

# Called to Worship, Learn, Minister, Proclaim!

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 27th, 2022
A Service of Holy Eucharist

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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 in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Please join us for coffee hour after the 10:30 service.

**New Communion Instructions:** The Bishop's directions are that intinction be done by the ministers at communion rather than having everyone dip their own bread. The Eucharistic minister will be holding the Chalice. If someone has received Communion in one kind (bread or cup), they have received the benefit of both.

- 1. We will continue to have a single communion station.
- 2. When I administer the bread, simply nod and I will know you would like the wafer dipped in the chalice. I will then hand you the wafer.
- 3. If you do not want to receive the wine, simply shake your head, and I will place the bread in your hand.
- 4. No one will be able to dip the bread for themselves, there will be no exceptions, per the Bishop's policy.

Thank you so much, Lynn+

YouTube Link to see Live Streaming of Service 10:30AM https://youtu.be/lq5rPn3XmJQ

The Rt. Rev. José Antonio McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina
The Rev. Lynn Orville, Rector
The Rev. Deacon Martha Richard
Rebecca Beatty, Director of Music Ministries
Kelly Halley, Senior Warden
William Graham, Junior Warden

## The Holy Eucharist Rite II Book of Common Prayer355

Prelude: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" Thomas Keesecker

Opening Hymn: "Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending" #57 Hymnal 1982

**Opening Acclamation** 

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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 (spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

#### 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)

#### The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

#### The Psalm

#### Laetatus sum

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*
  "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \* within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, \* the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \* the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*
  "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \* and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*
  I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*
  I will seek to do you good."

#### The Epistle

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**Sequence Hymn** "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" #68 Hymnal 1982

**The Gospel** 24:36-44

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children's Word & The Sermon** 

The Rev. 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

BCP 383:84-85

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city community, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For Linda, Jane, Courtney, BF, Eleanor, Luciell, Kirby, Harold, Nancy, Mike, Wayne, Carol, Deloris, Kristy, Carol, Elynanne, Kate, Lisa, Michael, Sally, Carroll, Michelle, Brad, Ashley, Walter, Dorothy, Isaac, Lynn, Kim, Buster, and Olivia., let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

And for those having a Birthday, Candy Albergine and for those celebrating an Anniversary, BF and Eleanor Beasley, Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.

Deacon or Celebrant says

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.

#### Celebrant

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

#### **The Offertory Sentence**

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

Ephesians 5:2

**Offertory** "Emmanuel" by Allen Pote

All Saints Singers

**Presentation** (All stand)

**Doxology** "In the Bleak Midwinter" #112 Verse 4

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him, give my heart

#### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 him 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)

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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

#### 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 Let us pray.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is being celebrated this day, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I offer you my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen**.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Music:** 2 verses of each, or sung two times

"Emmanuel" #18 Family SongBook
"In His Time" #55 Family SongBook

#### **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: "Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor" #596 Hymnal 1982

**The Dismissal** 

Deacon

People Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** "Intonation on *Wake, Awake" by Wayne L.* Wold

### ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE HOUR IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE.

#### **Birthdays**

November 28 – Candy Albergine

#### **Anniversaries**

November 28 BF & Eleanor Beasley

#### The Wednesday Morning Book Study

The Book Study is reading Justified by her Children. We would love for you to join the group which meets on Wednesday morning via Zoom at 10:00 am. Pease read Chapters beginning chapter 25 to the end of the book.

#### **Children's Christmas Program Practice**

Practices for the children's Christmas program will begin soon! We are already learning two songs for the program during our music time before Sunday School. All children are welcome to be in it.

Please plan to be at these rehearsals listed below:

Sunday, Nov. 27 following the 10:30 am worship service Sunday, Dec. 4 following the 10:30 am worship service

Sunday, Dec. 11 following the 10:30 am worship service

Saturday, Dec. 17 - dress rehearsal with pizza party 10:00-12:00 noon.

Sunday, Dec. 18 - presentation during 10:30 am worship service

### ANNOUNCEMENTS Mask Policy

According to the Centers for Disease Control website: In Gaston County, North Carolina, community infection level is low. We recommend the continuation of masks for individuals who desire to wear them. The CDC recommends:

- Wear a <u>mask</u> indoors in public
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
  - Get tested if you have symptoms

#### **All Saints Men's Fellowship**

All Saints has started a Men's Fellowship! The intent is to provide opportunities for the men of the parish to gather and build stronger relationships. Our weekly get together is every Friday morning at 8:00 AM at the Union Diner (1101 Union Rd, Gastonia). Have a cup of coffee or tea, order breakfast, or simply come and enjoy some interesting conversations. Please contact **Doug Orville at 207-801-8059** if you have any questions.

#### **Coffee Hour**

Please sign up for the next available Sunday! Let's all plan to come to coffee hour and socialize with our newcomers and each other.

#### **All Saint's Angel Tree Helping SOCKS**

When you bring your items to church, please be sure to indicate on the sheet you have brought the items. Prefer to have all items returned by Nov 27 **but last possible date is Dec 4**<sup>th.</sup>

**NOTE:** Please pack food items in manageable containers that are not too heavy. Mark all containers and gifts with the child's name and number.

#### Thursday Evening Book Study @ 7:00 p.m.

The first book we will be reading is *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism*: *Why people are drawn in and how to talk across the divide, by* Pamela Cooper-White. The study will be a hybrid study, meeting at the Orville's, and over Zoom, as well. Please read chapter 2 for December 1st. If you have questions or concerns, please speak to Lynn+. The Zoom link can be found in the Messenger.

#### **Crisis Assistance Ministry**

The cupboards are nearly bare! There are many in Gaston County who are food insecure and hungry! You can help; please be generous in your gift of food to fill CAM's shelves. It is being collected in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

#### CHRISTMAS COOKIE/CANDY SALE \$20/BOX PLACE ORDERS IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER

#### **SATS - Serving at the Shelter**

#### **DECEMBER PROJECT:**

Shower Caddies

Food Lion Gift Cards

Walmart Gift Cards (can use for gas as well)

New Christmas Decorations such as door room decorations and decorations for their rooms/personal space

Thanks for your generosity!!!!

Any questions, please ask Lynn+.

Bring to the Family Parish Center and we will take them to the Shelter.

#### All Saint's Music Ministry

#### **All Saints Singers**

We meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room on the second floor of the education building. We welcome anyone and everyone to come join us as we sing and worship together!

#### **All Saints Ringers**

We practice right after worship for 30 minutes every Sunday in the choir room. Even if you have never rung before, please come and check us out. There are still spots available at the bell table!

#### **All Saints Children's Choir**

All Saints Children's Choir meets at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday morning before Sunday School. Come join the fun as we sing and play instruments together!

#### Sunday School Staff Teachers

**Date** 

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	11/27/2022	Gay & Lindsey	
	12/04/2022	Mickie & Elizabeth	
	12/11/2022	Allison & Phill	
	12/18/2022	Jerry & Doug	
	12/25/2022	No Sunday School	



#### This Week @ All Saints

Sunday	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Children's Choir & Adult Forum Children's Sunday School All Saints Singers Practice Holy Eucharist Children's Christmas Program Practice New Life MCC
Monday	7:00 pm	EFM
Tuesday	5-7:15 pm 7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Finance Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Book Study — Zoom Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm	Book Study @ Orville's or by Zoom
Friday	8:00 am 1-3 pm	Office Closed Men's Fellowship — Union Diner Gaston Residential
Saturday	9:00 am 5-7:15 pm	Advent Quiet Day Narcotics Anonymous



#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Date	November 27	December 4	December 11
8:00 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	Kelly Morris	Marc Dudley	Kelly Morris
LESSONS	Kelly Morris	Doug Orville	Kelly Morris
PRAYERS OF PEOPLE	Jerry Wertz	Ken Harvey	Bruce Kiser
USHER	Bruce Kiser	Ken Harvey	Jerry Wertz
VPOD			
10:30 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	Lee Wells	Phill Wertz	Jordan Avery
READER	Jim McPherson	John Still	Lee Wells
PRAYERS OF PEOPLE	John Still	Claudette Forbes	William Graham
ACOLYTES	Bonnie McPherson	Connor Kish	Bonnie McPherson
USHERS 10:30 A.M.	Priscilla & William Graham	Nikki & Jordan Avery	Gay Lindsey Lindsey Wells
VIDEO TECH 10:30 AM	Marc Dudley	Doug Orville	Doug Orville
ALTAR GUILD	Gay Lindsey	Glenda Carpenter	Allison Wells
Altar Flowers	Advent Greens	Advent Greens	Advent Greens
VPOD	John Still	Claudette Forbes	William Graham
Coffee Hour	McPherson	P. Graham	Kish
Sunday School Staff	Gay & Lindsey	Mickie & Elizabeth	Allison & Phill

