

All Saints Episcopal Church

All Are Welcome



Called to Worship, Learn, Minister, Proclaim!

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 25, 2025

10:00 am

A Service of Morning Prayer

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**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 service.

**The Rt. Rev. José Antonio McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina
Brad Frazier, Officiant
Brad Frazier, Senior Warden
Jim McPherson, Junior Warden
Rebecca Beatty, Director of Music Ministries**

Altar flowers are given by William & Priscilla Graham
in honor to God for His Son, Our Savior Jesus Christ. We thank Our Father for the gift of
grandchildren and especially for our granddaughter Emma Elizabeth, who is blessed to turn another
year older on May 29th.

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MORNING PRAYER, Rite II

The Liturgy of The Word

(Please stand as you are able)

Officiant Alleluia Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Officiant O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

(Please stand as you are able)

Officiant Lord, open your lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.**

Officiant Alleluia, The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

THE VENITE

BCP 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

(Please be seated)

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

²Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
**for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide all the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 16:9-15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

A reading from the Revelation of John.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Splendor and honor and kingly power *

are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is, *

and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation, *

a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *

and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *

for ever and for evermore.

THE GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

CANTICLE 17 – The Song of Simeon

BCP 93

Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE HOMILY

Brad Frazier

(Silence will be kept for reflection)

THE APOSTLES CREED

BCP 96

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Officiant Together, we now stand and say the Apostles' Creed:

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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 SUFFRAGES

BCP 98 [B]

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant Day by day we bless you;

People **We praise your name for ever.**

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;

People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

THE COLLECTS

A Collect for Peace

BCP 99

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

BCP 100

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ephesians 5:2

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

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Form III

BCP 387

(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, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; José, our Bishop; and Tara, our Priest-in-Charge;

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, Elynnane, Ashley, Don, Rhona, Randy, Judy, Peter, Deborah, Mary Anne, Gregory, and for those worshiping with us online.

I ask your thanksgiving for Joshua Jager and Vivienne Rudd who are celebrating their birthdays.

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.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

<i>Officiant</i>	We now pray the General Thanksgiving	BCP 101
<i>People</i>	Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.	

<i>Officiant</i>	A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.	BCP 102
<i>People</i>	Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of	

them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE GRACE

BCP 102

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia. Alleluia

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**



UPCOMING @ ALL SAINTS

Monday May 26 th		Memorial Day Office Closed for Holiday
Tuesday May 27 th	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Wednesday May 28 th		
Thursday May 29 th	5-7:15 pm 7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Bible Study via Zoom
Friday May 30 th	8:00 am 9:45 am	Men's Fellowship @ Eggs Up Grill Chair Yoga
Saturday May 31 th	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday June 1 st	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist New Life MCC Service



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	May 25, 2025 6 th Sunday of Easter One Service	June 1, 2025 7 th Sunday of Easter 8:00AM	June 8, 2025 Pentecost 8:00AM
Celebrant	Brad Frazier	Rev. Tryggvi G. Árnason	Rev. Tara Bartal
Lay Eucharistic Minister		Brad Frazier	Brad Frazier
Chalice Bearer		Kelly Halley	Kelly Halley
Reader		Kelly Halley	Judith Hilton
Prayers of the People		Peter Mijumbi	Ken Harvey
Usher		Ken Harvey	Kelly Halley
Vestry Person of the Day		Judith Hilton	Brad Frazier
	10:00AM	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Eucharistic Minister			Phill Wertz
Chalice Bearer		Josie Polhemus	Jim McPherson
Acolyte			
Reader	Kathy McKenna	Claudette Forbes	William Graham
Prayers of the People	Josie Polhemus	Inga Kish	Kathy McKenna
Usher	Claudette Forbes Glenda Carpenter	Lindsey Wells Gay Lindsey	William Graham Priscilla Graham
Video	Terry Eckard	Phill Wertz	Joshua Scott
Vestry Person of the Day	Kathy McKenna		Kathy McKenna
Fellowship Hour Host		Inga & Larry Kish	Vestry Potluck Welcome
Altar Guild	Allison Wells	Glenda Carpenter	Magie DeShon
Altar Flowers	William & Priscilla Graham	Kelly Morris	Vestry
Sunday School			

