**All Saints Episcopal Church**

All Are Welcome



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

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

8:00 am & 10:30 am

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

**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.
	1. The first will have the chalice that you can directly sip from after consuming the bread.
	2. 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. Tryggvi G. Árnason, Celebrant**

**Brad Frazier, Senior Warden**

**Jim McPherson, Junior Warden**

**Rebecca Beatty, Director of Music Ministries**

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 in celebration of their anniversary.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

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**The Liturgy of The Word**

**Prelude:** “There Is a Happy Land” arr. Dale Wood

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Opening Hymn:** “All Creatures of Our God and King” #400 Hymnal 1982 (vs. 1, 4, 5 &7)

*Celebrant* Alleluia Christ is risen!

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

*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.**

**Gloria**: *(Spoken at 8, sung at 10:30)* S 278

**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.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebran*t The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*(Please be seated for the lessons)*

**The First Lesson** Acts 11:1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

1Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” 4Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ 8But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ 9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ 10This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. 13He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ 15And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” 18When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm Psalm 148

### 1Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*       praise him in the heights.2Praise him, all you angels of his; \*       praise him, all his host.3Praise him, sun and moon; \*       praise him, all you shining stars.4Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*       and you waters above the heavens.5Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*       for he commanded, and they were created.6He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*       he gave them a law which shall not pass away.7Praise the Lord from the earth, \*       you sea-monsters and all deeps;8Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*       tempestuous wind, doing his will;9Mountains and all hills, \*       fruit trees and all cedars;10Wild beasts and all cattle, \*       creeping things and winged birds;11Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*       princes and all rulers of the world;12Young men and maidens, \*       old and young together.13Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*       for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.14He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*       the children of Israel, a people who are near him.       Hallelujah!

**The Epistle** Revelation 21: 1-6

A reading from the Revelation of John.

1I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

4he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

5And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

*Reader*  The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Sequence Hymn****:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #657 Hymnal 1982

**The Gospel** John 13:31-35

### *Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

### 31When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.33Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. Tryggvi G. Árnason

*(Silence will be kept for reflection)*

**The Nicene Creed**BCP 358

*(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,**

 **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 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;
**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, especially Paul Frances;
**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 Al Ellison who is celebrating his birthday.

I ask for thanksgiving for Kathy McKenna & David McHenry and Beck & Wayne Beatty who are celebrating their anniversaries.

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**.

*Celebrant* BCP 815 [#4]

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: We pray especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for Gaza and Israel that conflict would cease, and aggression would end. So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

**The Collect at the Prayers** BCP 395 [#5]

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**.

**The Peace** BCP 360

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

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

**The Offertory Sentence** Ephesians 5:2

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

**Offertory Anthem:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *All Saints Ringers* arr. Anna Laura Page

**Doxology** (Spoken at 8:00am, sung at 10:30am) #380 vs. 3 Hymnal 1982

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**.

**The Liturgy of the Table**

**Presentation**  Chronicles 29:14B

*(Please stand as you are able)*

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

**The Great Thanksgiving -** *Eucharistic Prayer B* BCP 367

*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 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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** (Spoken at 8:00am, sung at 10:30am) S 128

 **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.**

*(Remain standing or kneel as you are able)*

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,

 **We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.**

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, with 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**.

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

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**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**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Post Communion Hymn**: ”Bless the Lord My Soul” (*sing 3 times*) # 825 Wonder, Love and Praise

 Hymnal

**Post Communion Prayer** BCP 365

*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**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Closing** **Hymn:** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” #610 Hymnal 1982

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* 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**

**Postlude:** “Praise, O Praise, Our God and King” arr. Mark Copeland

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**Upcoming @ All Saints**

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| MondayMay 19th |  |  |
| TuesdayMay 20th | 5-7:15 pm | Narcotics Anonymous |
| WednesdayMay 21st |  |  |
| ThursdayMay 22nd | 5-7:15 pm7:00 pm | Narcotics AnonymousBible Study via Zoom |
| FridayMay 23rd | 8:00 am9:45 am | Men’s Fellowship @ Eggs Up GrillChair Yoga |
| SaturdayMay 24th | 5-7:15 pm | Narcotics Anonymous  |
| SundayMay 25th | 10:00 am7:00 pm | Holy Eucharist New Life MCC Service |

🕈**Ministry Schedule**

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|   | May 18, 2025 | May 25, 2025 | June 1, 2025 |
|   | 5th Sunday of Easter | 6th Sunday of Easter | 7th Sunday of Easter |
|   | 8:00AM | One Service | 8:00AM |
| Celebrant | Rev. Tryggvi G. Árnason | Brad Frazier |   |
| Lay Eucharistic Minister | Brad Frazier |   | Brad Frazier |
| Chalice Bearer | Kelly Halley | Kelly Halley |
| Reader | Peter Mijumbi | Kelly Halley |
| Prayers of the People | Kelly Morris | Peter Mijumbi |
| Usher | Judith Hilton | Ken Harvey |
| Vestry Person of the Day | Judith Hilton | Judith Hilton |
|   | 10:30AM | 10:00AM | 10:30AM |
| Lay Eucharistic Minister |  Lee Wells | Phill Wertz |  Brad Frazier |
| Chalice Bearer | Kathy McKenna | Allison Wells | Josie Polhemus |
| Acolyte |   |   |   |
| Reader | Josie Polhemus | Kathy McKenna | Claudette Forbes |
| Prayers of the People | Allison Wells | Josie Polhemus | Inga Kish |
| Usher | Gay LindseyLindsey Wells | Claudette ForbesGlenda Carpenter | Gay LindseyLindsey Wells |
| Video | Joshua Scott | Terry Eckard | Terry Eckard |
| Vestry Person of the Day | Kathy McKenna | Kathy McKenna |   |
| Fellowship Hour Host |   |   |  Inga & Larry Kish |
| Altar Guild | Magie DeShon | Allison Wells | Glenda Carpenter |
| Altar Flowers | Kathy McKenna | William & Priscilla Graham | Kelly Morris |
| Sunday School | Gay LindseyLindsey Wells |   |   |

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