

# **All Saints Episcopal Church**

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

All Are Welcome



**Called to Worship, Learn, Minister, Proclaim!**

**First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 1st, 2024  
A Service of Holy Eucharist**

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# The Holy Eucharist Rite II Book of Common Prayer 355

**Prelude:** An Advent Meditation"

arr. David Lasky

**Opening Hymn:** "Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

#72 Hymnal 1982

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined." – Isaiah 9:2

Cameroon Song

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

## He Came Down 137

He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

*Leader:* Why did he come?

*Additional stanzas:*

... that we may have light  
... that we may have peace  
... that we may have joy

Let us pray:

**Lord, as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen**

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.**

Trisagion: S 102 Hymnal 1982 (spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, I have mer - cy up - on us.

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### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

### The Lessons (seated)

#### A reading from the Jeremiah

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days

Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm                    25:1-10**

- <sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- <sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- <sup>4</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- <sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- <sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- <sup>9</sup> All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- <sup>10</sup> For your Name's sake, O Lord, \*  
forgive my sin, for it is great.

**The Epistle**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn        "Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending"        #57 Hymnal 1982

**The Gospel**        Luke 21:25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Celebrant    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**        The Rev. Dr. Lynn Orville

The Nicene Creed (All Standing)        BCP 358

**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,  
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**

Faithful God, we offer our prayers in hopeful anticipation of your response as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your church waits in anticipation for the fulfillment of your promises, grant us perseverance and urgency to continue Christ's mission as we await His return.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sow the seeds of your love throughout this nation, that our people and leaders might work towards building a society where all people have an equitable place and opportunity to thrive.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we enter into this season of anticipation, grant this congregation a discerning spirit that we might confidently follow where you are leading us, be beacons of hope, and a place of refuge for our neighbors.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation cries out from the devastation wrought by our unsustainable use of its resources, show us how we might change and advocate for a holy stewardship of the natural world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts to know the suffering of those who are sick, afraid, alone,

or oppressed; grant them relief, healing, and wholeness and show us how to be present with them, we pray especially for Courtney, BF, Eleanor, Wayne, Elynnane, Ashley, Linda, Don, Rhona, Catherine, Wanda, Myrna, Randy, Judy, Lynn+, Peter, Deborah and Gregory. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to the dying peace and rest in your loving care; and grant to them and us an entrance in into the resurrected life of Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.** BCP 823

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** BCP 824

Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, 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.**

### **The Absolution**

BCP 360

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**

BCP 360

Celebrant            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People                **And also with you.**



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

Ephesians 5:2

**Offertory** "Call to Advent"

J. Jerome Williams

All Saints Singers

**Presentation** (All stand)

All things come of thee, O Lord and of thine own we have given thee. (Spoken at 8:00)

**Doxology**(sung at 10:30)

#380 vs. 3

**The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP 361

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus** (Said in unison at 8:00 and sung at 10:30)

S-128

For 8:00 a.m. service

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

For 10:30 a.m. service



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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### The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made u for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Celebrant and People

- Christ has died.**
- Christ is risen.**
- Christ will come again.**

### The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

### **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People**                    **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **The Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those watching by Live Stream**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Quiet Communion Music

Hymn Following Communion: "My Lord, What a Morning"  
(Turn the page for the verses)

#13 LEVAS II"

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 365

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**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Welcome and Announcements

Closing Hymn  
People  
Postlude

"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"  
**Thanks be to God.**  
"Noel" Variations by Gordon Young

#601 Hymnal 1982

**ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE HOUR IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER AFTER THE 10:30 am SERVICE.**

Our Altar greens are given to the glory of God.

### All Saints Holiday Party

Please join us for the All Saints Holiday Party being held on December 29<sup>th</sup>! There will be a single service of Lessons and Carols at 10:00 am (with Holy Eucharist) followed by the party at 11:30. This will be a potluck gathering, so please bring a dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Family Center.

### Angel Tree

These families really appreciate the help this Holiday Season.  
Items are due back no later than Dec 1. God Bless.

Contact Information: Linda Klocker, [leklocker@gmail.com](mailto:leklocker@gmail.com) or at 704-827-3901.

### Wednesday Morning Book Study

We will not meet on November 27 (Thanksgiving eve).

Our next gathering will be December 4, when we will finish our book, Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again, by Rachel Held Evans.

We are to read pp. 191-221.

On December 11, we will begin our next book: A Year of Biblical Womanhood, by Rachel Held Evans. We meet on Zoom for one hour beginning at 9:30 am led by Rev. Lynn.

Here is the link for the Book Group.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81363217638?pwd=V2INSnNra2FlbEtBSjd1dHF1MFZaQT09>

### Adult Forum

Please join us each week as we study the Lessons for each Sunday in the Library at 9:15 am.

### Bible Study

Please join us as we study the books of the New Testament in chronological order. We are studying 1 Corinthians each Thursday at Orville's home and on Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Click below for Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85281195117?pwd=a9BQ0rHILgn6SmWQgsYCNcbIBa5aTV.1>

**This Week in All Saints Music Ministry**

**Women's Ensemble**

Ladies, it is your turn to come together to sing for worship. You will be singing on Sunday, December 15th. Rehearsals will be Sunday, December 8 and Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room. You will be singing the carol, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming." All women of the church are invited to come sing with us!

**Loose Cash Offering**

Just a friendly reminder, the loose cash offerings collected on the first Sunday of each month will be deposited in the Rector's Discretionary Fund in order to meet the financial needs of struggling individuals within the community. Thank you for giving generously.

**All Saints Men's Fellowship**

Group meets every Friday at 8:00 AM at the **Eggs Up Grill** at the far end of the Food Lion shopping center at the intersection of Redbud and S New Hope Road (2609 S New Hope Road). All men of All Saints are welcome! Join us and let's get to know each other better over food, coffee, and conversation! If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Doug Orville at 207-801-8059.

**SATS - Serving at the Shelter**

We have opportunities available for All Saints to prepare Saturday supper for the Shelter. (Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Life Center).

**Crisis Assistance Ministry**

You may drop your donations for CAM off in the Parish Life Center. Thank you in advance for your donations.

**CAM is especially in need of the following items:**

Chicken Noodle Soup	Instant Potatoes
Canned Stew or Chili	Hearty Soup
Macaroni & Cheese	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Pancake Mix, Syrup, and Hot Cereal	

Prepackaged/grab and go snacks for Seniors – Chips, Crackers, Candy/Granola Bars



**Chair Yoga**

**Please Note: There is no Yoga this Friday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> and will resume next Friday.**

Please join us Fridays in the Parish Life Center at 9:45AM. The cost is only \$5/class. (Instructor: Judy Blankenship, M.A., P.T., Eryt 500, Reiki Master (trained in person at Integral Yoga Institute). Questions call Judy at 704 867-7176 or Jerry at 704-577-9699.

**Dates to Remember  
10:00 am January 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**



This Week @ All Saints

Sunday	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:30 am 11:50 am 7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum Children's Music All Saints Singers Practice Holy Eucharist Handbell Rehearsal New Life MCC
Monday		
Tuesday	5-7:15 pm 7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Finance Committee
Wednesday	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Book Study – Zoom Choir Practice
Thursday	5-7:15 pm 7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Bible Study on Zoom or at the Orville's
Friday	8:00 am 9:45 am	Office Closed Men's Fellowship Chair Yoga
Saturday	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Please call the office if there is a need to change the Ministry Schedule.

Date	December 1	December 8	December 15
<b>8:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Brad Frazier Doug Orville	Kelly Morris Doug Orville	Brad Frazier Doug Orville
<b>LESSONS</b>	Kelly Halley	Peter Mijumbi	Kelly Halley
<b>PRAYERS OF PEOPLE</b>	Ken Harvey	Doug Orville	Peter Mijumbi
<b>USHER</b>	Judith Hilton	Kelly Halley	Kelly Morris
<b>VPOD</b>	William Graham	Carol Wertz	?
<b>10:30 AM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Phill Wertz Jim McPherson	Lee Wells Kathy McKenna	Lee Wells Kathy McKenna
<b>READER</b>	John Still	Lee Wells	John Still
<b>PRAYERS OF PEOPLE</b>	Claudette Forbes	William Graham	Claudette Forbes
<b>ACOLYTES</b>			
<b>USHERS 10:30 A.M.</b>	Carol Wertz	Claudette Forbes Glenda Carpenter	Glenda Carpenter Claudette Forbes
<b>VIDEO TECH 10:30 AM</b>	Joshua Scott	Phill Wertz	Joshua Scott
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Gay Lindsey	Glenda Carpenter	Allison Wells
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Advent Greens	Advent Greens	Advent Greens
<b>VPOD</b>	William Graham	Carol Wertz	Jim McPherson
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	The Kishs	The Scotts	The McPhersons
<b>Sunday School Staff</b>	Priscilla & Gay	Allison & Phill	Gay & Lindsey



**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 coffee hour after the 10:30 service.

**New Communion Instructions:** 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.

Thank you so much,  
Lynn+

YouTube Link to see Live Streaming of Service  
**10:30 AM** <https://youtube.com/live/5Oq83hw1iOE?feature=share>

The Rt. Rev. José Antonio McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina  
The Rev. Dr. Lynn Orville, Rector  
Rebecca Beatty, Director of Music Ministries  
William Graham, Senior Warden  
Jim McPherson, Junior Warden

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