

The Ordination of a Priest

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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 space to begin, or begin again, 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.

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May your priests be clothed with your righteousness.
May your faithful people sing for joy.

Psalm 132 v. 9

Order of Worship

ORDINATION OF A PRIEST / SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY / FEBRUARY 11 2024



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 simply to be together. This a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere.

Call to Worship

The Love of God

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 and music Frederick Lehmann (1917)

STANDING

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair, bowed down with care
God gave His Son to win
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin

chorus O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song

When years of time shall pass away
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall

When all who here refuse to pray
On rocks and hills and mountains call
God's love, so sure, shall still endure
All measureless and strong
Redeeming grace to Adam's race
The saints' and angels' song / *chorus*

Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And everyone a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky / *chorus*

Psalm 96:1-3

Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Acclamation

The Lord has shown forth his glory:
O come, let us adore him.

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.**

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

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

Come Thou Fount

words by Robert Robinson (1758) music "Nettleton" by John Wyeth

Come, Thou fount of every blessing	Jesus sought me when a stranger
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace	Wandering from the fold of God
Streams of mercy never ceasing	He, to rescue me from danger
Call for songs of loudest praise	Interposed His precious blood
Teach me some melodious sonnet	O to grace how great a debtor
Sung by flaming tongues above	Daily I'm constrained to be
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it	Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Mount of God's redeeming love	Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Here I raise my Ebenezer	Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Hither by Thy help I come	Prone to leave the God I love
And I hope by Thy good pleasure	Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it
Safely to arrive at home	Seal it for Thy courts above

Solid Rock

words Edward Mote music William Batchelder Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less	In every high and stormy gale
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness	My anchor holds within the veil / <i>chorus</i>
I dare not trust the sweetest frame	His oath, His covenant, His blood
But wholly lean on Jesus' name	Support me in the whelming flood
<i>chorus</i> On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand	When every earthly prop gives way
All other ground is sinking sand	He then is all my hope and stay / <i>chorus</i>
All other ground is sinking sand	When He shall come with trumpet sound
When darkness veils His lovely face	Oh, may I then in Him be found
I rest on His unchanging grace	Dressed in His righteousness alone
	Faultless to stand before the throne

The Presentation

Presenters: Todd Hunter, Bishop in the Church of God, we present to you Kara Nichols Barrett to be admitted to the Order of Priests.

Bishop: Has she been selected in accordance with the Canons of this Church? And do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters: We certify to you that she has satisfied the requirements of the Canons, and we believe her to be qualified for this order.

Bishop: The Canons require that no Deacon may be ordained a Priest in the Church until such person has subscribed without reservation to the Oath of Conformity. It is also required that the Ordinand subscribe without reservation to the Oath of Canonical Obedience. In the presence of this congregation, I now charge you to make your solemn declaration of these oaths.

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.

BE SEATED

Kara: I, Kara, do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and therefore, I hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of Christ as this Church has received them.

Kara: And I do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience in all things lawful and honest to the Bishop of Churches for the Sake of Others, and his successors: So help me God.

Bishop: Please stand as you are able. Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Kara for ordination to the sacred Priesthood. Therefore, if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now, and make it known.

Bishop: Is it your will that Kara be ordained a Priest?

All: **It is.**

Bishop: Will you uphold her in this ministry?

All: **We will.**

Bishop: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. You can now be seated.

Litany for Ordination

Please join with the parts in bold.

God the Father, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God, **Have mercy on us.**

We pray to you, Lord Christ. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth, love and a passion for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of your Church that they may love you, Lord, with their whole heart and serve and love others the same way. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the leadership of your Church, that they may be filled with your Holy Spirit and boldly proclaim your Truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Kara, chosen as a priest in your Church, that she may be filled and sustained with your Holy Spirit to faithfully fulfill the duties that will be entrusted to her. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For her family, we pray for protection, blessing, and provision. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness to Jesus it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

Bishop: Almighty God, giver of all good things, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed diverse Orders of Ministers in your Church; mercifully behold your servant now called to the Office of Priesthood; and so fill her with the truth of your Doctrine and adorn her with holiness of life, that, both by word and good example, she may faithfully serve you in this Office, to the glory of your Name and the edification of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

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.

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,

and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;

I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments,

for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees

and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;

give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,

which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread,

because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments;

in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

"Alleluia" is a Hebrew phrase meaning "Praise the Lord!" Just before the gospel reading, the church has traditionally sung "Alleluia" as a celebration of God's desire to draw near to us, even becoming one of us taking on our humanity in Jesus Christ. The gospel book is carried as a symbol of Christ into the aisle and read in the midst of the people as a reminder that God draws near to us.

John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Musical Interlude

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

Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able and let us join our voices with those who have gone before us in confessing the Christian faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the
power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he
was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We
believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Examination for Ordination

All are seated except the Ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.

Bishop: My brothers and sisters, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as a pastor, priest and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

Bishop: My sister, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood?

Kara: I believe I am so called.

Bishop: Do you now, in the presence of the Church, commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Kara: I do.

Bishop: Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

Kara: I will.

Bishop: Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?

Kara: I will.

Bishop: Will you endeavor so to minister the Word of God and the sacraments of the New Covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Kara: I will.

Bishop: Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

Kara: I will.

Bishop: Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Kara: I will.

Bishop: Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

Kara: I will.

Bishop: May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them. In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

The Consecration

All now stand, except the Ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.

Take My Life and Let it Be

words by Frances R. Havergal (1873) music César Malan (1827) arr. Lowell Mason (1841)

v. 1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in endless praise
Let them flow in endless praise

v. 2 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee
Filled with messages from thee *continues, next page*

v.3 Take my will and make it thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is thine own
It shall be thy royal throne
It shall be thy royal throne

v. 4 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee
Ever, only, all for thee

A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing. The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration.

God and Father of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by his death he has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured his gifts abundantly upon your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the Ordinand, the Priests who are present also laying on their hands.

Receive this Bible as a sign of the authority given you to preach the Word of God and to administer his holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a priest of the Church of God.

The Bishop greets the newly ordained.

Grateful Giving

Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received; freely give.



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

Communion

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

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.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd, God of pow
5 hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in
9 Bless - èd is he who comes in the name of
12 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in

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.

* Hosanna means "save me!" but with Jesus came to mean "salvation is here!"

We Abide, We Abide in You

words and music the Porter's Gate (2017)

We are the vineyard You have planted
Tend our leaves and wild branches
We abide, we abide in You
We abide, we abide in You

Fruit growing from our strength and labor
Rain on us with grace and favor

We abide, we abide in You
We abide, we abide in You

Where can my soul find living water?
Apart from You we bear no fruit
O plant my feet down by the river
We abide, we abide in You

God Most High,

We thank you for welcoming us, teaching us and feeding us. We deserve nothing from you but in your great mercy, you have given us everything in your Son Jesus Christ. We love you and give ourselves to you to be sent out for your work. Grant us your blessing, now and for ever. Amen.

The Song of Blessing

words and music Sara Groves (2017)

May God give you eyes to see
All that is good all that is good
The courage for anything
May you be strong may you be strong

May God give you ears to hear
His loving voice his loving voice
Speaking all around you
All around and deep inside

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Now go into the world in peace. Have courage, hold on to what is good, honor all people, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, restore the wandering, and share the gospel.

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

Thanks be to God!

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 questions about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.

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

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

Co-Work Fridays: Share morning coffee and the day's work in community at the All Souls offices. Bring a colleague, invite a friend, host a neighbor. Drop by or stay all day starting from 8:15a. **Please BYOLunch.**



We're Hiring: All Souls is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper and a Set Up + Hospitality Assistant.

Please see the job descriptions linked to the QR code and invite interested persons to reach out to R.J. (rj@allsoulsseattle.org).

Super Bowl Sunday: Please join us in the Commons after church today to celebrate Kara's ordination and for a Super Bowl watch party on the big screen (the game will be recorded so we can watch from the beginning). All Souls will provide hot dogs for a hot dog bar. BYOB.



Women's Retreat. Join us in North Bend at the Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center the evening of **Friday, March 8th** through the morning of Sunday, March 10th. Use the QR code to register.

Serve Together



Help feed unhoused neighbors. Join us for the next Westside Neighbors shelter meal prep gathering on **Sunday, March 3rd from 2-3:30pm** at Trinity. All recipes and ingredients will be provided. Use the QR code to sign up. Contact Kara (kara@) with any questions.

Supporting Asylum Seekers. Join in the local work of hospitality towards individuals seeking asylum. Contact R.J. (rj@) for next steps and questions.

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 enjoy and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. See page 9 or contact R.J. (rj@) to learn more.

Grace Groups

Grace Groups @Work

Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field: for tech (contact Greg, greg@kroleski.com), for education (contact Tyler, tylerashby@gmail.com), to start a new group (contact R.J., rj@allsoulsseattle.org)



Grace Group: Fasting

Join conversations exploring the ancient practice of fasting during Lent on Fridays from Noon-1 in March at the All Souls Upper Rooms. We'll hold space for conversations, questions, and stories with resources from Practicing the Way (which you can explore via the QR code).

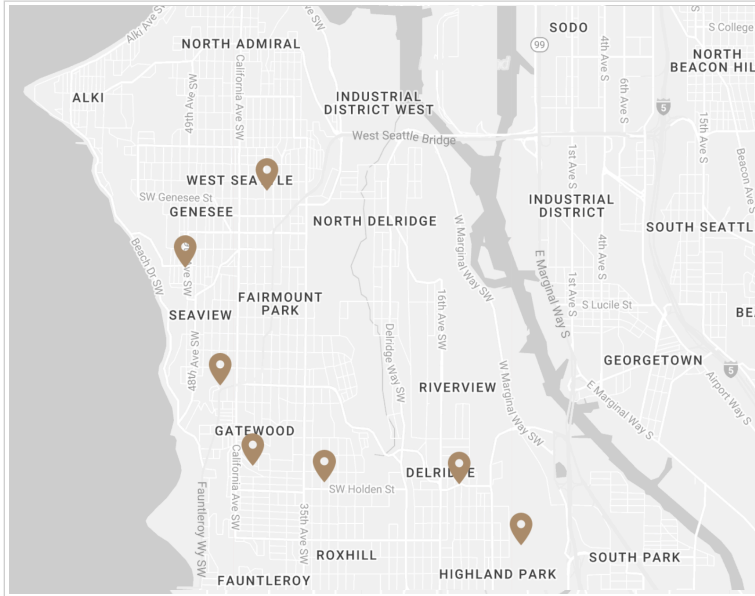
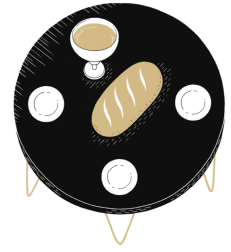
Youth Group

8th-12th grade- Youth group is on **Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 at Trinity.** Dinner provided!

*No youth group February 14th (join the All Souls Community for Ash Wednesday), or February 21st (Mid winter break)

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

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 - EAST

Jeff + Suzanne Case
Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
indoors, mixed group of adults, kids 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

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 four classes: Lion Class (PreK-K), Deer Class (1st-2nd grade), Bear Class (3rd-5th) and Zebra Class (6th-7th). All classes meet downstairs. Students will be signed in upon class arrival and signed out after dismissal back into worship.

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.

Lion and Deer classes meet teachers at the back of the sanctuary. Bear and Zebra classes meet your teachers at the front of the sanctuary. Look for the clipboard with your class animal!

Nursery is provided for the entire worship service, ages 1-3. Parents: sign your little one in and out downstairs in the Giraffe (nursery) classroom.

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. Clipboards with paper and WikiSticks are available for busy hands.

What will they be learning?

Children ages PreK through 7th grade will be learning about Jesus and the big story of the gospel through adapted lessons from the Dwell Curriculum. Lessons include story, prayer, and fun activities. 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:

- 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?

How can I view your child protection policies?

Simple! Scan the code.



Additional questions? Contact Suzanne Case
suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org

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.

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.

Fiscal Year 2023/24 began this October as we hope to see All Souls this year grow in organizational health, wisdom, and listening to God. Our new budgeted average expense is \$44,300/month. January giving was \$48,559.84.

All Souls KIDS!

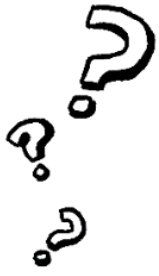
What's something you HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR
EXPLORING
WHO GOD
IS TO US!

Did you hear any words that were NEW to you?



AS YOU LISTEN...



What's ONE question you'd want to ask your parents or pastors?

What's ONE question you'd want to ask GOD?

Draw something that inspired your IMAGINATION:

Who do you want, or need, GOD to be to you today?

PRAY:
Ask GOD to take care of everything you need. He always hears you, because He loves you!

draw!
color in!

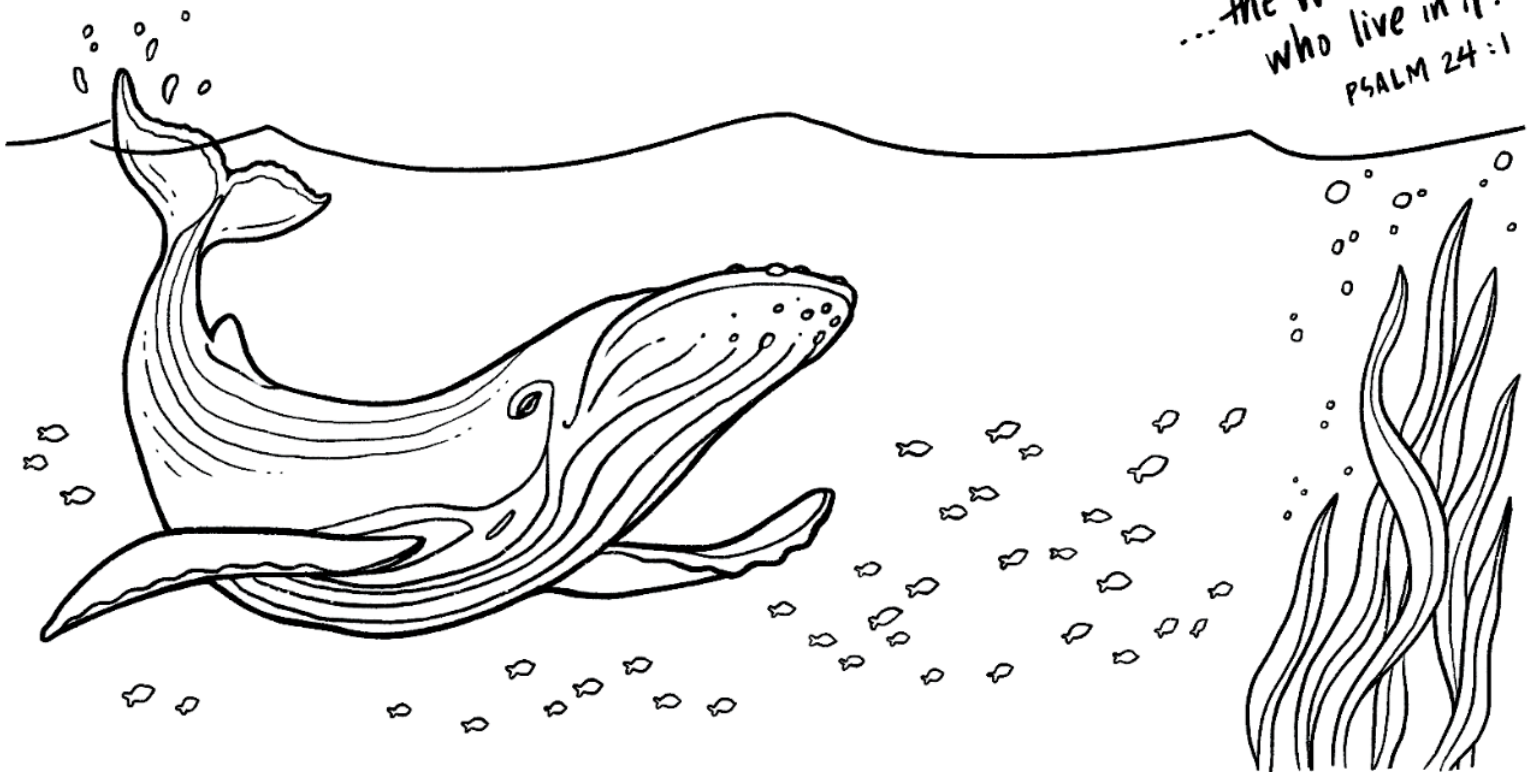
All Souls KIDS doodle page

for kids
of ALL ages!



The earth is
the LORD's,
and everything
in it...

...the world and all
who live in it.
PSALM 24:1



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PASTORAL

Rev. R.J. March, *rector*
Rev. Kara Nichols Barrett, *deacon*
Suzanne Case, *pastor, community*
Steve Simmons, *prayer + listening*

COMMUNITY / LITURGICAL ARTS / OPERATIONS

Alyssa Reeve
Kelly Smith

VESTRY

Adam Aljets, *treasurer*
Corey MORAIGN, *new*
Jen Eckert, *new*
Merrilee Thompson, *secretary*
Nicole Bennett
Rachel Faunce, *people's warden*
Sonya Luchauer, *new*
Thad Williams, *senior warden*

KIDS / YOUTH

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WORSHIP + OFFICE LOCATION

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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