

ALL SOULS'

— EPISCOPAL CHURCH —

Welcome Home. Peace Awaits.



The THIRD SUNDAY
of ADVENT
Gaudete (Rejoice!) Sunday

14 December 2025
8:00 AM

A Very Warm Welcome to You!

Thank you for spending Sunday morning with us. **WHOEVER you are and WHEREVER you may be on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.** We're blessed by your presence, and we look forward to connecting with you. **Everything you need to participate in today's liturgy is enclosed in this service booklet.**

Please join us for **coffee** and **fellowship** in the Community Building, across the plaza, or on the patio (weather permitting) after the service.

All ages are welcome; infants and children (and their accompanying noises!) enliven this service. All **children are invited to the Playground** at the front of the church.

If you are visiting, please fill out a "connect" card so we can let you know of upcoming events; prayer request cards are also available. Cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. To learn more about being a member of All Souls', please speak with **Father Douglas, our rector.**

Restrooms are located in the hallway adjacent to Catalina Boulevard; an usher can direct you to one.

Please silence your phone to maintain a worshipful environment and as a courtesy to others.

Father Douglas is happy to talk with you about joining or participating in the life of All Souls'; questions you may have or difficulties you may be experiencing; others who may need pastoral care; or anything else on your mind. You may reach him at 619-223-6394 x 12 (office), 619-335-8168 (cell) or dworthington@allsoulspointloma.org.

Worship & Devotions at All Souls'

Sunday, 8:00 AM (without music) *and* **10:15 AM** (with music)

HOLY EUCHARIST

Tuesday, 9:30 AM

MORNING PRAYER (via Zoom)

Tuesday and Saturday, 4:00 PM

CENTERING PRAYER

Saturday, 5:00 PM

CELTIC HOLY EUCHARIST

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HOLY EUCHARIST

All stand, as they are able, at the ringing of the bell as the Procession enters

THE ENTRANCE RITE

All remain standing

*Today, we say the traditional Introit (the 'going in words') for the Third Sunday of Advent, the first word of which, in Latin, is **GAUDETE**, which means Rejoice!*

*Celebrant Rejoice in the Lord always;
People again I say, Rejoice.*

*Let your forbearance be known to all,
for the Lord is near at hand.*

*Have no anxiety about anything, but in all things,
by prayer and supplication, and with thanksgiving,
let your requests be known to God.*

*You have been gracious to your land, O Lord;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob. Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85:1*

*Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.*

The COLLECT for PURITY

*Celebrant 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.*

The TRISAGION

Said three times

Taken from the Eastern rite, TRISAGION means thrice holy: We proclaim God's holiness three times in succession

Celebrant Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
People *Have mercy upon us.*

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The COLLECT of the DAY

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All may be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and shouting.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The RESPONSE

Canticle 15, *The Song of Mary (Magnificat)* (Luke 1:46-55)

Said by all, in unison

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior,
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the help of your servant Israel,
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

***The* SECOND READING**

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand, as they are able

***The* HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 11:2-11

Celebrant *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

***The* SERMON**

The Rev Douglas Worthington, *Rector*

Following the Sermon, a brief silence is kept

All stand, as they are able

***The* NICENE CREED**

All 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 PRAYERS of the PEOPLE *For Advent*

Celebrant O come, O come, Emmanuel. As we await your coming again in glory, which began in your coming in a lowly manger, hear the prayers we make to you, O God-with-Us.

Intercessor O come, O Key of David, and open wide our heavenly home: Make your Church a beacon of hope and a source of healing, in an age that aches for you. O come:

People *O come, O come, Emmanuel.*

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily: Teach this nation's people and our leaders to wage your peace and model your humility. O come:

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

O come, Desire of nations, and bind in one the hearts of all humankind: Unite this fractious, striving world—already one, in God—in the generosity-of-spirit and selfless service that are your will for us. O come:

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

O come, O Lord of might, who, in ancient times, did give the law: Inspire us by your example to house the unhoused, feed the unfed, empower the unempowered and love the unloved. O come:

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

O come, O Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by your drawing nigh:
Comfort the sorrowing, soothe the anxious and heal the unwell, including
NN., and all those on our parish prayer list; as well as those whom we name
aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*pause*). O come:
O come, O come, Emmanuel.

O Come, O Branch of Jesse's tree, and give us victory o'er the grave: Take
into your bosom all those who have died in faith, including NN., and all
those on our parish prayer list; as well as those whom we name aloud or in
the silence of our hearts (*pause*); for your love of us knows no time or
end. O come:
O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Celebrant O come, O come, Emmanuel. We wait in lonely exile, it seems, for the
advent of your grace, your power and your peace. Help us to know you not
only as one who came and will come again, but also as one who abides with
us even now: dwelling in our hearts, living through our works and praying all
our prayers. All this we ask in your holy Name, O God-with-Us. *Amen.*

The CONFESSION of SIN

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

All may remain standing or kneel, as they prefer and are able

Silence is kept for personal confession

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS *of the* PARISH

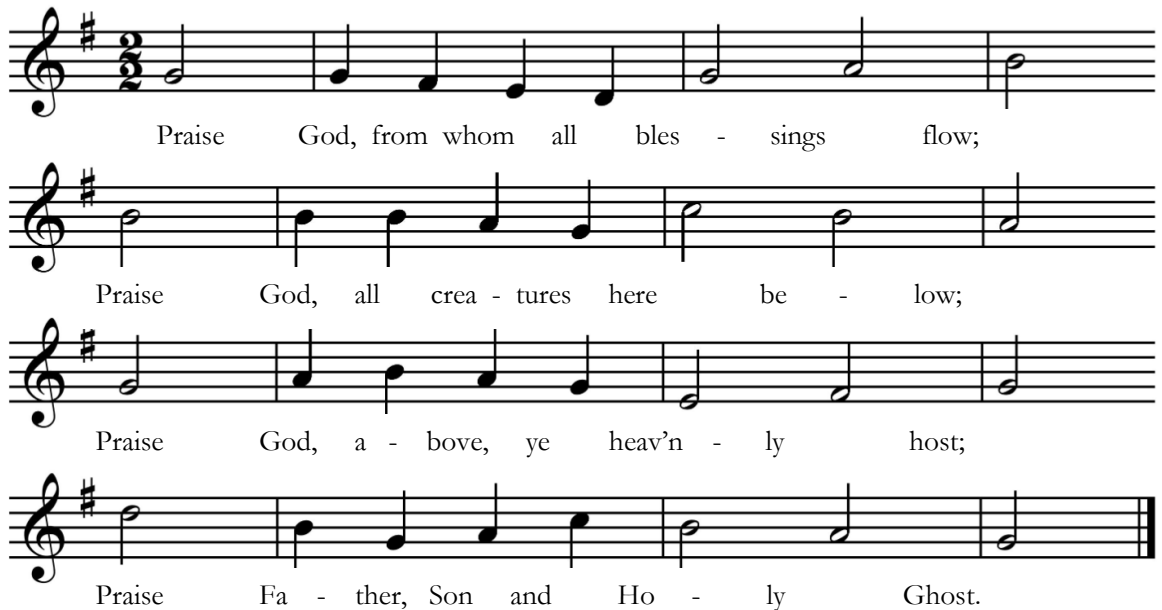
THE HOLY COMMUNION

The OFFERTORY

If you wish to make an online donation to All Souls', you may use this code



When the alms of the People are brought forward to the Altar, all stand, as they are able, and sing



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow;

Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise God, a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

All remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when Jesus shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

All kneel or stand, as they are able and are able

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All *Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The FRACTION

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

The MINISTRATION of COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the blessed Bread and Wine of Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. Hold out your hands for the Bread. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply inform the priest you desire it. If you wish to drink the Wine, consume the Bread when you receive it and drink from the chalice when it is presented to you. If you wish to have Bread dipped in the Wine, let the Bread remain in your hands; the chalice bearer will intinct it for you. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing rather than the Bread and Wine, indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If it is difficult for you to come forward, inform an usher, and the Bread and Wine will be brought to you.

A Prayer Before Communion

The Book of Common Prayer

All are invited to pray this, silently, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All stand, as they are able

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

The BLESSING

attributed to Teresa of Ávila (1515 – 1582)

The DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Today, in our Diocese's cycle of prayer, we pray for
the clergy and people of St Michael's by-the-Sea, Carlsbad;
and in our military cycle of prayer, we pray for
1st Battalion, 1st Marines, Camp Pendleton.
In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for
the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

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ALTAR GUILD AND FLOWER GUILD

Sally Parker *and* Mary Brown

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Four services. In-person attendance: 136 people.
Online participation: 64 views.

Weekly Announcements

Complete details about happenings at All Souls' appear in our weekly eNews, published on Wednesdays. To sign up to receive this, please contact the Parish Office.

Marketplace Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who planned, prepared, and participated in this year's Christmas Marketplace! A good time was had by all! The cookies were delicious, the shopping was fabulous, and the musical features were enjoyed by all. This annual and beloved tradition is a year-long effort, and we are grateful to everyone who works so hard to make it happen.

Midweek Dinner and a Movie, Wednesdays 6pm

Come for a light supper and a holiday classic! RSVP to office@allsoulspointloma.org or use the link in the weekly eNews. Suggested donation \$10. Dec 17: *The Man Who Invented Christmas*, featuring Dan Stevens.

GAUDETE Sunday and Youth Group **Pink** Bake Sale, *Today*

Today, December 14, we observe GAUDETE (Latin for Rejoice!) Sunday. Pink is the traditional color for this day. Plan to support our Youth Group during coffee hour as they raise funds for a special trip.

Kids' Night Out: Christmas Edition! Friday, December 19, 4:45 pm - 7:30 pm

Drop the kids off for games, crafts, pizza and a movie (with popcorn!). Please RSVP with the link in the weekly eNews or here or use the QR code.



Blue Christmas Service, Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 pm

If you find yourself in quieter, more contemplative ... perhaps an anxious, mournful or struggling ... place this year, please join us for our annual Blue Christmas Service, on Sunday, December 21, at 3:00 pm, in the Chapel. This will be a simple, quiet service. We'll sing calm carols; hear some affirming readings; reflect on our personal 'blues'; pray; light candles; and weave our 'blues' into a season of abiding hope and (however dimly) dawning light. A reception and time for mellow fellowship will follow.

Advent Adult Forum Series, Sundays at 11:45 am

On the four Sundays of Advent, Fr Douglas will lead an adult forum series called “Scrooge’s Journey to Christmas.” Each week, we’ll watch one of old Ebenezer’s interactions with the Three Ghosts and then discuss his spiritual transformation—and share how it may help *us*, also, prepare for the Birth of Jesus in a new, deeper way.

Something to Share with the Congregation?

The deadline for submissions for the weekly bulletin and eBlast is Tuesday at noon. If you have something to include, email text and related images to office@allsoulspointloma.org.

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