

All Saints Episcopal Church

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

All Are Welcome



Called to Worship, Learn, Minister, Proclaim!

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 28th, 2024
A Service of Holy Eucharist**

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude: "Abide with Me" by Ron Loree

Opening Hymn: "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

#448 Hymnal 1982

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 8:00 a.m., sung at 10:30 a.m.)

S 280

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant 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.**

The Lessons (seated)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Psalm 22:24-30

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

A reading from the first letter of John

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom

they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Sequence Hymn "In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me" #706 Hymnal 1982

The Gospel John 10:11-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Lynn Orville

Silence will be kept for reflection

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

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.
Silence

We pray for Courtney, BF, Eleanor, Wayne, Elynnane, Brad, Kathleen, Hamilton, Ashley, Bert, Kay, Jack,
James, Dick, Wade, George, Linda, Marc, Raecine, Liz, Tommy, Kate, Don, Ruth, Le, Brett, Geneve, Judith,
Lynn, Sam, Bill, Callae, and Lynn.

I ask your thanksgiving for B.F. Beasley and Lynn Witry who are celebrating their birthdays, and Mike &
Jacque Sumner and Ed & Martha Monico who are celebrating their anniversaries.
Silence

We pray for those worshipping with us online. 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. 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.**

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.

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 Anthem: "Peace is Flowing Like a River and Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
arranged by Janet Vogt

Presentation (All stand)

(spoken at 8:00 am)

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

Doxology

#380 vs. 3 Hymnal 1982

The Liturgy of the Table

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. 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus (sung at 10:30)

S 129

**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.**

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;**

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,
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.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Congregational Communion Hymns: "I Come with Joy" #304 Hymnal 1982
"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" #341 Hymnal 1982

The Post Communion Prayer
Celebrant and People

BCP 365

**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.**

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

Welcome and Announcements

Closing Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" #64 LEVAS II

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude:

A big thank you to Allison Wells for playing for our worship service while Becky takes a vacation Sunday. We appreciate all Allison does for our music ministry!

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

Birthdays

May 1 – B.F. Beasley
May 2 – Lynn Witry

Anniversaries

April 29 – Mike & Jacque Sumner
May 3 – Ed & Martha Monico

Episcopal 201

Episcopal 201 has resumed at 9:15 in the library in preparation for confirmation and reception by Bishop José on June 2nd.

SATS - Serving at the Shelter

We have opportunities available for All Saints to prepare Saturday supper at 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

Wednesday Morning Book Study

Our new book is **Vintage Saints and Sinners**, by Karen Wright Marsh.

For May 1st, please read up through page 41.

We would love for you to join our discussion on Wednesdays at 10 am for one hour on Zoom, led by Rev. Lynn.

Click below for the book study group link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81363217638?pwd=V2lNSnNra2FlbEtBSjd1dHF1MFZaQT09>

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.

Pacesetters

Our next outing will be a Potluck Luncheon on Tuesday May 21 at the Grace Pavilion. There is a sheet posted at church to sign up for what you plan to bring. There might even be some 'games' to entertain.

Guests are welcome!

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga meets in the Parish Life Center on Friday at 9:45am-10:45am. The class is led by Judy Blankenship and is open to both men and women. The cost is only \$5/class. Please join us in this exercise to improve your mind and body as a pathway to good health.

Indoor/Outdoor Workday Reschedule

Please plan to join us on Saturday, May 18th from 8 - 12 for an indoor/outdoor workday. For more information, please contact Jim McPherson at 980.355.2135.



This Week @ All Saints

Sunday	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Children's Music Sunday School Adult Forum New Life MCC
Monday		
Tuesday	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Wednesday	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Wednesday Book Study Choir Practice
Thursday	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Friday	8:00 am 9:45 am	Office Closed Men's Fellowship Chair Yoga
Saturday	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous

***** Sign-ups are available for the following in the Parish Life Center*****

Coffee Hour
 Altar Flowers
 Serving at the Shelter
 The Crisis Assistance Ministry (CAM) - food donations.
 The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center – Domestic Violence Shelter
 All donations may be left in the Parish Life Center entryway.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	April 28	May 5	May 12
EUCH. MINISTER 8:00 AM	Brad Frazier	Brad Frazier	Kelly Morris
READER	Doug Orville	Kelly Halley	Peter Mijumbi
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 8:00AM	Judith Hilton	Ken Harvey	Kelly Halley
USHERS 8:00 AM	Judith Hilton	Ken Harvey	Peter Mijumbi
VPOD	Judith Hilton	Allison Wells	Glenda Carpenter
EUCH. MINISTER 10:30 AM	Bonnie McPherson	Jordan Avery	Phill Wertz
READER	Magie DeShon	William Graham	Claudette Forbes
PRAYERS OF PEOPLE	Claudette Forbes	Allison Wells	John Still
ACOLYTES			
USHERS 10:30 A.M.	Alice & Joel Kisubika	Carol Wertz Jane Renas	Claudette Forbes Glenda Carpenter
SOUND TECH	Joshua Scott	Phill Wertz	Joshua Scott
ALTAR GUILD	Allison Wells	G. Carpenter	Linda Duffy
ALTAR FLOWERS			
VPOD	Judith Hilton	Allison Wells	Glenda Carpenter
COFFEE HOUR	McPherson's		Kisubikas
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Gay & Judith	Priscilla & Doug	Allison & Phill



**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

10:30 AM <https://youtube.com/live/NPi4ebdh79M?feature=share>

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

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