



All Saints' Memorial Church

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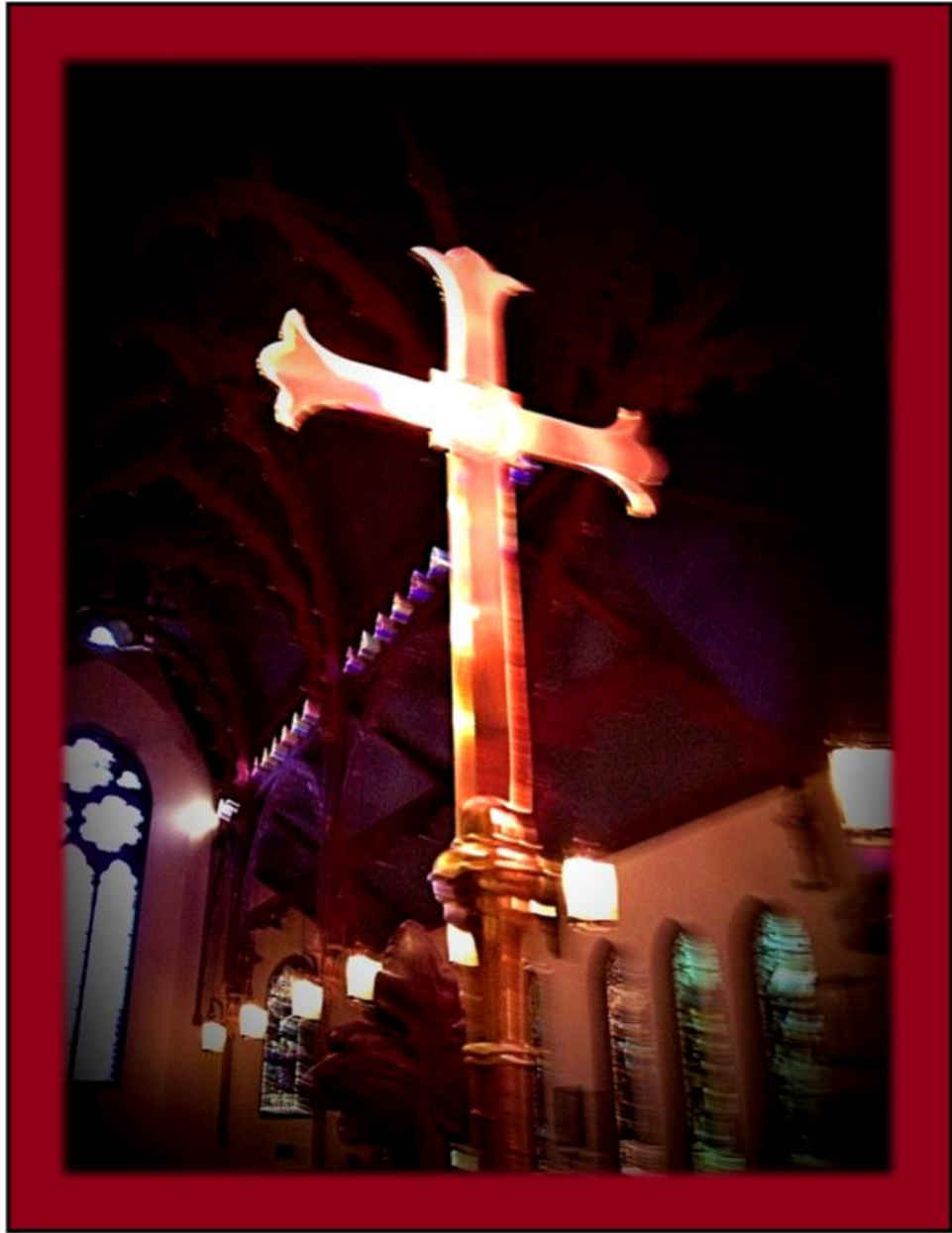
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E-Messenger, August 17, 2023

Come and worship

Rejoice in fellowship

Love and serve the Lord!



Dear All Saints' Family,

I want to thank Linda Moss, our parish administrator for two years of service to All Saints'. Next week will be Linda's last week at All Saints'.

Linda joined the All Saints' staff near the end of the pandemic.

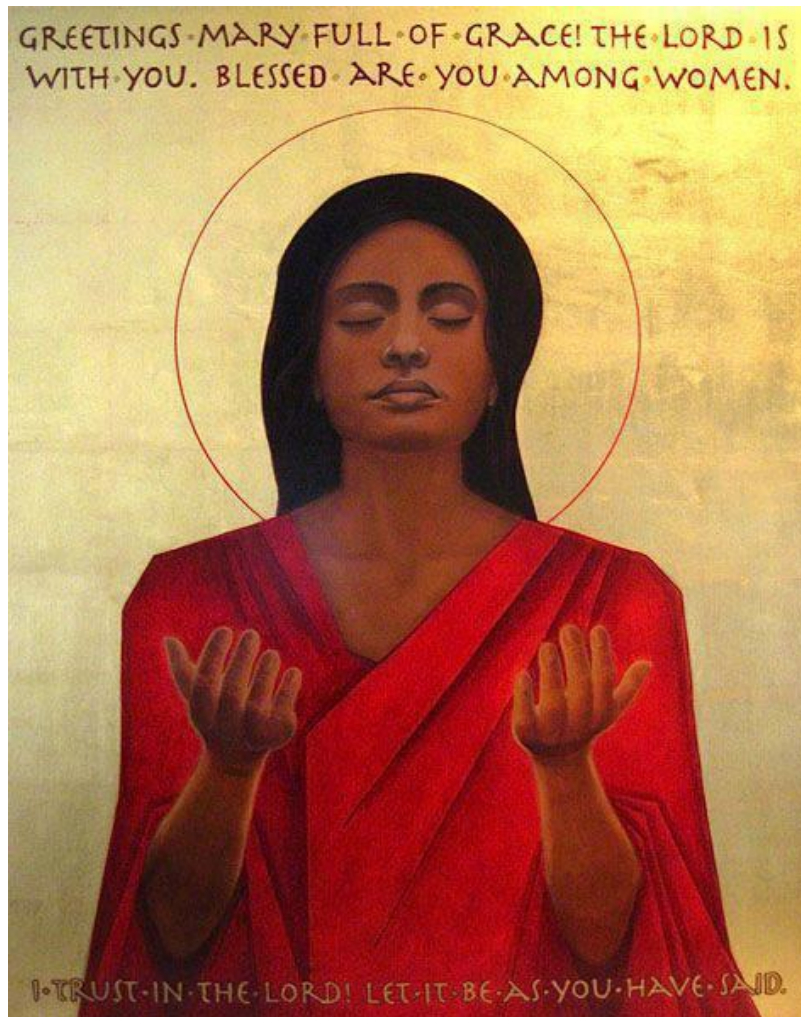
Linda quickly and ably assumed parish administrator responsibilities bringing her enthusiasm and quick sense of humor to the office each day.

In addition to helping with all aspects of drawing up and editing weekly programs and handling other office responsibilities, Linda has considerable talent in photo editing and strong tech skills. Most recently she has been collaborating to refresh our web site.(Check out the updated home page!). She often put her gifts to use editing photos for service programs, e-messenger, special events, and the above photo.

On behalf of All Saints', thank you, Linda for your service. Our prayers travel with you.

Peace and blessings,

Julie



Dr. Wil Gafney: St. Mary (from Daily Office West, Aug 15)

Gospel appointed for the feast of St. Mary the Virgin, August 15th: **Luke 1:46-55**

Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy
Eucharist August 20, 9:30am**

[Zoom Link](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUTo9>

Service Program:

You will find Sunday's program [here](#)



Coming up! Parish Picnic at Lincoln Woods

Sunday, September 24th

Rosetta Evans and Liz Toby are coordinating this relaxing and celebratory end-of-summer event following the September 24th Sunday Service.

Look for sign-up sheets in Rose Hall and let us know what food or beverage you wish to bring. More details to follow.



Office Notes

Rev. Julie will be on vacation Wednesday- Saturday morning, August 22-26. While she is away emergency pastoral care is available. Please contact a Vestry member if a pastoral emergency arises.

Music Notes



Sunday's service features two of the most popular hymns by Rev. Robert Lowry (1826-1899), namely the prelude ("*How Can I Keep from Singing?*") and the second communion hymn ("*Shall We Gather at the River?*"). While Lowry established a longstanding career as a dedicated Baptist preacher from an early age, he remains better known today as a popular writer of mid-nineteenth-century gospel and Sunday school music, especially as published and disseminated through his sideline work for thirty years after 1868 as the influential editor of more than twenty hymnals.

Lowry wrote "*Shall We Gather at the River?*" in 1864, in the midst of our Civil War, while serving as a 38-year-old minister in Brooklyn. Interestingly enough, the inspiration came in the midst of a heat wave that struck the New York area at the same time that an epidemic was sweeping through the city and claiming many lives. Almost overcome by the heat himself, Lowry remembered a passage from Revelations (22:1), which became the basis for his famous hymn text: "*And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as a crystal,*

proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb."

Despite the hymn's enduring popularity, however, Lowry himself did not regard it highly: "*It is brass band music, has a march movement, and for that reason has become popular, though for myself I do not think much of it.*" But he later reconsidered, upon this memorable incident: "*I was in London, and had gone to meeting in the Old Bailey . . . I was preparing to leave, when the chairman of the meeting announced that the author of 'Shall We Gather at the River?' was present, and I was requested by name to come forward. Men applauded and women waved their handkerchiefs as I went to the platform. It was a tribute to the hymn; but I felt, when it was over, that, after all, I had perhaps done some little good in the world, and I felt more than ever content to die when God called.*"

And when that happened, a eulogist at his memorial service further commented: "*His melodies and songs were but the expression of the man's heart and his character, and they attracted all to him.*"

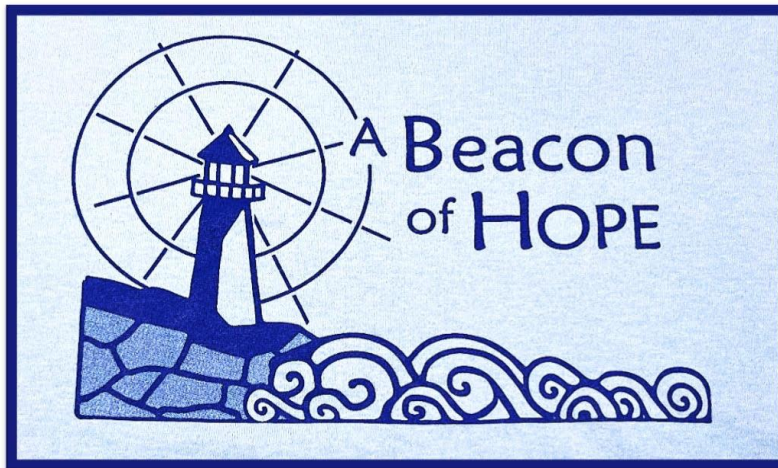
Summer Altar Flowers



Marybeth's hydrangea just starting to bloom

Do you have flowers in your garden that might grace the altar on a Sunday? Please contact Marybeth Hanavan (mbhanavan@gmail.com) if

you would like to bring flowers on a given Sunday. Please let Marybeth know one week in advance. Thank you.



Outreach News

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 27th after the Service

Outreach Food Collection: Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- August: Canned Baked Beans

Wednesday Noonday Prayer August 23th Cancelled

There will be no Wednesday Noonday August 23. Rev. Julie will be out of town. We will resume Noonday Prayer on Wednesday, August 30.

Upcoming Events

August 20 Healing Prayer during the Sunday Eucharist

August 27: Outreach meeting after the Service

September 6: Choir practice

September 10: Bishop Knisely visits and Confirmation

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Theo, Musa, and Barry. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Zo, Kerry, Dan, Lillian, and Eva McBorrough.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our

armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

Sunday's altar flowers are given by Deirdre Greelish in loving memory of Stephen for 50 years of marriage.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Marie Baylis, Maryanne Darbeh, and Elizabeth Toby.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

August 20, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Response: Psalm 67

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Altar Guild: Pattie, Sandy, and Julie

August 27, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Response: Psalm 138

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Altar Guild: Felicia and Patricia

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