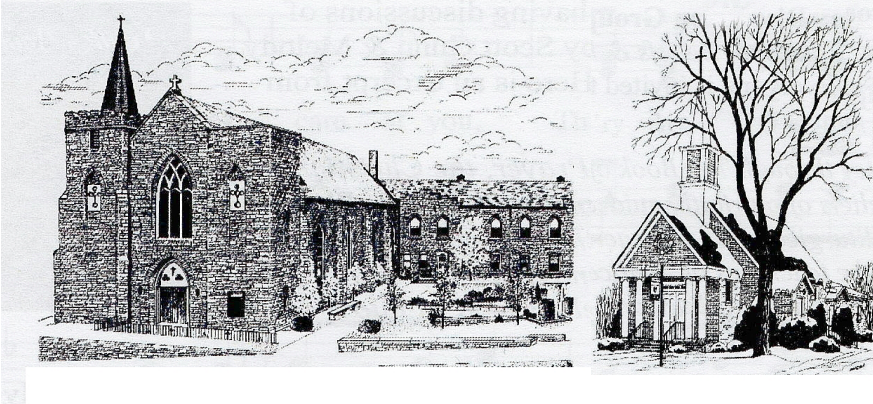


THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON

Alton, Illinois



St. Paul's Church
10 E. Third St.
10:30 a.m.

Trinity Chapel
1901 State St.
8:15 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Rector XXVII

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Office Hours – Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of Alton! We are glad to have you worship with us today. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion or to simply come forward for a blessing.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

BCP p. 323

Prelude

Allegro

J. Hayden (1732-1809)

Hymn #542

Christ is the world's true light

The Hymnal 1982

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

#S202 *The Hymnal* 1982

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons *Please be seated*

BCP p. 325

A reading from Isaiah

56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,

and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,

to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,

and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,

and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,

and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*

The people respond with the verses in bold italics

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
***for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.***
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Hymn (see pg 6)

Pass me not, O gentle Savior

LEVAS #139

The Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

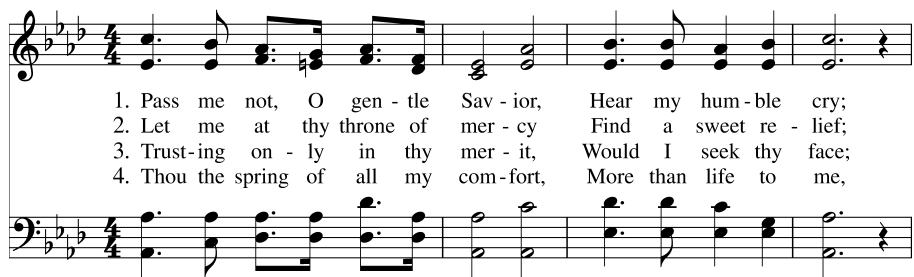
Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Sermon

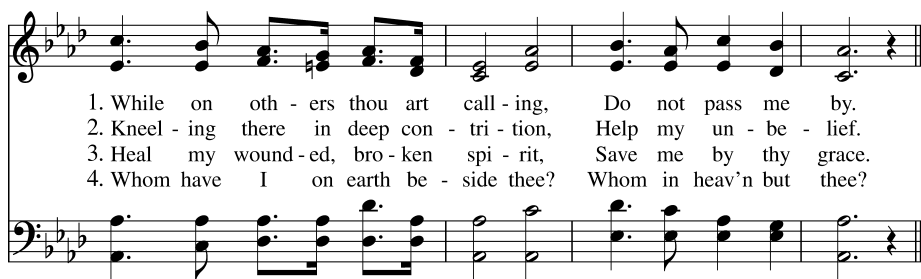
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The Nicene Creed	<i>Please stand</i>	<i>BCP p. 327</i>
The Prayers of the People		<i>BCP p. 328</i>
Intercessor: Lord in thy mercy. Response: Hear our prayer.		
Confession of Sin		<i>BCP p. 330</i>
The Peace		
Welcome and Announcements		
Offertory Sentence		
Offertory:	Theme (Concerto #2, 3rd mov.)	S. Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)
Presentation Hymn #380	<i>Praise God, from whom (vs 3 only)</i>	<i>The Hymnal 1982</i>
The Great Thanksgiving		
<i>Eucharistic Prayer II</i>		<i>BCP p. 340</i>
<i>Lift up your hearts: Sursum corda</i>		
<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus</i>		#S114 <i>The Hymnal 1982</i>
The Lord's Prayer <i>(sung)</i>		<i>BCP p. 336</i>
		#S119 <i>The Hymnal 1982</i>
<i>Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei</i>		#S158 <i>The Hymnal 1982</i>
<i><u>All</u> baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion, and everyone is welcome to come to the rail for a blessing.</i> <i>If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, please cross your arms across your chest as a silent request for a blessing from the priest.</i>		
Prayer of Humble Access		<i>BCP p. 337</i>
Communion Anthem	Cloister's Contemplation	P. Lehenbauer
Post-Communion Prayer		<i>BCP p. 339</i>
The Blessing		<i>BCP p. 339</i>
Dismissal		<i>BCP p. 339</i>
Hymn #531	<i>O Spirit of the living God</i>	<i>The Hymnal 1982</i>
Postlude	Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho	arr. G. Anderson

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior



1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;
 2. Let me at thy throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief;
 3. Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, Would I seek thy face;
 4. Thou the spring of all my com - fort, More than life to me,



1. While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.
 2. Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, Help my un - be - lief.
 3. Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spi - rit, Save me by thy grace.
 4. Whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heav'n but thee?



Sav - ior, Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;



While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: William H. Doane (1832-1915).

SERVING TODAY

Trinity:

Celebrant: The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Organist: Gay Anderson
Lector: Chuck Drennan
Intercessor: Chuck Drennan
CB/Acolyte: Donna Fisher
Altar Guild: April Drennan

Next Week

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Gay Anderson
Laurna Hutchinson
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Nancy Weiss-Hayes

St. Paul's:

Celebrant: The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Organist: Gay Anderson
Crucifer: Dereck Cook
Chalice/BB: Robbie Cupp
Lector/Intercessor: Dave Elson
Cantor: Ruth Spencer
Ushers: John Pearson
Greeters: Nathalia Baum
Altar Guild: D. Cook, J. Cook

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Chuck Drennan
Nathalia Baum
John Pearson
Roy Anderson
Nancy Elson
Dave Elson
S. Lukasik, A. Drennan,
D. Drennan

Calendar and Announcements for the Week of August 16, 2026

Sunday, August 16 12:15 p.m. Pray Like an Anglican at St. Paul's Nave

Tuesday, August 18 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's
10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

Wednesday, August 19 11:00 a.m. Evangelism and Outreach meeting at St. Paul's

Sunday, August 23 *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's
12:15 p.m. Pray Like an Anglican at St. Paul's Nave

Join us beginning Sunday, August 16th, for a six-week class on all the different ways to pray as an Anglican! Classes will last roughly an hour and will primarily occur in the St. Paul's Nave during coffee hour. The last class will occur at Bellefontaine Cemetery to try out their new Labyrinth.

Our Bible Study group will meet on Tuesday, August 18th. Our study of *The Gospel of Luke* will continue after Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth's Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Bible study begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts approximately an hour. Evening Bible Study is held at 5:30 p.m. following Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's. Be sure to bring your Bible.

Education commission is offering bookplates to anyone who wishes to purchase these as a memorial or in memory of a loved one. The bookplates will be placed inside the front cover of the new pew Bibles. The cost is \$10 each.

The Episcopal Parish of Alton now offers Online Giving! Scan the QR code to make one-time or monthly contributions.



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Terry, Sue, Honey, Linda, Sam, Patty, Marti, Victor, Don, Baby Emerson, Janice, Barbara, Brenda, Dane, Greg, Irene, Charles, Tracy, and those known only to us.

Please contact the office if you have someone you would like added to the prayer list. Individuals will remain on the list for one month and will be re-added upon request.

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