



# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

**THIS SUNDAY May 28 & BEYOND**

**The Hour has come: Jesus, pray for us.**



“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you” (John 17:1).

John 17 has been called the longest prayer of Jesus. Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer, reveals the heart of Jesus as he prays for himself, the disciples and the world in a great moment of time. This Sunday, we hear a prayer of preparation for the events of Good Friday and Easter. It is also about the glorification of God in His Son Jesus. The glory of God (doxa in Greek) is about to be revealed in Jesus Christ. The brightness of God will shine through the darkest hour of the life of Jesus. Indeed, it will be remembered as one of the darkest hours in human history: the rejection and death of God’s only Son.

It is a powerful decision to use this gospel at the end of the Easter season. Many of the Easter season gospel come after the resurrection and reflection the response to the risen Christ. The disciples see Jesus, eat with him, touch his wounds and respond with joy to Jesus’ victory over sin and death. Darkness is cast out, light has dawned, and new life is celebrated.

In the Easter season, we bask in the glory of God, but we know that Jesus’ time on earth is coming to a close. “I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do” (17:4). On the feast of the Ascension (May 25), we stand with the disciples as they experience the glorification of Jesus as he returns to the Father. Jesus returns to the glory he had from the beginning of the world. But, now the world is different because the Word made Flesh has been among us.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word” (17:6). Jesus has completed his mission of revealing God and his love to the world. Now, he prays for his disciples and the church. We are God’s children and receive his love and protection. We should live in the same unity that is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus returns to the unity of the Holy Trinity, and he calls for us to be united to one another.

In the final hours of Jesus’ life on earth, he prays for us. This gospel reveals his final prayer before going with his disciples to the Kidron valley to face arrest, rejection, and the suffering of the Christ. The Man who prays, “Take this cup from me” (Luke 22:42), embraces the chalice of salvation and redemption.

Whenever we receive the cup of Christ, we remember the sacrificial love of the one who prays for us in his final hour. The hour has come, and we are not forgotten. Alleluia.

Father Stephen L. Schuneman

## CALENDAR

SUNDAY:            8:00a Low Mass (Church)  
                         9:30a Christian Formation (Fireside Room)  
                         10:30a Solemn Mass (Church)

—*The entrance to the church is on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue*—

*Note: Child care is provided at the 8:00a, 10:30a Mass, Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.*

MONDAY            7:00p (AA) Doctors’ Group (Fireside Room)

TUESDAY:        Noon Mass (St. Mary’s Chapel)

THURSDAY        6:30p Evening Prayer (St. Mary’s Chapel)

FRIDAY:           9:00a Morning Prayer (St. Mary’s Chapel)  
                         9:30a Mass (St. Mary’s Chapel)

AA Meetings

8:00p Ladies’ Group (Fireside Room)

8:15p Men’s Group (Parish Hall)