# **All Saints Episcopal Church**

# All Are Welcome



# Called to Worship, Learn, Minister, Proclaim! The Second Sunday after Pentecost

# Sunday, June 22, 2025

## 8:00 am & 10:30 am

# **A Service of Holy Eucharist**

1201 S. New Hope Rd Gastonia, NC Office Phone: (704) 864-7201 E-mail: Office@allsaintsgastonia.org www.allsaintsgastonia.org Before worship, speak to God. During worship, let God speak to you. After worship, speak to one another. We are thankful you've come today. We are a group of seekers, exploring how to continue to be the Body of Christ in this world today. All Saints is an open and affirming congregation and we welcome everyone on this glorious day that the Lord has made. Please fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it on the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Please join us for fellowship hour after the 10:30 service.

**<u>Communion Instructions</u>**: If someone has received Communion in one kind (bread or cup), they have received the benefit of both.

- 1. We will be receiving communion at the altar rail (either kneeling or standing).
- 2. You will be served bread by the priest.
- 3. There are two Lay Eucharistic Ministers.
  - a. The first will have the chalice that you can directly sip from after consuming the bread.
  - b. The second will have the small cup if you would rather intinct (dip the bread into the wine).
- 4. After you have received the bread and the wine, you may pause for a moment of prayer, if you desire, before returning to your seat in the congregation.

The Rt. Rev. José Antonio McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina The Rev. Tara Bartal, Priest in Charge Brad Frazier, Senior Warden Jim McPherson, Junior Warden Rebecca Beatty, Director of Music Ministries

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### THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

### The Liturgy of The Word

Prelude: "Be Still and Know"

**Opening Hymn:** "O Bless the Lord, My Soul!"

Chapman/arr. Marilynn Ham

#411 Hymnal 1982

Celebrant:Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.People:Glory to God for ever and ever.

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 Gloria (Spoken at 8:00)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, We worship you, we give you thanks, We praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Gloria: "Praise to God" (sung at 10:30 am)

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1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7). 8-15a

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT OF THE DAY Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE FIRST READING

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got

up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." [Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."] He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.*People:* Thanks be to God.

#### THE PSALM:

Psalm 42 and 43

<sup>8</sup>My soul is heavy within me; \*

therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,

and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

<sup>9</sup>One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*

all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*

in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>11</sup>I will say to the God of my strength,

"Why have you forgotten me? \*

and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"

<sup>12</sup> While my bones are being broken, \*

my enemies mock me to my face;

<sup>13</sup> All day long they mock me \*

and say to me, "Where now is your God?"

<sup>14</sup>Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*

and why are you so disquieted within me?

<sup>15</sup> Put your trust in God; \*

for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*

deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

<sup>2</sup> For you are the God of my strength; hy have you put me from you? \*

and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

<sup>3</sup>Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*

and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

<sup>4</sup>That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; \*

and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

<sup>5</sup>Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*

and why are you so disquieted within me?

<sup>6</sup>Put your trust in God; \*

for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

#### THE SECOND READING:

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

*Reader:*The Word of the Lord.*People:*Thanks be to God.

Luke 8:26-39

#### THE GOSPEL (standing)

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" - for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

#### THE SERMON

(Silence will be kept for reflection)

THE NICENE CREED (Please stand or kneel as you are able)

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, The Rev. Tara Bartal

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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 – Form III

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(In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.)

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; **That we all may be one.** 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.** 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.** 

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.** 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.** 

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

#### We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for Norman, Monica, Mary, Lindley, Jackie, Ryder, Linda, Jane, Courtney, BF, Eleanor, Wayne, Elynanne, Ashley, Don, Rhona, Randy, Judy, Peter, Deborah, Mary Anne, Gregory, and for those worshiping with us online. I ask your thanksgiving for Claudette Forbes, Jane Renas and Carol Wertz who are celebrating their birthday and for Jim & Bonnie McPherson who are celebrating their 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Amen.** 

*Celebrant:* Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.* 

Minister and People: Most merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against you In thoughts, 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.** 

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ephesians 5:2

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Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Anthem:** "Be Thou My Vision" *Piano/Organ Duet by Becky Beatty* 

**Presentation** (All stand) (spoken at 8:00 am)

All things come of thee, O Lord, And of thine own have we given thee.

**Doxology** (sing at 10:30 am)

#### The Liturgy of the Table

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING -** Eucharistic Prayer B

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

THE SANCTUS (spoken at 8:00)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(sung at 10:30)



arr. Lani Smith

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#### The people stand or kneel.

#### Then the Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:* We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant:	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People:	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Celebrant:	The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## After Communion – Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray. (Celebrant and People)

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 BLESSING

Recessional Hymn: "In Christ There is No East or West"

THE DISMISSALPeople:Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude : "Voluntary"

Upcoming News & Events @ All Saints

Monday June 23rd			
Tuesday June 24th	10:30 am – 2 pm	Marlene N. Edge's Memorial Service and Friends Gathering @ All Saints	
	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous	
Wednesday June 25th			
Thursday June 26th	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous	

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Friday June 27th	8:00 am 9:45 am	Men's Fellowship Chair Yoga
Saturday June 28th	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday June 29th	8:00 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist New Life MCC

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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	June 22, 2025	June 29, 2025	July 6
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After
	Pentecost	Pentecost	Pentecost
	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00 AM
Celebrant	Rev. Tara Bartal	Rev. Tara Bartal	Rev. Tara Bartal
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Kelly Morris	Brad Frazier	Kelly Morris
Chalice Bearer	Kelly Halley	Kelly Halley	Kelly Halley
Reader	Brad Frazier	Peter Mijumbi	Ken Harvey
Prayers of the People	Judith Hilton	Kelly Morris	Brad Frazier
Usher	Brad Frazier	Ken Harvey	Kelly Halley
Vestry Person of the Day	Brad Frazier	Judith Hilton	Jim McPherson
	10:30AM		10:30AM
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Phill Wertz	Bonnie McPherson	Bonnie McPherson
Chalice Bearer	Allison Wells	Josie Polhemus	Jim McPherson
Acolyte			
Reader	Jim McPherson		Allison Wells
Prayers of the People	William Graham	Jim McPherson	
Usher	Alessandra Sanders	Claudette Forbes	
Usner	Bonnie McPherson	Glenda Carpenter	
Video	Joshua Scott	Phill Wertz	Terry Eckard
Vestry Person of the Day	Carol Wertz	Kathy McKenna	Jim McPherson
Fellowship Hour Host	Inga & Larry Kish		Becky Beatty
Altar Guild	Gay Lindsey	Glenda Carpenter	Allison Wells
Altar Flowers	Jim & Bonnie McPherson		Kelly Morris
Sunday School			