

"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

Our Vision: "We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all.

# THIS SUNDAY – JULY 20TH, 2025 "TRUSTING IN WHAT HE WILL PROVIDE"

### Welcomed by Grace, Sent in Love



In the Collect for this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, we pray words which are both humbling and hopeful: "Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness cannot ask." It is a prayer grounded not in our strength or wisdom, but in God's loving initiative. It reminds us that the life of faith begins not with our doing, but with our being seen, known, and loved by God—even in our limitation.

This Sunday's Old Testament reading from Genesis 18:1-10a shows us a vivid image of God's

merciful generosity at work. Abraham sees three mysterious visitors near the oaks of Mamre and runs to meet them, offering water, rest, and a meal. It is a story of hospitality, but it is more than that. In Abraham's loving, urgent service, we glimpse a heart made ready to meet God. And in return, God gives what Abraham and Sarah could not have dared ask: the promise of a child, a future, a new chapter of life. This is pure grace. Not requested. Not expected. Given by a God who delights to bless even when we are too weary, too cynical, or too blind to ask for what we truly need.

The movement of being met by God and sent in love echoes through the rest of the readings for this Sunday as well. In Psalm 15, the psalmist asks who may dwell with God. The answer? The one who lives with integrity, who does what is right, and who speaks the truth from the heart. The one whose life is shaped by justice and kindness. This is not a legalistic checklist, but a vision of the kind of person formed by God's presence, just as Abraham's hospitality was shaped by openness to the holy.

Colossians 1 lifts our eyes to the cosmic Christ—the one who holds all things together—and then brings that mystery home: "Christ in you, the hope of glory." God is not distant. Christ is not only above us, but in us. This, too, is something we could not dare to ask, yet it is offered freely. God chooses to dwell within us, empowering us to share in Christ's reconciling work through our ordinary lives.

And in Luke 10, we meet Martha and Mary. Both love Jesus. One serves, the other listens. Jesus gently calls Martha back from distraction, reminding her that loving service begins with presence. Mary chooses "the better part", not because service is wrong, but because it must be grounded in love, not in anxiety. If we are to serve others well, we must first be rooted in Christ's love for us.

These readings, together with the Collect, paint a powerful picture: we are welcomed by grace and sent in love. God meets us in our weakness and gives us gifts too deep for words. In response, we open our lives to others, not to earn grace, but to embody it.

Whether we're offering hospitality, listening deeply, or proclaiming Christ's presence through our actions, we are called to a life of loving service guided by divine love.

So this week, may we pause to notice where God is already drawing near. And like Abraham, may we respond with open hearts and open hands—trusting that God will provide not only what we dare not ask, but more than we can imagine.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

# READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 18:1-10a + Psalm 15 + Colossians 1:15-28 + Luke 10:38-42

## **C**ALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10:00 AM. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

#### SUNDAY

July 20th, 2025 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at <a href="www.allsaintschurch.org">www.allsaintschurch.org</a> Recording of Mass available before noon at <a href="www.allsaintschurch.org">www.allsaintschurch.org</a>

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children Ages 5 - 12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Christian Formation for Adults (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)
Youth and adults around Noon after the Mass in the Library
Recording of Mass available before noon at <a href="https://www.allsaintschurch.org">www.allsaintschurch.org</a>

### **OUR CORE VALUES:**

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally