



**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HEALING AND PRAYER SERVICE WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
The Rev. Carl H. Beasley is the celebrant and preacher today.**

**THE COMMENDATION IS BIRGITTA OF SWEDEN
MYSTIC, 1373**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence

O God, who beholds all things and whose judgment is always mercy; by the example of your servant Birgitta of Sweden, give to us in this life the vision of your kingdom, where Jesus Christ is all and in all, that we may pattern our earthly lives on things heavenly, where our lives are hidden with Christ in you; who with him and the Holy Spirit live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from 1 Samuel 28:3-19

Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. Saul had expelled the mediums and the wizards from the land. The Philistines assembled, and came and encamped at Shunem. Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, not by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her." His servants said to him, "There is a medium at Endor."

So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They came to the woman by night. And he said, "Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you." The woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?" But Saul swore to her by the Lord, "As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He answered, "Bring up Samuel for me." When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!" The king said to her, "Have no fear; what do you see?" The woman said to Saul, "I see a divine being coming up out of the ground." He said to her, "What is his appearance?" She said, "An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe." So Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" Saul answered, "I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do." Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy? The Lord has done to you just as he spoke by me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your

neighbor, David. Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you today. Moreover the Lord will give Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; the Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 12

Salvum me fac

- 1 Help me, Lord, for there is no godly one left; *
 the faithful have vanished from among us.**
- 2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; *
 with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.**
- 3 Oh, that the Lord would cut off all smooth tongues, *
 and close the lips that utter proud boasts!**
- 4 Those who say, "With our tongue will we prevail; *
 our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"**
- 5 "Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, *
 I will rise up," says the Lord,
 "and give them the help they long for."**
- 6 The words of the Lord are pure words, *
 like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.**
- 7 O Lord, watch over us *
 and save us from this generation for ever.**
- 8 The wicked prowl on every side, *
 and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.**

A Reading from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 14:6-12

Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? It is the same way with lifeless instruments that produce sound, such as the flute or the harp. If they do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is being played? And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? So with yourselves; if in a tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is being said? For you will be speaking into the air. There are doubtless many different kinds of sounds in the world, and nothing is without sound. If then I

do not know the meaning of a sound, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church.

Reader The Word of Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 11:2-25.

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came; and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Carl H. Beasley

A LITANY OF HEALING

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers:

The people audibly name those for whom they are interceding

and we include the names of those on our parish prayer list.

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers for those who seek healing and all whom we name in our hearts. Grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned to joy;

Hear us O Lord of life.

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Befriend all who are lonely, anxious, despondent, or afraid with an awareness of your presence;

Hear us O Lord of Life.

Mend broken relationships and restore those in emotional distress to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart.

Hear us O Lord of life.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Having prayed for others, let us now pray for ourselves, confessing our transgressions against God and our neighbors.

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 which 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.

May the God of Love, visit us in our times of trial and weakness, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, raise us to newness of life, strengthen us in all goodness and through the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Celebrant I lay my hands upon you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love; and I anoint you with oil in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion on all for whom we pray and strengthen us to be your instrument of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Peace

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being; sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory as we say:

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.

Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we now offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ. On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take eat; This is my Body which is given to you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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 proclaim,

**Dying, you destroyed our death, Rising, you restored our life,
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

We now celebrate, O God, the memorial of Christ our Savior. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of Christ's death, and proclaim the resurrection, until Christ comes in glory.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in the Risen One, and make us a living sacrifice of praise. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the
time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Communion given to those present.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Said by the Presider and intended for use by those watching our Livestream.

Holy One, though I am unable to be physically present today with the worshiping community at All Saints Church, I have prayed with them as the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated. In my heart I feel connected to those worshiping at All Saints and with Christians throughout the world. Though I am unable to receive you sacramentally today, I know You are always spiritually present in my heart, in my soul, and in my every breath. For this I give thanks and praise. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in this Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth; a people forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Holy One, open our hearts and minds that we may discern your will. Grant us patience and perseverance as we wonder and wait for the one whom you send. We pray for a new rector who will provide leadership to help us embody the deep and unbounded love of Christ that is alive in our parish and community. We pray for the search committee to listen and respond with wisdom and gratitude each step of the way. We pray for our parishioners to find comfort with uncertainty during the search period. We pray for the priests we meet through this search as they prayerfully consider if they are called to All Saints. Help us, O God, to trust what we cannot yet see. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

