulness is no longer a performance but an obedience received.

The Prisoner and the Calling *First Lesson*

St. Paul writes as "the prisoner of the Lord," and from that bondage he begs us to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness." The "vocation" he has in mind is not your job, but the "calling" of your baptism: one Lord, one faith, one hope. In a world that ranks people by credentials, titles, influence, and productivity, lowliness can feel like failure. St. John Chrysostom heard the "chains" of St. Paul's bondage a dignity greater than ease. Isaac Williams heard an appeal to every believer to be bound by another chain—the golden chain of love rather than the iron chain of self-importance. What labels do you most fear losing: smart, needed, correct, successful, beautiful, relevant? Read about your duty as a Christian (Prayer Book p. 288-289). In prayer, ask God to teach you the freedom of "the prisoner of the Lord," and to walk this week worthy of the Name placed upon you at the baptismal font, not just the names you have earned.

The Bond That Pride Unravels *First Lesson*

We are to be "endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," because there is already "one body, and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism." Unity here is not a warm and fuzzy feeling we manufacture, but a *gift* we can either accept or refuse. Isaac Williams warns that the bond of unity and peace holds only in humility, "by each esteeming [the] other better than himself." But, he warns, when pride enters, the bond of unity and peace is like the "seven green withs" with which Delilah sought to bind Samson (Judges 16:7) and which Samson easily snapped: "it is all

gone,” says Williams. Parish pews, dinner tables, meeting rooms, and glowing screens easily become contests over who is most informed, most wounded, most orthodox, or most right. Whom do you struggle to forbear in love—someone beside you in church, at home, on the national stage, or in a social media feed? Pray for longsuffering that protects the unity-in-peace that is baptism’s gift, and for a renewed love of the one altar where that gift is perpetually renewed.

The Swollen Soul *Second Lesson*

A man with the dropsy stood in the Pharisee’s house, swollen with fluid, presumably ignored by those at the feast. It was the sabbath, but Jesus healed the man, then diagnosed a more insidious disease: a religion exact about holy time and blind to a suffering neighbor. Richard Chenevix Trench pressed this contrast, noting that physical dropsy is obvious; whereas spiritual dropsy swells the soul with self, appetite, anxiety, or resentment, and still expects to sit with honor at the feast. What has been swelling in you while you have been watching others—measuring their faults, guarding your place, withholding the mercy you might expect to receive yourself? Bring that swelling in penitence to the Physician who still works on His sabbath. Ask for a heart that goes out to the suffering as readily as it protects what belongs to it.

The Lowest Room *Second Lesson*

Our Lord’s parable is not really about table manners. It is about the secret ranking of rooms: the safer pew, the last word, the recognized service, the honor due after years of dutiful work. But “whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.” Humility is the currency of the Heavenly Kingdom, and Isaac Williams notes that there is no place where lowliness is more needed than at the altar of Him “Who humbled Himself from Heaven to earth for our sakes.” Where do you angle for the higher place—at work, at home, even in church? Pray for courage to take “the lowest room” this week without bargaining for some later exaltation, and ask to hear, if the Host should speak it, His gracious word: “Friend, go up higher.”

These reflection questions were produced with assistance from artificial intelligence; and insights from St. John Chrysostom’s Homily on Ephesians 4:1-2; The Miracles of Our Lord by the Rt. Rev’d and Rt. Hon. Richard Chenevix Trench, Archbishop of Armagh; and Sermon LXIV by the Rev d Isaac Williams, B.D., sometime Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feast of St. Michael & All Angels

Holy Communion is Monday (9/29/26) at noon in St. David's Chapel.

St. David's Choir sings Sunday, October 4, in Church.

Choir Call time is 9:40 am.

Covered Dish Luncheon – October 4

Join us for lunch after the service! The church will provide fried chicken and chicken tenders. If you would like, bring a side dish or dessert to share and drop it off in the dining hall before the service. Whether or not you bring a dish, we hope you will stay and enjoy the fellowship and meal with us.

Candidates for Vestry

If you know someone who might make a good vestry member, please let a member of the nominating committee know (Fr. Brown, Stuart Brunson, Roz Davis, Brad Jackson, Emeline Loughlin, or Kim Bragg). Your input helps members feel appreciated and integral to our church's future.

Body & Soul is Back

9/30 | Fr. Brown, The Suffering and Death of Jesus, Part 1.

Kid's Corner Art & Soul: Clay Jack O' Lantern Magnets
(Mark 12:31)

10/7 | Fr. Brown, The Suffering and Death of Jesus, Part 2.

Kid's Corner Art & Soul: Clay Jack O' Lantern Magnets
(Phil 4:4)

10/14 | The Descent into Hell, Part1: Redemption of the Patriarchs

Kid's Corner Art & Soul: Magazine Mosaic (Ps 119:105)

Save the Date – October 25

Parish Picnic & Blessing of the Animals

Be Received or Confirmed into the Church

Those interested in being received into the Church or confirmed are invited to contact the church office. Bishop Paul Lambert will be at All Saints' on November 1 for a service of confirmation and the celebratory All Saints' Sunday.

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 2:00 pm Mahjong Guild	2	3
4 9:00 am Nursery & Children's Church Open 9:30 am Scripture Study 9:40 am Saint David Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion 12:00 pm Parish Covered Dish Luncheon 5:00 pm Evening Prayer	5 9:00 am Morning Prayer 4:30 pm Evening Prayer	6 9:00 am Morning Prayer 4:30 pm Evening Prayer	7 7:00 am Men's Group 12:00 pm Litany (Chapel) 4:00 pm Knitters Guild 4:30 pm Evening Prayer 5:15 pm St. David's Choir Practice 5:30 pm Body & Soul	8 9:00 am Morning Prayer 2:00 pm Mahjong Guild 4:30 pm Evening Prayer	9	10
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25 11:00 am Parish Picnic and al Fresco Holy Communion with Blessing of Animals	26	27	28 7:00 am Men's Group 12:00 pm Holy Communion (St. David's Chapel) 4:00 pm Knitters Guild 5:15 pm St. David's Choir Practice	29 2:00 pm Mahjong Guild	30	31

Please note that all events and times are subject to change. A live calendar is available on the church website: www.AllSaintsThomasville.org

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS'

We are delighted that you are with us today.

Whether you are visiting for the first time or worshipping with us regularly, we extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome. If you have any questions or need assistance during your time with us, please do not hesitate to speak with one of our ushers, or with the priest after the service.

Restrooms are located through the door to the left of the pulpit. They may also be accessed by exiting through the church's front doors and entering through the garden-side entrance.

For Families with Children

Children are a valued part of our worshipping community and welcome in the church alongside their parents as they see, hear, and absorb the rhythms and teachings of the liturgy. Age-appropriate bulletins and Quiet Bags are available in the Narthex.

Nursery care and Children's Church are offered in the Parish Hall from 9:00-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-11:45 a.m., with activities, games, and crafts related to the day's lesson. Children may attend one or both sessions, join their parents in worship at 10:30 a.m., or remain in Children's Church throughout the morning.

Parents should pick up children from the Parish Hall following the service.

Fellowship Following the Service

Please join us on the bricks after worship for lemonade, cookies, conversation, and a children's art activity. We cherish these opportunities for fellowship and would be pleased to become better acquainted with you.

Stay Connected

To receive parish news, upcoming event information, and messages from the Rector, we invite you to subscribe to our weekly newsletter. Simply scan the QR code with your mobile device to stay informed about the life and ministry of All Saints'.

We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today and pray that you find a sense of belonging, peace, and hospitality within the All Saints' family.



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The Rev'd George Willcox Brown, III Rector

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

MORNING

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion or
Morning Prayer

EVENING

5:00 p.m.

Holy Communion or
Evening Prayer

Holy Days as announced

Nursery Facilities are provided from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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