



# Welcome

All Souls, seeking to be a church not just for ourselves, exists to be a vibrant expression of who God is— gracious, present, hospitable.

Launched in 2010, we are a worshipping community rooted in the belief that the historic Christian gospel is true, compelling, and promises to change our lives powerfully, in the direction of freedom, wholeness, and hope.

We seek to embody and articulate this gospel of grace, bringing about spiritual, social, and cultural renewal in Seattle and, through it, the world.

Please feel the freedom to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. It is a time to process freely and safely the audacious claims of Jesus, and the inevitable tension between the beauty and scandal of God's grace, freely given to you.

As a church, we are part of that historical, counter-cultural community that Jesus started and continues to build, sustain, and perfect.

Anyone is welcome in worship, and we encourage you to come as you are. We understand that visiting a church for the first time can be intimidating. So it's our commitment to walk you through each component of the worship service so no one feels like an outsider. There will be no obscure, tribal language. No 'in-house' moments.

Our worship is structured, with liturgy and rich music that connects us to the church of old and those who've gone before us— we are deeply rooted in something much larger than ourselves or our own cultural moment. But worship should be accessible and enjoyable if it's to be meaningful.

We haven't heard the gospel for what it really is if we don't find it at once horribly offensive and staggeringly beautiful.

It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

All Souls is a safe place to begin from anywhere. So let us explore. Let us worship!

# Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that belief is hard. That's why:

- We value questions, and the people who ask them
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- · You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Doubt. Ask. Explore.

# How do I get connected?

visit allsoulsseattle.org for the latest

## All Souls Kids + Youth

allsoulsseattle.org/kids (/youth)

## How can I serve?

allsoulsseattle.org/connect

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Heaven is slow.

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# Order of Worship

## LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY / FEBRUARY 19 2023



#### Please help us to be hospitable:

Face covering is optional on the main floor of the building (recommended downstairs).

Participate online if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have known exposure to someone who has tested positive.

If you have any questions about our precautions, check out our website at allsoulsseattle.org/covid or email info@allsoulsseattle.org. Our community gathers on Sundays to enter the presence of the Lord and offer him praise, as he graciously invites us to do. We come to sing, pray, encounter God's Word, celebrate Communion, and to simply be together. This is a safe place to begin from anywhere.

**STANDING** 

Call to Worship

Psalm 27

In the Bible, God calls us to worship, because it is not our natural impulse to come to Him. But He calls, reminding us of His pursuing love, and we respond in gratitude.

words adapted and music by Evan Wilson (2018)

The Lord is my light and my salvation— Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— Of whom shall I be afraid One thing I ask, one thing I seek
To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
Wait for the Lord, Wait for the Lord
Oh, be strong and take heart.

Psalm 99:1-3, 5

The Lord reigns,

let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Great is the Lord in Zion;

he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name—
he is holy.

#### **Exalt the Lord our God**

and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

If you, or someone with you this afternoon, has special needs we do not want to miss

**Bold** text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read

readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks

to his people and we respond together as a community.

by the leader. Responsive

Please introduce yourself and let us know how we can support you best.

an opportunity to serve you.

## Acclamation

The Lord has shown forth his glory:

O come, let us adore him.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

words by Robert Robinson (1758); Martin Madan (1760) tune NETTLETON

Come, Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer Here by Thy great help I've come And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home Jesus sought me when a stranger Wandering from the fold of God He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Music at All Souls is comprised of "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19).

These are often works that date back as far as Jewish antiquity, anchoring us in the ancient roots of Christian faith. Sometimes these are newer works that reflect prayerfully and prophetically on our current moment.

They contain theological richness and focus on God's character and redemptive work. They also lend poetic voice to our deepest emotional expressions: praise and thanksgiving, anger and sorrow, hope and joy.

We sing because we believe God is with us— present in our worship; inhabiting the praises of his people.

## All Shall Be Well

words and music by John Van Deusen

Thank You for the sun, thank You for the moon
Thank You for the stars at night and the darkness too
Bless You for Your peace, Bless You for Your grace
Bless You for Your perfect love and Your perfect ways
chorus

Use me as You will, remove my selfish pride
Create in me a servant heart to bless Your holy bride
And when my work is done and the seeds are sown
Please receive my spirit Lord and welcome me home
chorus

chorus:

And all shall be well
All shall be well
All manner of things
shall be well
And all shall be well
All shall be well
All manner of things
shall be well

#### BE SEATED

Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other.
We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

# Prayer of Confession

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Take a moment, silently, to ask the Lord to search your heart.

Let your fears, self- centeredness, and anxiety come before him, and let his presence remind you that grace abounds in Jesus— that he is all we really need.

Sin, in its essence, is a word that means, "an obsession or worship of oneself." Martin Luther described sin as "curving in on oneself," which causes a relational breach not only with people we harm, but also with God by not giving God the place he deserves in our lives as our loving Creator and Savior.



# Receiving of Grace

based on Psalm 91:14-15

We serve a God of limitless power and might. Yet, in all of his power he looks on us with mercy, and draws us into his family, because of what Jesus Christ has done.

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;

I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation.

God's grace abounds for us, even in our weakness.

Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

# Liturgy of Community

Children will remain in service today. Nursery is available for ages 6 months-5 years.

As you're able, please stand and greet those around you— especially someone you haven't met!

# the Reading

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's Word.

2 Peter 3:14-18

14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Matthew 17:1-9

1 Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. 2 He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

3 Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5 While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" 6 Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

7 But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Alignment with God's Loving Purposes

Rev. John Haralson

## Interlude

Musical interludes are included to provide space for reflection and worship.

# Singing the Psalms

Psalm 99

The psalms teach us to bring a fuller range of our lives and our emotion to God. Please join us in the coming weeks as we engage the psalms to learn to pray together. Please sing the parts in bold.

words adapted and music by Poor Bishop Hooper

The Lord reigns

Let the peoples tremble

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim

Let the earth quake

The Lord is great in Zion

Over all the peoples, let them praise Your name / chorus

The King in His might loves justice

Exalt the Lord

And worship at His feet

Moses, Aaron, and Samuel

Among them called to the Lord

You a forgiving and avenging God to them

In the pillar of the cloud / chorus

chorus:

Holy is He

Holy, holy, holy

Grateful Giving

Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received; freely give.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE

Because All Souls is a church not only for the convinced but also for those journeying toward trust in Jesus, we gladly extend room for you to consider and dialogue. Use the prayers below during Communion as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF BELIEF

Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, and yet, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit.

Amen.

## Communion

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

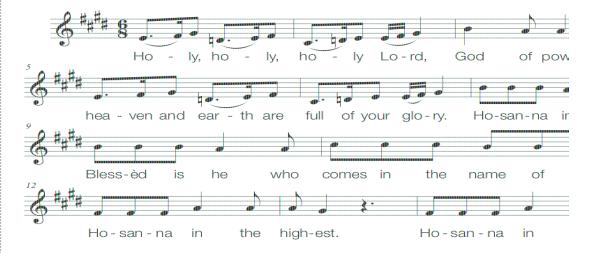
The peace of Christ be with you always! And also with you.

INVITATION + THANKSGIVING

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We give thanks to you with those who have gone before us, and with brothers and sisters around the world, and along with the angels and all the company of heaven, we praise you with one voice:



**BREAK BREAD** 

For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor 11:23-26)

Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world, for by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

DRAW NEAR

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

<sup>\*</sup>Hosanna means "save me!" but with Jesus came to mean "salvation is here!"

## Lesser Loves

words and music by BiFrost Arts (2016)

I was a prisoner; You held the key
The door was opened; You welcomed me
Oh I was guilty of every crime
But you took my place and you did my time

chorus:

How can I thank you, Lord?
My broken heart, You have restored.
How can I thank you, Lord?
You give me grace I cannot afford.

I was an enemy
but You made me a guest
You spread a table in the wilderness
Beside the waters, You filled my cup
O how I have settled for lesser loves
chorus

I was an orphan,
but You called me "child"
I was a stranger; I was lost and defiled,
Redemption found me from up above
O how I had settled for lesser loves.

All Souls welcomes all who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us.

Please note that we use wine and non-alcoholic grape juice for Communion.
For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: cauliflower, brown rice flour, tapioca starch, coconut milk powder, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, mustard powder, sea salt, garlic powder, onion powder).

#### A word to parents:

Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and received as a communing member by the leadership of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.

Scripture appears in the English Standard Version (ESV) or New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted.

#### **STANDING**

# Be Thou My Vision

words from a 6th C. Irish poem translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1905) and tune "SLANE"

Be Thou my vision,

O Lord of my heart

Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art

Thou my best thought, by day or by night

Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance,
now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven,
my Treasure Thou art

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord Thou, my great Father and Spirit and Son Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's son
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall

Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Announcements + Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.** 

Let us go forth and serve our world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Our pastoral staff and other leaders are available following the service for prayer or to answer any questions you may have about All Souls.

## Announcements

**Ash Wednesday is this week**, and with it comes the beginning of the season of Lent. On Wednesday, February 22, the Church will gather around the world, and be invited to enter into the "wilderness" for forty days as a time of preparation for the coming of Easter. Lent is not so much an invitation to wander, but a call to acknowledge that we do. And to begin to resist the forces, appetites, and habits that keep us moving in circles rather than making progress toward freedom.

With nearly all of our staff out this week for Seattle Public Schools' mid-winter break, the All Souls community is welcome to participate in Ash Wednesday services with any of our local sister churches, including Grace Church Seattle on Capitol Hill, 7-8p (1300 E Aloha Street, Seattle, WA 98102; www.graceseattle.org).

May Lent be a season for you of longing met in Jesus!

### Warm Springs Summer Service Trip 2023 - Reserve your spot now!

All Souls will, for the third summer, send a team of youth (age 13+) and grown-ups to serve on the Warm Springs Reservation in Central Oregon (near Madras, hour north of Bend), July 29 - August 5. The week on the Rez offers a mix of opportunities for work, play, and rest, and allows a generous window into the ways God is mightily at work beyond the "world" of our neighborhoods, as we show up to simply love our First Neighbors. To learn more and/or to secure your spot, please contact Suzanne Case (suzanne@) this month. Scholarships are available to help cover trip costs.

# Group Life

## **Home Groups**

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known, loved, and belong. Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to receive and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. See page 9 for details and contact R.J. March (rj@) to learn more.

## **Grace Groups**

## Grace Groups @Work

Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Living by God's grace is a paradigm shift for all of us, and as such we need community, prayer, and the Holy Spirit's work as we join in what God is doing in and through our vocations. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field. Contact R.J. March (rj@) to join, to learn more, or to create a Grace Group @Work for another field.

**Finance**: An exploration of Biblical words like "tithe" and "mammon" in search of how God's grace transforms the way we hold our finances towards freedom and generosity. Resources and recordings from the conversations available here:



## Youth Group

Weekly student gatherings are on Wednesdays, 6:30-8p at Trinity.

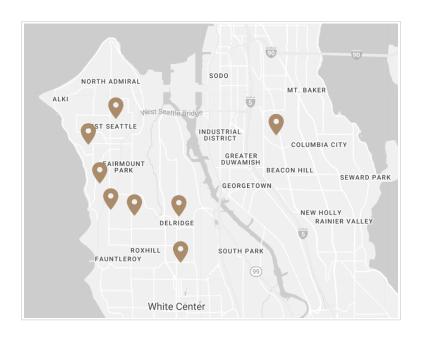
MS students meet in the Commons; HS students meet in the youth room. Dinner provided; invite a friend!

Parents: Contact Suzanne Case with any questions (suzanne@), and follow us on Instagram (@allsoulsyouth\_parents).

# Home Group Map + Details

These are open groups anyone can join at any time, built to be a place to share—food, stories, hopes, and life.





## ALASKA

Peter + Kara Barrett

Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
indoors, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

#### **BEACON HILL**

Janiece Jenkins and Ryan + Leah Yoke Every other Sunday, 10-11:30a mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

### GATEWOOD - NORTH

Andrew + Jen Eckert and Steve + MaryAnn Simmons Every other Thursday, 6-7:30p online, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

#### GATEWOOD - SOUTH

Luke + Terri Crook
Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
mixed group of adults, meal included

#### HIGHLAND PARK - NORTH

Dan + Alyssa Reeve and Jonathan + Rachel Faunce Every other Monday, 6-7:30p mixed group of adults, kids + teens welcome, meal included

#### HIGHLAND PARK - SOUTH

R.J. + Carolyn March
Every other Sunday, 10-11:30a
mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

#### **SEAVIEW**

Dustin + Kelley Long Every other Tuesday, 6-7:30p mixed group of adults, kids + teens welcome, meal included

#### WESTWOOD

Thad + Lauren Williams and Erik + Nicole Bennett Every other Wednesday, 6-7:30p mixed group of adults, kids welcome

Preview the three-part rhythm that guides our time together:



To connect with one of these groups, visit: allsoulsseattle.org/connect



# All Souls Kids + Youth on Sundays

Our ministry exists to help children in partnership with families to know Jesus, and experience his love.



# Sunday School

Sunday school classes are offered during worship October through June. We currently have two classes: Lion Class (PreK-1st grade) and Bear Class (2nd-5th grades)— hear them roar! Both classes meet downstairs.

Parents: please sign your child(ren) in prior to the start of the worship service. Sign-in sheets are located at the ASK table, just past the greeting table when you arrive.

### First time here? Welcome! All Souls Kids staff and volunteers are here to greet you and answer any questions.

Kids will be dismissed from the service to their teachers prior to the scripture reading, and escorted to their classrooms. Teachers will bring students back to rejoin families just before the Lord's Supper.

Nursery provided for the entire worship service, ages 0-5. Parents: sign your little one in and out downstairs in the Giraffe (nursery) classroom.

## House Rules

In order to keep kids safe and extend hospitality toward our community and Trinity hosts, some house rules:

- · Balcony, stage, and downstairs areas are closed to children and youth
- Walking feet only (no running) in the commons and hallways areas
- · Adult supervision required in the sanctuary

Table activities are welcome and encouraged in the Commons! Families, please feel free to bring board games, etc. for kids during coffee hour. Encourage them to invite an adult friend to play!

# F.A.Q.

### Can I join my child in class, if they need me?

Absolutely! Parents may accompany children to class for as long as needed.

## Can my child stay in the service with me?

Yes! Children of all ages are welcome in the service at any time.

#### What will they be learning?

This fall we are sharing with children the immense love Jesus has for each of them, through story, song, and prayer. We will be sharing stories using *The Jesus Storybook Bible* series, as well as the Bible. Classes are designed to be engaging for all children, whether this is their first or hundredth Sunday at church!

#### *Is there an at-home connection?*

Yes! Each Sunday we encourage parents to ask children questions about what they learned! Perhaps these questions may help guide your discussion:

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Ask your child to retell the story from class today.
- · What does this story teach you about God?
- · Is there anything you'd like to ask God about this story?
- What is one thing you'd like to remember about this story?
- · How is this story about you?



# Giving as Part of Worship

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependence and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal. Whether we have much or little, God calls us to treasure and trust Him above all. So we are to give as generously as we are able, knowing that He who met our most dire need through Christ will continue to provide for every need we have. All giving goes toward ministry initiatives of All Souls and the relief of those in need.

While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, scripture says the Church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. So, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings. If you haven't made tithing a practice, please consider adopting this as a spiritual practice— that you might grow in faith.

We recognize, too, that as the church, we must consistently remind one another of the truth that everything we have is a gift from the Lord.

The Bible says that 'we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich' (2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus' death on the Cross represents the most generous gift ever given— when he gave up everything in order to reconcile us to God.

Giving cheerfully, sacrificially, and consistently is a part of our worship— not because it's something churches do, but because giving in response to the gospel is intended to be worshipful. When we are generous with others we are reminding one another of the great generosity of God.

All Souls seeks to build community, love our neighbors, and work for peace and justice within Seattle. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own financial needs, but to be able to serve those in need in our city and neighborhoods.

There are a few ways, in addition to during worship, that you can contribute financially to All Souls:

Mail a check, or set up automatic bill pay through your bank, payable to:

All Souls PO Box 16613 Seattle, WA 98116

- Visit allsoulsseattle.org/give (ACH now available)
- For any assistance or questions about:



Giving on a recurring basis via EFT (electronic fund transfer), stock donation, or non-cash contribution options (e.g. property or vehicle donation) please contact bookkeeper@allsoulsseattle.org

The intentional financial participation of those who consider All Souls their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you have questions about tithing or biblical guidelines for giving, please ask. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

Amidst one of the longest seasons of challenge most of us have ever experienced, we want to celebrate how God has continually met our community's financial needs. This has allowed All Souls to continue in her mission, entering our eleventh year of worship together, as a church in and for our neighborhood seeking to be a vibrant expression of who God is—gracious, present, hospitable. We thank God for your partnership in this work, and invite you to ask him how you might best reflect his radical, sacrificial generosity with your own.

# **All Souls**

of The Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others (C4SO)

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It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the other garden plants and becomes a tree, so that birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

Matthew 13:32