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NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE AT ALL SAINTS.

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September 2, 2018

10:30 AM

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 17

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

BCP 355

The Rev. Carl H. Beasley is the celebrant and preacher today.

VOLUNTARY

Portraits of Praise

arr. by Penny Rodriguez

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Hymnal, S-280

Glory to God in the highest,

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.**

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.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.

Look, there he stands

behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,

looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away;

for now the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;

the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtledove

is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,

and the vines are in blossom;

they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MARK

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Carl H. Beasley

A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

**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

Celebrant Let the words of our mouths express the thoughts of our hearts, O God,
as we offer to your divine compassion the needs of the world, praying: Let our
hearts be conformed to your purpose; and grant us your blessing.

Intercessor Gracious God, you have given birth to your Church by your word of
truth and raised us as the first fruits of your creatures: Grant that we may be doers of
your word and not merely hearers, effectively sharing in your reconciling work
throughout the world. Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

People **and grant us your blessing.**

Intercessor Almighty One, help our leaders to carry your scepter of righteousness in
order to create justice and peace, care for orphans and widows, and remove the stains
that pollute your creation. Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

People **and grant us your blessing.**

Intercessor Ever-present God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all
we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we
may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and as we seek a proper return
for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and
arouse our concern for those who are out of work. Let our hearts be conformed to
your purpose;

People **and grant us your blessing.**

Intercessor Compassionate God, let your generosity abound among all the peoples of
the earth, that humanity may respond with empathy and grace toward all who suf-
fer, especially orphans and widows and any who are vulnerable or poor. Let our

hearts be conformed to your purpose;
People **and grant us your blessing.**

Intercessor Loving God, our hearts and lips are close to you as we intercede for our community: Inspire us to resist following human traditions which divide rather than unite, that we may faithfully follow your perfect law of liberty. Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

People **and grant us your blessing.**

Intercessor Healing God, empower our reconciling work to share your blessing with all for whom we intercede, especially all those on our All Saints prayer list and for the special intentions we name either silently or aloud.

(Pause for quiet reflection)

We thank you for all that is good and true and gracious, especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week and for those we name either silently or aloud. *(Pause for quiet reflection)*

Welcome into your divine heart those who have died, especially Jerry Oshinski and for those we name either silently or aloud.

(Pause for quiet reflection)

Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

People **and grant us your blessing.**

Celebrant Holy and Eternal One, you lead us through your Word Jesus Christ who taught us to obey all of your commandments by loving you and by loving our neighbors as ourselves: Purify our hearts that we may be instruments of your reconciliation and peace, in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The congregation may stand or kneel.

Minister and People

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.

A Priest, stands and says

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.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION *The Holy Eucharist, Prayer C*

OFFERTORY SOLO

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Soloist - Cliff Whittle

Text: Lamentations 3:23

OFFERTORY HYMN 524

I love thy kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

The Eucharistic Gifts are brought forward.

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 him 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:

Celebrant and People 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.

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The people stand or kneel as they so choose.

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.**

The Celebrant continues

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.**

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. 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

Celebrant and People

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Prayer Partners during Communion

Prayer Partners are available near the pulpit during Communion.

All wishing to have special supportive prayers for yourself or others are encouraged to approach the prayer partner during communion time.

COMMUNION SOLO **You'll Never Walk Alone** *Rodgers & Hammerstein*
Soloist - Cliff Whittle

COMMUNION HYMN 707 **Take my life, and let it be** *Hollingside*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

SENDING FORTH OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Priest N. (and N.) we send you out to share Communion this week with N. N. (and N.N.)

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Priest May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 556 **Rejoice, ye pure in heart!** *Marion*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

VOLUNTARY **Postlude** *Beryl Red (1936-2013)*

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in The Neaverson Chapel.



Thanks to Dan Bishop, organist, and Cliff Whittle, soloist for serving as musicians today while Daniel Copher is on vacation.

The choir returns next week. Join us to sing with one of the best parish choirs in South Florida.

In Memory of Jerry Oshinski

January 27, 1945 - August 27, 2018

Jerry Oshinski died peacefully after a brief illness. His husband, Terry Colli, was by his side. Jerry was much loved by Terry, their family, and their many friends. Please hold Terry and their family in your prayers at this time of grief and remembrance.

A funeral mass and interment in the columbarium will be at All Saints on Saturday, September 29th at 2:00 PM.

*Rest eternal grant to Jerry, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon him.
May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RICHARD UNWIN

The Celebration of Life Service to honor Richard Unwin will be at All Saints Episcopal Church on Saturday, October 13, at 2:00 pm. A reception will follow immediately after the service.

JOURNEY TO FAITH
An Inquirer's Answers to the Episcopal Church
Each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM in the River Room
starting on Sept. 9th

Please come join us as we travel through this informative series on a journey to explore the Episcopal Church. Finally get answers to all of those nagging questions about "why do we do that?" The class will meet for eight Sundays, and begins September 9th at 9:00-10:15 a.m., in the River Room.

Please email **Deb Greene** at journeytofaith@allsaintsfl.org or call the office for further information. Open to all ages.

All are invited: members, non-members, and the curious; even if you just want a review or you need to finally solve the mysteries! This is the perfect introduction for those considering confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church.

SAVE the DATES!

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ALL SAINTS OUTREACH

We cannot THANK YOU enough for your volunteer hours, bringing donations, and generous support. These are making a difference in our community.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ **Jubilee Soup Kitchen food pantry**
 - Food, cereal, canned goods with pop tops, microwaveable meals**
 - Hygiene: individual soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors**
 - Clothing: men and womens, socks and underwear**
 - Shoes: sneakers**

- ◆ **St. Laurence Homeless Shelter**
 - Towels, light weight blankets**
 - Hygiene: individual soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors**
 - Clothing: men and womens, socks and underwear**
 - Shoes: sneakers**

- ◆ **Hope House**
 - Towels, pillows, sheets (twin), light weight blankets**
 - Bibles**
 - Diapers**
 - Grocery store gift cards**

- ◆ **Eyeglasses**

- ◆ **Empty Pill Bottles**

- ◆ **TRUE Fund** – The 3rd Sunday of each month is the day that we collect for T.R.U.E. Fund. **TRUE (Toward Relief of Urgent Emergencies)** The requests are vetted and truly in need of help. Your donations are always appreciated! Please share generously.

- ◆ **United Thank Offering (UTO)**

The Altar Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Maj. Ted Strennen,
for his dedication in service to our country
by Lou Strennen.



The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving by the People of All Saints.

CELEBRATIONS Sept. 2–8

Birthdays Jayne Mackintosh, Bob McIntosh, Kim Byham,
Walter Sherman, Kathy Bass, Nicholas Nightingale,
Karl Hop, Eleanor Schempp, George Herrgott,
Jorge Moreno, Conner Bennett, Todd Lind

Anniversaries No anniversaries this week

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

<i>Mon. – Fri.</i>	Easier Softer Way (AA Meeting)	8:00 am	Neaverson
<i>Mon. 9/3</i>	ALL SAINTS OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY		
<i>Wed. 9/5</i>	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers	12:05 pm	St. Luke's
	Deadline for Ecomm and Bulletin	12:00 pm	
<i>Thurs. 9/6</i>	Vespers	6:30 pm	St. Luke's
<i>Fri. 9/7</i>	The Great American Song Fest	6:00 pm	Neaverson

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS

Tuesday, Sept. 4	10:30 am	Spiritual Journey Group
Wednesday, Sept. 5	11:30 am	Spiritual Meditation
Friday, Sept. 7	6:00 pm	The Great American Song Fest
Sunday, Sept. 9	9:00 am	Beginning of Journey to Faith

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATES!

ALL SAINTS PARKING CHANGES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2018

During the regrading and planting of Brion Park

Now that the seawall construction is complete, it is time to regrade Brion Park to allow for proper drainage. This work has just begun and will take 4-6 weeks. After the regrading, we will have to plant new groundcover and give that time to take root. We are working with our landscapers for the best plan for re-sodding or planting grass in Brion Park as soon as the regrading is complete.

Beginning this Sunday, August 26, during this time of regrading and replanting, Brion Park will not be available for parking. Parking will be limited to the upper lot and the streets around the church. Please plan accordingly.

Give yourself extra time on Sunday mornings to find parking. If possible, carpool to church, or use a taxi or ride-sharing service such as Lyft or Uber. Or park a few blocks away and enjoy a lovely Sunday morning walk to church.

Please be courteous to our neighbors and do not park in First Presbyterian's designated parking lots.

We thank you for your patience and creativity in travel to church for the next three to four months!



THE NEW RIVER THEATER COMPANY

presents

THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGFEST

An evening of singing and fun.

And surprise dramatic readings by historic figures!

Come one, come all and join in the singing of good ole American songs!

Friday, September 7, 2018

6:00 p.m. – Wine and lil' bites

6:30 p.m. – Showtime!

Free will offering

SPIRITUAL SEPTEMBER

A MONTH OF NEW OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Guided Healing Meditation Wednesdays 11:30

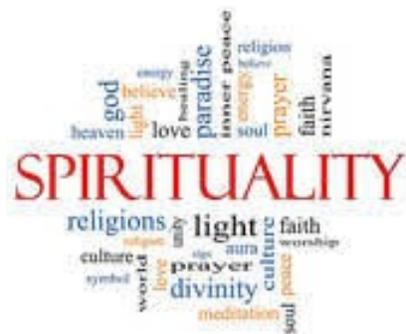
Beginning Wednesday, September 5, experience intimate communion with our God of healing in a guided meditation immediately preceding the Wednesday Healing Prayer with Eucharist Service. Meet for meditation in the Nave at 11:30 a.m. and/or for the healing service 12:05 in St. Luke's Chapel. Both offerings provide opportunity to pray for anyone or any situations in need of healing. In addition, a spiritual companion will be available to listen to your joys or concerns immediately following the healing service in St. Luke's Chapel. Please be on time for the meditation and enter reverently.

Spiritual Journey Group Tuesdays 10:30

Do you desire to deepen your awareness of God's presence within yourself, in your life and in the world? You are welcome to join us as we form a spiritual companionship group that will meet Tuesday mornings 10:30 - 11:45AM. The group will practice tools to grow in faith and walk in love as we read from scripture, learn from the writings of the masters, pray and meditate together, share our questions and experiences, and form stronger bonds with one another. The first meeting will be September 4 and will continue on Tuesday mornings through September. The first meeting will be in the River Room. Subsequent meetings will be in Neaverson Chapel. Please bring a journal to the meetings.

Individual Spiritual Companionship

If you would like to meet with a trained spiritual director, please call the church office for more information on scheduling a meeting.



WEDNESDAY HEALING PRAYER WITH EUCHARIST

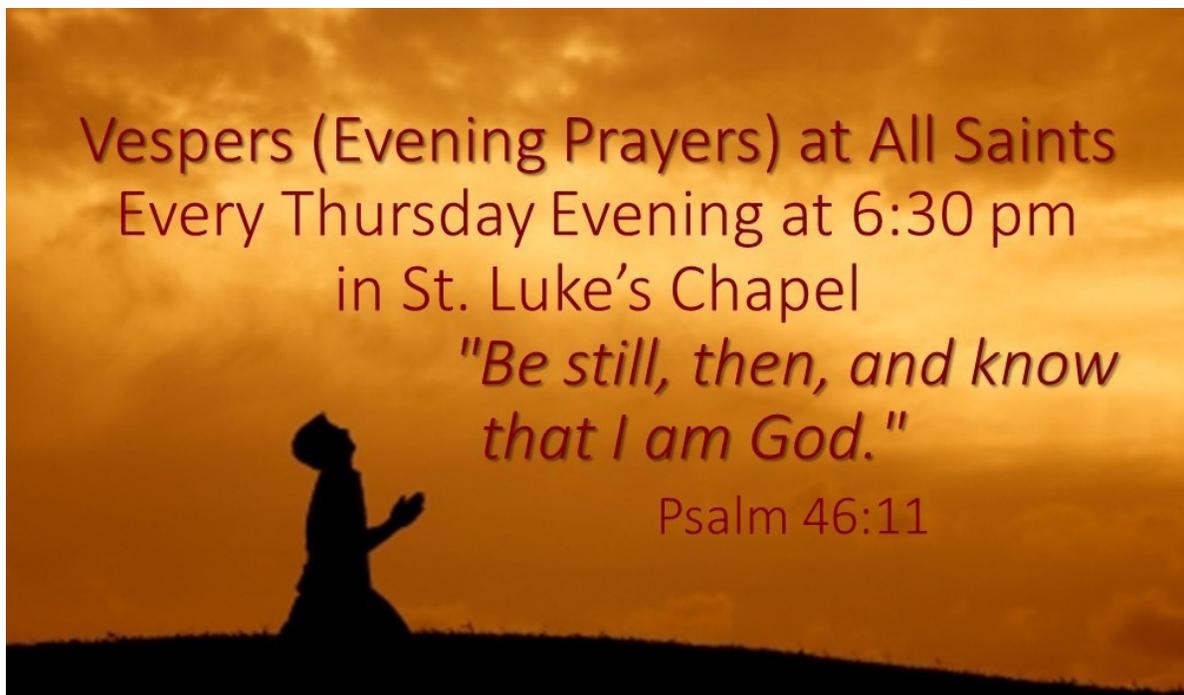
Wednesday, September 5 12:05 p.m. St. Luke's Chapel

(use side door by the Jensen Courtyard)

Many are asked to remember others, especially for healing, in our prayers. All are invited to join together at this service for a healing laying-on-of-hands, anointing, and prayer for others or our selves. These prayers become our Eucharistic offering as we celebrate together in our lovely St Luke's Chapel.

THIS WEEK IS THE COMMEMORATION OF GREGORIO AGLIPAY

A former Catholic priest who became the first head of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, an independent Catholic Church in the form of a national church in the Philippines



VESPERS (EVENING PRAYERS – RITE II) AT ALL SAINTS

Every Thursday Evening at 6:30 pm

Vespers will be in St. Luke's Chapel

Vespers is a wonderful and deeply spiritual liturgy of prayer which is the penultimate of the ancient daily Christian "Prayer Hours." Vespers offers us an opportunity for thanksgiving for the good in the day, to let go of the stresses of work and life; and to turn all things earthly, over to God near the end of the day.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

THIS WEEK IS THE COMMEMORATION OF NIKOLAI GRUNDTVIG, BISHOP

A Danish pastor, author, poet, philosopher, historian, teacher and politician.