



*All Saints Episcopal Church
Vespers ~ Evening Prayer Rite I
Thursday, November 13, 2025 6:30 pm*

**THE COMMEMORATION OF CONSECRATION OF SAMUEL SEABURY
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Officiant Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense, the lifting up
of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:2

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the
Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole
earth stand in awe of him.

Psalm 96:9

Thine is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast
established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the
boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter.

Psalm 74:15,16

I will bless the Lord who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth
me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

Psalm 16:7,8

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name.

Amos 5:8

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night" darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike.

Psalm 139:10, 11

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."

John 8:12

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us sit in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant and People **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant and People

O Gracious Light

Phos hilaron

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Psalm 110:1-4

Dixit Dominus

- 1 The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, *
 until I make your enemies your footstool."**
- 2 The Lord will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, *
 saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you."**
- 3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; *
 in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,
 like dew from the womb of the morning."**
- 4 The Lord has sworn and he will not recant: *
 "You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A Reading from 1 Samuel 8:1-22

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your

ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only — you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them." Samuel then said to the people of Israel, "Each of you return home."

Reader Here endeth the Lesson.

The Song of Mary

Magnificat

**My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my Ghost hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded * the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth * all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.**

**And his mercy is on them that fear him * throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Reading from Acts 1:15-26

Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let another take his position of overseer.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader Here endeth the Lesson.

The Song of Simeon

Nunc dimittis

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;**

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 9:35–38

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Reader Here endeth the Lesson.

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant and People together,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

Suffrages B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

We entreat thee, O Lord.

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat thee, O Lord.

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,

We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Ghost in the communion of all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat thee, O Lord.

The Collect of the Day

We give you thanks, O Lord our God, for your goodness in bestowing upon this church the gift of the episcopate; and we pray that, joined together in unity with our bishops and nourished by your holy sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of redemption with apostolic zeal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for those who live alone

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow. – All Saints Prayer List
The General Thanksgiving

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and
loving-kindness to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this
life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the
world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope
of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our
hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy
service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our
days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy
Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to
make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through
thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his
Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires
and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this
world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.
Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely
more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation
to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and
ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia, alleluia!

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