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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.

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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you find you are 'with God' not by achieving certain devotional exercises in his presence but by daring to be your own self as you reach towards him.

Michael Ramsey
Archbishop of Canterbury 1961-1974



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.

STANDING

Call to Worship

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

music: The Porters Gate (2017) words adapted from: Matthew 6:10, Revelation 21:5

Hallelu Hallelujah
Father, let your Kingdom come
You make all things new

from The Anglican Church of Kenya

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I was glad when they said to me.

Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

The name of the Lord be praised.

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.

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.

Acclamation

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

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.

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.

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.

The Strife is O’Er

music: Vito Aiuto (2012) text: Unknown Author, Tr. Francis Pott (1861)

The strife is o’er, the battle done
The victory of life is won
The song of triumph has begun
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst
But Christ their legions hath dispersed
Let songs of holy joy outburst
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death’s dread sting thy servants free
That we may live and sing to thee
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped
He rises glorious from the dead
All glory to our risen head
Alleluia! Alleluia!

BE SEATED

Confession

from Psalm 51 The Message

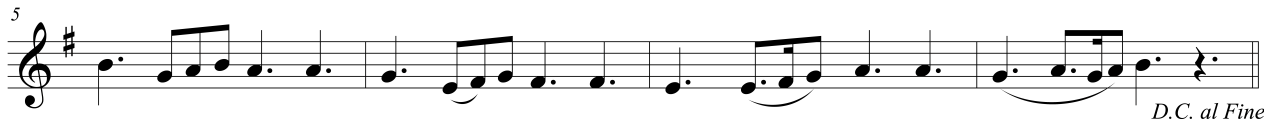
Embracing and acknowledging our guilt enables new life and new communion with God. To be free from guilt, though, we must first embrace it and have it dealt with by the mercy and grace of God. Psalm 51 provides a model for confession.

Generous in love—**God, give grace!**
Huge in mercy—**wipe out my bad record.**
Scrub away my guilt,
soak out my sins in your laundry.
I know how bad I’ve been;
my sins are staring me down.
You’re the One I’ve violated, and you’ve seen
it all, seen the full extent of my evil.
You have all the facts before you;
whatever you decide about me is fair.
What you’re after is truth from the inside out.
Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.

Let’s acknowledge this silently before the Lord, knowing forgiveness and rest are freely available in Jesus. After a brief silence we will sing our confession together:



Lord, ha - ve mer - cy. Christ, ha - ve mer - cy. Lord, ha - ve mer - cy on ___ me.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Christ, ha - ve mer - cy on ___ me.

Receiving of Grace

Colossians 2:13-14

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.

God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

STANDING

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.

Colossians 3:5-17

5 So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6 The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. 7 You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. 8 But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. 9 Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices 10 and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. 11 In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

12 Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. 13 Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. 14 And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 15 The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. 16 The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him.

16 And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?"

17 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able."

19 And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."

20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.

21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

And he said, "From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

23 And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes."

24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead."

27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

29 And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Let us Pray

Rev. R.J. March

Interlude

Prayers of the People

from The Anglican Church of Kenya

God the Father, creator of the universe and all that is there.

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, the Savior of the world.

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit the comforter of humanity.

Have mercy on us.

From all evil plotting against your Church.

O Lord deliver us.

From malice and hatred, from all forms of corruption and wordiness.

O Lord deliver us.

From disordered and sinful affections and from the deceits of the world.

O Lord deliver us.

Guide our President and other leaders of this country into ways of justice, peace and unity.

Hear us O Lord.

For political tolerance among people of different political persuasions, for greater respect for one another's opinions and convictions, for greater thirst after truth and justice for all.

Hear us O Lord.

Heal the sick and provide for those experiencing homelessness and hunger.

Hear us O Lord.

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved, the oppressed and the voiceless.

Help and comfort them.

Preserve and guard your creation against exploitation, misuse, or abuse.

Hear us O Lord.

Take a moment now to pray to God— silently or aloud.

We regularly pray for needs in our community, our city, and the world as an act of obedience and love, and to align our concerns with the Lord's. If you have children with you, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray with us, as we ask God to honor our hope that we are becoming a vibrant expression of who God is— gracious, present, hospitable.

Grateful Giving

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)



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.

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

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd, God of pow - er,
hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in
excelsis Deo. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord our God, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in
excelsis Deo.

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.

We Will Feast

words and music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore (2015)

Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored “He has done great things,” we will say together We will feast and weep no more We will not be burned by the fire He is the lord, our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up <i>Chorus</i>	In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul, be not afraid For the promised morning, oh, how long? O God of Jacob, be my strength <i>Chorus</i> Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed You are the faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom <i>Chorus</i>
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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 on-alcoholic grape juice for Communion (labeled on tables). For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: brown rice flour, sesame seeds, potato starch, safflower oil, flax seeds, quinoa seeds, amaranth seeds, chia seeds, millet, tamari soy sauce powder, sea salt).

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.

STANDING

His Kingdom Now is Come (Behold! Behold!)

words and music: Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Lorenzo Baylor, Brian Nhira (2020)

The light shines in the darkness And the darkness has not overcome (2x) Behold! Behold! His kingdom now is come The valleys will be lifted and the mountains will be brought down low (2x) Behold! Behold! His kingdom now is come Hear the voice cry from the highway, “Make way for the Prince of Peace!” (2x) Behold! Behold! His kingdom now is come	God of justice, righteous judge / Behold! (3x) Our Defender, Prince of Peace / Behold! (3x) Father to the fatherless, our strong deliverer / Behold! (3x) He’s troubling the water and we’re marching through Behold! Behold! His kingdom now is come
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Announcements + Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you will all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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

3v3 Basketball Tourney + BYOPicnic: Sunday August 7 EC Hughes | Noon | youth + adults welcome | RSVP rj@

Women of All Souls: As we continue to emerge from pandemic life individually and as a community, we would love to gather with you this summer as a step toward more meaningful and continued connection in the coming year. Please join us for gatherings to simply BE together! All are invited to the home of Alyssa Reeve, **July 17 at 6p**, and to the home of Rachel Pelander, on **August 21 at 6p**. Bring a snack, treat, or drink to share... or simply come empty-handed! For more info and to RSVP, please contact Rachel Faunce (rachelfaunce@gmail.com).

Curious about membership at All Souls? Following an initial info session in April (recording available), we are hosting four 'Welcome' sessions this summer for conversation and food, reviewing the basics of what Christians believe about God's Kingdom, salvation, and the church (**dates: June 3, 24; July 22; Aug 26**). Participation is a required next step toward membership; please RSVP and send any questions to info@.

Calling Volunteers: As we find new, sustainable rhythms of life in this next season, we are seeking to grow our teams of volunteers, each who help to make Sunday gatherings possible. We invite you to join us!

To learn more and serve our community through volunteering, use QR code.



Summer break: Sunday school classes for kids (5th grade and younger) will pause for the summer beginning in July, resuming in September. Contact Suzanne Case with any questions (suzanne@).

Group Life



Grace Groups: Living by God's grace is a paradigm shift for all of us and as a big shift, it involves study, practice, community, and the work of the Holy Spirit within each of us. All Grace Groups will this common thread: learning to live by grace in a wide variety of life. *Coming up:*

- **Summer Bible Study for Women:** Join for a 5-week study of the book of Joshua. Meetings are on Tuesdays at 8p at Charlotte Aljets' house. Contact Katie Brown for more info (katiebrownvo@gmail.com).
- **More than a Mom** has been postponed. Stay tuned for rescheduled dates from Suzanne Case (suzanne@).
- **Racial Justice:** join us in exploring the Center for Formation, Justice, and Peace



Home Groups: In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known, loved, and belong. We need local 'family'— siblings in Jesus we can lean on, learn with and from, care for, and celebrate growth alongside. Home Groups, designed to invite us into this relational space, are a vital part of our shared life and growth in Christ— places of care and community where we discover and live the Christian life together. Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to receive and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. **Gatherings meet every other week** (details: allsoulsseattle.org/connect).

Youth Group

Weekly student gatherings have paused through Labor Day to make way for upcoming summer-themed socials for youth. Stay tuned!

Parents: follow us on Instagram @allsoulsyouth_parents

All Souls KIDS!

What's something you
HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR
EXPLORING
WHO GOD
IS TO US!

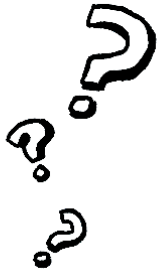
Did you hear any
words that were
NEW to you?



AS YOU
LISTEN...



Draw something that
inspired your IMAGINATION:



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

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

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



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. 98.5% of our costs from last year were covered by careful cost adjustments by staff, and your continued giving and support. We thank God for your partnership in this work!

This year, as we look at our budget, there are few things to note: Pandemic realities have led to our giving and expenses shrinking around 20% over the last 2 years. However, this year we anticipate additional costs and have built them into our budget as we resume in-person Sunday gatherings. We have budgeted as realistically as possible, though many uncertainties remain about our costs this year. Our new budget of \$600,000 (\$550,000 last year) assumes a 10% growth in giving, and even then we are prepared to dip into our reserves about \$70,000 as we expect our costs to be closer to \$670,000. The pastors and leadership of All Souls invite you to join us in this generous risk, investing in our shared life together this next year.

June Giving Goal: \$50k **June Giving Actual:** \$53k **YTD Goal:** \$500k **YTD Actual:** \$559k

Online giving:



All Souls

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Rev. R.J. March
Rev. Andy Pelander

VESTRY

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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