



All Saints' Episcopal Church



**ALL TOGETHER SUNDAY**  
**10:00 AM + January 4, 2026**

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## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### The Word of God

Prelude: Hymn Prelude on *Stuttgart*

Charles Winfred Douglas

Opening Hymn: "We are all children of the Lord"

MHSO 105

We are all children of the Lord, young and  
old, big and lit - tle. We are all chil-dren of the  
Lord, let us live in har - mo - ny! Man - y  
names, man - y fac - es, man - y lands, man - y  
plac - es, but through time and through spac - es we are  
one hu - man - i - ty. We are all chil-dren of the  
Lord, one by one, all to - geth - er. We are  
all chil-dren of the Lord, just like one big fam - i - ly.

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*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, And Holy Spirit.  
*People:* And Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

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.**

**Gloria:**      “Glory to God”      Blue Hymnal S 280

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* And also with you.  
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## The Collect

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

## A reading from the Book of Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 84: 1-8

1 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

**Sequence Hymn:** “What star is this, with beams so bright”  
(vv. 1-3 before Gospel; vv. 4 & 5 after)

Blue Hymnal 124

### A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

*People's response before the Gospel* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

People's response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Sean Maloney

The 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 the 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 of the People** – [from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common  
Lectionary] *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Creator God, you have formed us for purpose. Enter more deeply into our hearts that we  
might more fully know you and the role you have created us for, and accept our prayer as we  
say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empower your church to speak truth and to stand boldly against the dark powers of this world,  
that it might be a refuge and a place for hope. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embolden your people to hold to account the leaders of the world, that they might pursue  
policies of peace and international fellowship. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us discerning and generous hearts that your blessings might be made known to our  
neighbors through our actions. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Equip us and sustain us to for stall environmental catastrophe, and to preserve the glorious  
abundance of creation for future generations. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Support those who suffer and make your healing presence known to them. [Especially we pray for...*prayer list*.] Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accept the dying into your loving arms and greet us also in the hour of our deaths that we might rise again in your new age. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Speak to us and guide us in our life's path so that we might be fully the people you created us to be. All we have and all we ask comes from you, O Lord who with the Son and Holy Spirit, reigns forever, One God, Amen.

## The Peace      *All stand*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## Announcements: Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Offertory Hymn:** "As with gladness men of old"

Blue Hymnal 119

## The Holy Communion:

## Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have

delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**  
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,

put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory 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: "Christ our Passover"

Blue Hymnal S 155

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn: "Thank you for the gift of Jesus"

MHSO 139 (vv. 1 & 4)

1 Thank you for the gift of Je - sus: for his  
 2 Thanks for all the men and wom - en who, with  
 3 Hopes and dreams that live a - mong us, new com -  
 4 Boun - teous God, take tal - ents, mem - ories, all we

life a - mong the poor, for his free - ing  
 o - pened hearts and ears, heard his call and  
 pas - sions, deep - er cares, grow from seeds of  
 have and dear - ly hold; work in them your

words and spi - rit, faith and hope that still en - dure,  
 lived his pas - sion in their strug - gles, joys, and tears.  
 your own plant-ing, stem from faith of our fore - bears.  
 pres - ent pur - pose, give them back a hun - dred - fold.

for the love he felt and nur - tured in the  
 Through their touch - ing, speak - ing, teach - ing, plen - teous  
 So the past re - news the pres - ent, soon the  
 So your peo - ple born to - mor - row may with

shamed and dis - pos - sessed. Through his love our  
 gifts and guid - ing prayers, you have raised in  
 seed be - comes the tree, soon your for - est  
 joy sing out one day, "God is good and

hearts are o - pened, through his life our lives are blessed.  
 us the prom - ise: we shall be your friends and heirs!  
 stretch-es high - er, fur - ther than the eye can see.  
 God is gra - cious, God has blessed us on our way."

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## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Postlude:** Voluntary in F Major William Hine

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Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome! Please contact the church office ([aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org](mailto:aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org)) if you would like to receive our weekly e-bulletin..

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