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November 18, 2018 10:30 AM

Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost



The Holy Baptism of
Ashton River Ault

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Proper 28

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
The Rev. Leslie J. Hague is the celebrant and
preacher today.

BCP 355

VOLUNTARY *Adagio Moto ~ Sonata #3, Op. 56* *Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 48 O day of radiant gladness *Es flog ein keleins waldvoegelein*

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

(please stand)

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one body and one spirit.

People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DANIEL 12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- †9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF HEBREWS 10:11-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has

been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 607

O God of every nation

Llangloffan

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MARK

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 13:1-8.

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Presenters I present Ashton River Ault to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that Ashton is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Presenters I will, with God's help.
Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Presenters I will, with God's help.
Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Presenters I renounce them.
Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Presenters I renounce them.
Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Presenters I renounce them.
Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Presenters I do.
Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Presenters I do.
Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Presenters I do.
The People stand, and the celebrant addresses the congregation, saying
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Ashton in his life in Christ?
People **We will.**
Celebrant Let us join with Ashton who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in
Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Celebrant Let us now pray for Ashton who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again and may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying:
Ashton, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People loudly **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying
Ashton, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own
for ever.

People loudly **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Holy Eucharist, Prayer A

OFFERTORY ANTHEM **Thanksgiving Carol** *Clair T. McElfresh (1931-2013)*

*A time for us to thank our God, a time for us to pause.
A time for us to thank our God and sing His praise on high.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
*A time for us to harvest what our good Lord bestowed.
A time for us to reap and seed which God has in our soul.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
*A time for us with vision to search within ourselves
And seek the inward sense that's right to bow before our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
*And with the passing seasons a future we behold,
A trust in God for strength and might to sow seed for His goal.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

OFFERTORY HYMN 291 **We plow the fields, and scatter** *Wir pflugen*

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 God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you
have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and
given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining
our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for
ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People sing

John Rutter



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and People

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 ANTHEM

Locus iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Translation from Latin:

*This place was made by God, a priceless mystery;
It is without reproof.*

COMMUNION HYMN 290 Come, ye thankful people, come *St. George's, Windsor*

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 665 All my hope on God is founded *Michael*

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

VOLUNTARY *Grand Chœur Triomphal, Op. 56* *Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)*

Please join us in Neaverson Chapel for the Rector's and Vestry Forum.

RECTOR'S AND VESTRY FORUM

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 IN NEAVERSON CHAPEL

There is a 9 am and 11:30 am session (after each service) to discuss the progress of All Saints, the stewardship campaign, and financial update.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) MEETING

Today, Sunday, November 18 at 12:00 in Hope House.

All the women of All Saints are invited to attend.



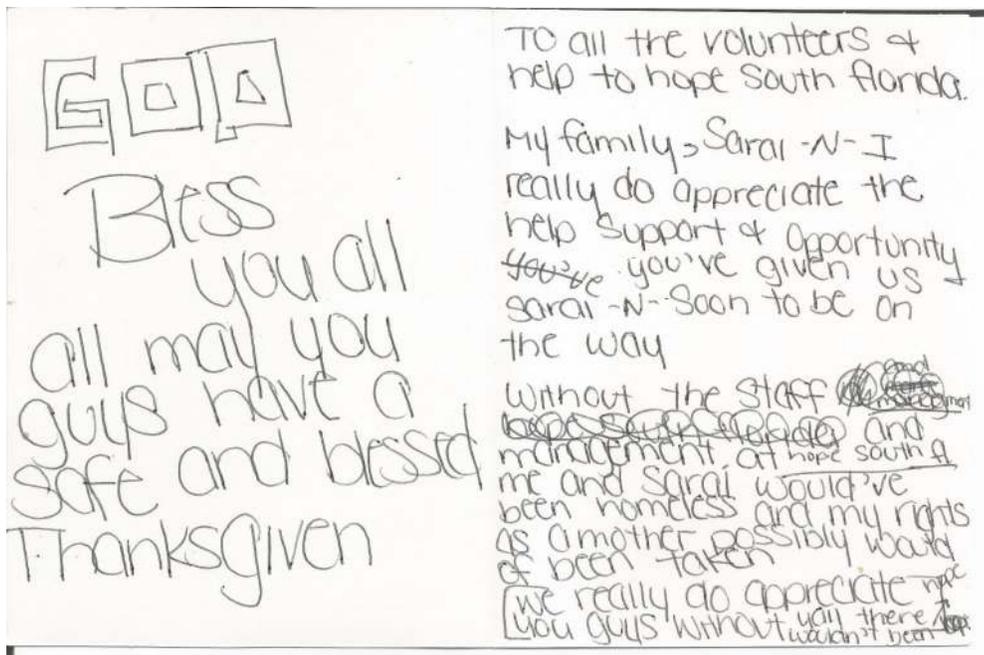
thank you! To those who volunteered for Beds Around the Altar.

*Holy one, Giver of blessings that nurture the earth and feed our bodies and souls,
We offer now our thanks for the abundance that surrounds us:*

*For the harvest of which we partake, for the many hands that make light the work of
helping our sisters and brothers, for those who are in need, who gladden our hearts by
allowing us to be of use.*

A very special thank you to our dinner hosts **Rachel Pope, Carol Nissen and Kawana Hibbert, Cliff Whittle and Scott Cumming, and Mother Leslie.** Our overnight hosts were **Larry Jackson, Cliff Whittle, Bob Castoro, Sandra Sanson, Rick Birgel, Jay Bowen, Katie Casteel, Crellin Byrd and Dan Drennen.** We hosted three families. One mother with three teenagers, and two mothers with small infants. Your dedication is truly appreciated! By giving of your time, you have shared a few nights of welcoming rest for our guests. Thank you again.

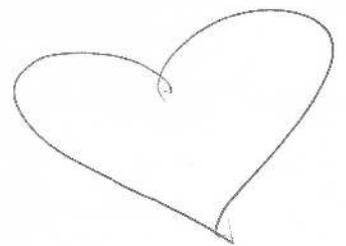
**The next Beds Around the Altar will be January 28-31, 2019.
Mark your calendars and save the dates for volunteering.**



TO all the volunteers + help to hope south florida.
My family - Sarai - N - I really do appreciate the help support + opportunity ~~you~~ you've given us + sarai - N - soon to be on the way
without the staff ~~and management~~ and management at hope south fl me and sarai would've been homeless and my rights as a mother possibly would of been taken
we really do appreciate ~~you~~ you guys without ~~us~~ ^{you} there ~~it~~ ^{wouldn't} be

GO
Bless
you all
all may you
guys have a
safe and blessed
Thanksgiving

I want to Thank all of the
Volunteers who helped,
Jade and I!
I am blessed to have met
you all ~~at~~ in my time of
need!
Love Rasheed + Jade



EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM)

Operating under the auspices of The University of the South (Sewanee), Education for Ministry (EfM) invites people into small groups that help us understand our lives and shape our actions as we examine and deepen our Christian faith. Through study, prayer and theological reflection EfM enables us to discover and exercise our God-given gifts for ministry in our everyday lives. It is not preparation for the priesthood.

An EfM seminar with six to 12 students and a trained mentor meets weekly for three hours over the course of a nine-month academic year. The All Saints group meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. **A new class will begin on January 7, 2019.** While the full curriculum takes four years to complete participants are asked to commit to only one year at a time. Upon completion participants will receive a diploma from The University of the South.

There is a tuition fee and some financial aid may be available.

If you are interested in learning more about this exciting, life-changing program please speak to Frank Asterita either in person on most Sundays or by phone or email. You can reach Frank at 516-225-6344 or frankdon724@att.net. You may also visit the Sewanee EfM website at <http://efm.sewanee.edu> for more information.

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**ALL SAINTS THANKSGIVING IN
NEAVERSON CHAPEL**

If you don't have other plans with family or friends,
please join your All Saints' family for Thanksgiving dinner.

Thursday, November 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

We will provide the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy;
you can bring your choice of a side dish or dessert.

Please RSVP to Michael or Lou in the office if you will be attending.

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p.s. We're also looking for a few volunteers to help set-up, serve and cleanup.

WEDNESDAY HEALING PRAYER WITH EUCHARIST

Wednesday, November 21 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 JOHN MERBECKE
An English theological writer and musician who produced
a standard setting of the Anglican liturgy.

The service of Vespers (Evening Prayers – Rite II) will not be observed this Thursday, November 22. There will be Noon Day Prayer on Thursday at 2 pm before the All Saints Thanksgiving Diner in Neaverson Chapel.

The Altar Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mary Cocove, deceased mother of Tony and Ruth Lynch, deceased mother of Jim, by Tony Cocove and Jim Lynch.



The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for justice by Bob Adams.

CELEBRATIONS November 18 – 24

Birthdays Susan Goodrich, Marcelline Hutton, Rick Vaughan, Crellin Byrd, Joan Koether, Shirley Riester, Betty Bahlke, Jackson Smith

Anniversaries Carlos Barrera and David Peters
Leslie Hague and Katie Casteel
Randy Sharpe and Ron Walker

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

<i>Mon. – Fri.</i>	Easier Softer Way (AA Meeting)	8:00 am	Neaverson
<i>Mon. 11/19</i>	EFM	6:30 pm	Neaverson
	Stewardship Committee	6:30 pm	Office
<i>Wed. 11/21</i>	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers	12:05 pm	St. Luke's
<i>All Saints Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving</i>			
<i>Thurs. 11/22</i>	Noon Day Prayers	2:00 pm	Neaverson
	All Saints Thanksgiving Diner		

The All Saints Nursery is OPEN!!!!



Nursery

Our adorable nursery is now open at 9 AM for infants and children through 3 years of age. We are staffed for those with little ones to be part of our All Saints Family. Please share this with family and friends so that they can plan to worship with everyone.

The Nursery provides a pager for parents to be notified in case of emergencies.



Finding God Outside the Temple

18 NOVEMBER 2018

BY ELIZABETH HONEYCUTT

Throughout time, humans have been obsessed with all things large and grandiose. In ancient times, the pyramids were the quintessential example of this, massive structures built to deify pharaohs. The Colosseum, Parthenon, and other ancient wonders draw visitors to this day. In our time, we build towering skyscrapers, glittering metropolises, and larger-than-life government buildings. Even our homes are significantly larger: The average square footage of a house in 1920 was 1,048, as compared to 2,657 square feet in 2014. But bigger is better, right?

After I read today's Gospel lesson, I immediately related to the disciples' awe of the temple. One of my favorite places in all of this country is Washington National Cathedral, just a mile from where my mother and her sisters were born and raised. I've been to the cathedral multiple times over the years, most recently after we buried my grandmother in 2014. It's a place of reverence for me, a place of unspeakable peace. Among the stained-glass windows, the storied history of that sacred place, I feel closer to God.

But God is not any more present in our beautiful cathedrals than he is in our small churches. He is just as present at St. Augustine's in Homer, Alaska, among a small handful of faithful parishioners. He is just as present with a handful of volunteers with St. Isidore's Abundant Harvest food truck, where thousands are fed each year in North Houston. He is just as present with our work with the homeless and trafficking victims, ministries not always contained by four walls and a roof, but where two or three are gathered together. God is present in nursing homes, church missions in strip centers, in school chapels, and on military bases. God is not limited to a worship schedule, a day of the week, or the spatial confines of high, holy places.

King Solomon encapsulated that in 1 Kings 8:27, where he said, "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house I have built!" And Jesus reminds us of this in our Gospel: When we wrap ourselves up in the worship of *anything* other than God, we will be led astray.

Elizabeth Honeycutt serves as Chief Steward for Membership & Finance for TENS. A CPA, wife, and mom to two little ones, Elizabeth also serves as Treasurer for Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Tomball, Texas.