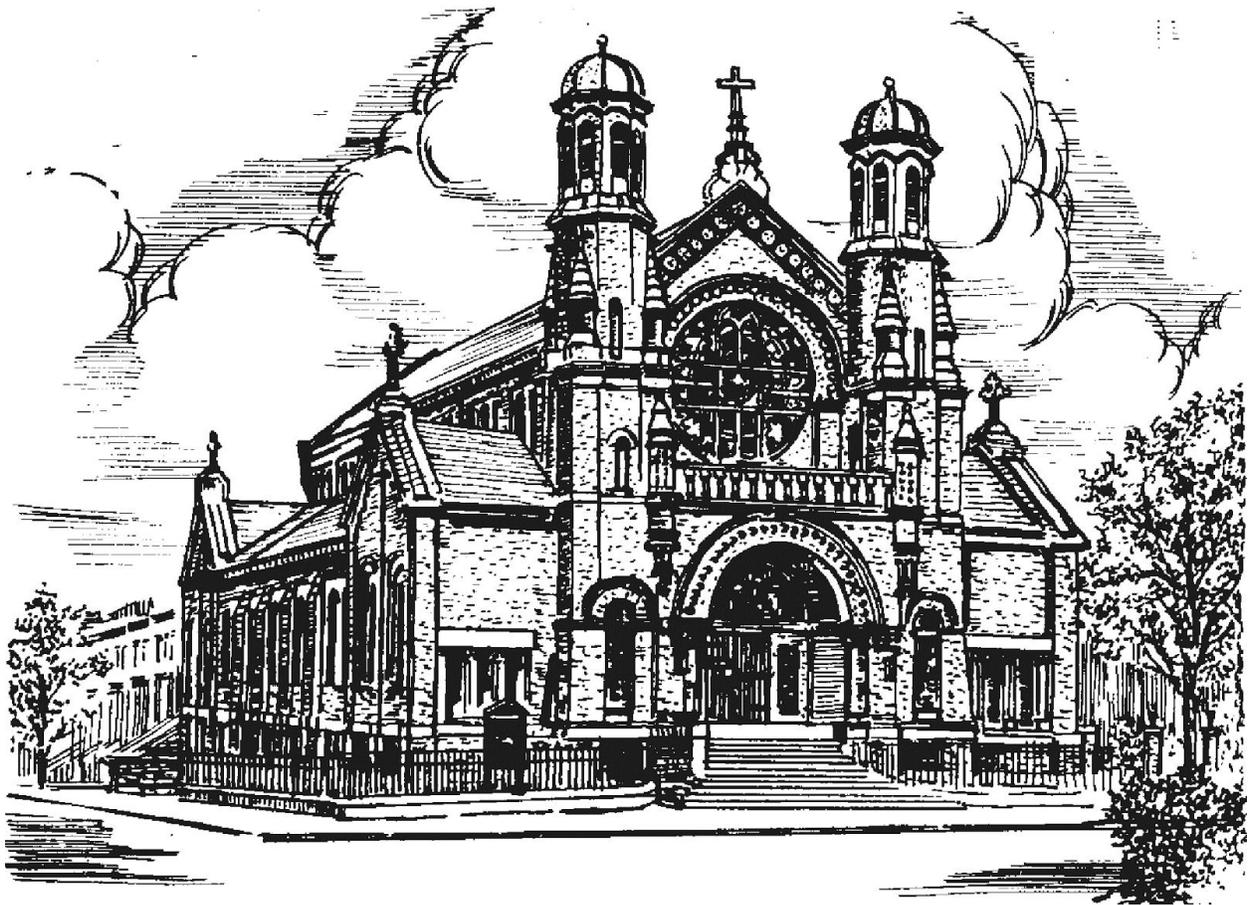


**All Saints' Church
Park Slope**



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Evening Prayer
September 13, 2020
5pm**

Welcome to All Saints' Church. We give thanks for all who are here to worship this evening. The presence of our visitors and guests is a blessing to us. This bulletin should assist you in worship, but do not hesitate to ask your neighbor if you have any questions.

All stand as the Officiant enters. The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence of Scripture.

Let my prayer be put forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (*Psalm 141:2*)

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before God. (*Psalm 96:9*)

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept. Officiant and People say together,

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.

The Officiant alone says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

O Gracious Light Phos Hilaron (*All say together*)

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 your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are 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.

The Psalm *(the People read the verses in bold)*

Psalm 114

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary

and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled;

Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams,

and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?

O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams?

you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water

and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The First Reading

Exodus 14: 19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept after the reading.

The Song of Mary

Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

The people read the verses in bold.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

**The Almighty has done great things for me,
And holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him
In every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,

He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

And has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

And the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,

For he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers,

To Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The Second Reading *(all are seated)*

Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept after the reading.

The people read the verses in bold.

Seek the Lord While he wills to be found;

Call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways

And the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,

And to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

Nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth.

So are my ways higher than your ways,

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens

and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth

seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;

it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,

and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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

The Third Reading *(all are seated)*

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his

fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept after the reading

The Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

The people read the verses in bold.

Lord, you now have set your servant free

To go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,

Whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A light to enlighten the nations,

And the glory of your people Israel.

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

Meditation

The Rev. Steven D.

Paulikas

The Apostles' Creed (all stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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. 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. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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 Suffrages

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collects

Proper Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Racial Justice

Good and gracious God, you invite us to recognize and reverence your divine image and likeness in our neighbor. Enable us to see the reality of racism and free us to challenge and uproot it from our society, our world and ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

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.**

*The Officiant offers intercessions and thanksgivings. A period of silence is kept.
Announcements are made.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (standing)

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

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

People **Amen.**

The Officiant departs. All are welcome to remain for silent meditation and prayer.

Announcements

Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour immediately following the 10am service. To join, simply click this link at 11:30: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89310360221> Please note that Sunday Forum returns on Founder's Day Sunday, Sept 20, at 11:15-noon.

Join us this evening for **Evening Prayer**, which takes place **Sundays at 5pm** in the Church Garden. Please download Bulletin on your device prior to attending the service. We look forward to worshipping in person! You can find bulletins [here](#).

Please mark your calendars for our **Founder's Day Celebration, Sunday, Sept 20th: Celebrating 153**

years in Park Slope! Festivities for the day will include: **10am Facebook live service of Holy Baptism, 11-11:15am Virtual Coffee Hr. Express via zoom, 11:15-noon Virtual Sunday Forum via zoom, 12:30-5pm Open House at All Saints' Church:** People are invited to stop by the church for reflection and a socially distanced hello! **5pm Evensong:** Our first in person worship in the church building featuring our very own Ellen Wright & Adam Menninga. We sincerely hope you can join us for one or all of the events on this special day at All Saints' Church!

Children's Ministry This Fall at All Saints' We are excited to announce two new programs for the upcoming program year:

"Second Sunday Children's Church" Mark your calendars! Beginning October 11, 2020 and continuing each second Sunday of the month, we will offer an expanded online offering for children via Zoom (and archived on YouTube). Hosted by our own Ms. Jennifer von Graevenitz and Ms. Joy De Lancy!

Monthly Children's Ministry "Care Packages" At the beginning of each month, parents interested in participating will receive a mailing of materials for their children which correspond to the upcoming Second Sunday, as well as the lectionary Bible stories, the liturgical calendar, and other holidays and cultural events. Materials will include things such as: Bible story activities and coloring sheets, activities for families to do together, short kid-friendly prayers and liturgies, etc. Packages will be addressed to the children! For more information and to indicate your interest, please email Fr. Spencer at spencer@allsaintsparkslope or contact the parish office.

Youth Confirmation 2020-21: This October, All Saints' will begin offering monthly Youth Confirmation classes (beginning on Zoom and continuing into the semester TBD) hosted by Fr. Spencer. These classes are open to any youth ages 12 and up who want to learn more about the Episcopal Church, and to explore living more deeply into their Christian faith together. Classes will run from October through April 2021 in anticipation of Confirmations with the Bishop offered after Easter. To sign up, please email Fr. Spencer spencer@allsaintsparkslope.org or contact the parish office.

Tuesday Bible Study Returns Sept 22nd at 10:30am. Please join us for this weekly meeting led by Father Steve Paulikas. Zoom info is: <https://zoom.us/j/96038825681>

The church will be open for private prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-2pm. If you've missed seeing the inside of our beautiful building, this is your chance to come by! Strict distancing procedures will be followed.

Do you have a **prayer request** or simply want to talk? The clergy would love to know! Email us at office@allsaintsparkslope.org.

Would you like to get updates on all the great things going on at All Saints' Church? Sign up for our **newsletter** at www.allsaintsparkslope.org/parish-newsletter.html!

The ministry of All Saints' depends on **contributions from parishioners** and friends. In this uncertain financial time, we need your support! Please visit www.allsaintsparkslope.org/giving.html to give!

Parish Prayer List (please email the office to make additions)

For healing: Mike, Chip, Bernedett, Jimmy, Blair, Nancy, Michael, Andy, Lara, Bob, Edda, Luis, Moya, Minda, Shaun, Bert, John, Christine, Brian, Julia, Becky, Rhonda, Danny, Eddie, Donald, Myrna, Claude, Kevin, Frankie, Steven, Joseph, Robert, Marion, Nicole, Jessica, Mark, Tony, Laureen, Thelma, Jenna, Joyce,

Vera, Dennis, Ruth, Simon, Janetha, Cameron, Trevor, Cynthia, Jean, Stuart, Shirley, Troy, Caroline, Denise, Charles, Joseph, Glenda, Victor, Ken, Jackie, Dorothy, Wallace, Danny, Jon, Elizabeth, Jac, Matthew, Adrian, Nino, Lily, Mary, Beverly, Jasodra, Stephen, Arlene, Eloise, Verolyn, Darren, John, Ronald, Ben, Eileen, Albert, Philip, Sandra, Sylvia, Keith, Delsie, Lincoln, Roger, Anthony, Georgette, Meredith, Valerie, Ava Ryan, Anne, Quincy, Clarence, the Wang Family, Cliff, Ron, Cherly, Irma, Richard, Keith, Dvorah, William, Beatriz, Philip, and Sheldine, Steven, Benjamin, Margaret, Yvonne, Randy, Mike, Steven, Susan, Adam, Toni, Tyler, Beryl and Bonnie

For those serving in our Armed Forces: Zach, Julia, Dyrell, Zeripha, Anderson, Seneca, Kevin, Drew, Tina, and Steve.

For those preparing for marriage: Jennifer Soong and Christopher Frugé (September 5), Maya Chhabra and Katherine Nehring (Oct. 10), Joy DeLancy and Patrick George (October 17), Sophia Roberts and Kevin Arnold (August 15, 2021)

For those preparing for ordination: Chris Lee (September 12), Carl Adair.

All Saints' Church Statement on Racial Justice

All Saints' is proud to stand as an inclusive community that embraces and celebrates our diversity in response to biblical teaching: "The Lord God has told us what is right and what He demands: "See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God - Micah 6:8 (CEV). We reject hate and injustice in all forms. We are committed to examining the history of the Church, identifying racial inequities, developing inclusive programming, promoting culturally diverse leadership, and creating mentoring opportunities for youth. We provide a safe space that ensures our actions foster racial equality and social justice. We pledge to support organizations that are social justice focused and welcome all voices from our community and beyond to share their lived experiences.

We promote and solidify our anti-racist and social equity platform by educating and challenging our community to work, grow and create through:

- Forums, book/film discussions for adults and youth addressing areas of systemic racism and social inequity (i.e. police brutality, discriminatory practices)
- Participating in social justice events
- A relaunch of the Health Ministry with a focus on racial health disparities
- Recommitting to participation in civic coalitions (e.g. criminal justice reform; Black

Lives Matter movement)

We seek to ensure a fair and inclusive future by:

- Examination of racial integration at All Saints' with a commitment to intentionally participation in our cultural activities
- Celebration of exemplary figures by holding up their witness and adding religious icons of color to our space (e.g. Absalom Jones)

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