



*All Are Welcome*

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sunday, September 28, 2025 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

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**Before worship, speak to God. During worship, let God speak to you.  
After worship, speak to one another.**

Welcome to All Saints Episcopal Church. We are grateful for your presence with us 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.

**Our Mission:** Worship Jesus Christ. Learn and teach God's word. Minister in Christ's name. Proclaim and share the blessings of God's love. Seek and serve Christ in all persons. Strive for Justice and peace among all people.

**We update our prayer list each week.** If you would like to have someone's name added, please send an email to [office@allsaintsgastonia.org](mailto:office@allsaintsgastonia.org). The name(s) will be included during the Prayers of the People the following Sunday. Please note that the deadline for submissions is Wednesday of each week for inclusion in the upcoming Sunday's prayers.

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 the 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.
  - 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.

**The Rt. Rev. José Antonio McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina**

**The Rev. Tara Bartal, Priest in Charge**

**Brad Frazier, Senior Warden**

**Jim McPherson, Junior Warden**

**Rebecca Beatty, Director of Music Ministries**

**Altar flowers are from Jerry Wertz in honor of Becky Beatty, Director of Music Ministries, and all those who sing in the choir and play the handbells. Thank you for your inspirational music.**

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude:** *"A Tune from Tallis"*

arr. Howard D. McKinney

**Opening Hymn:** *"The Church of Christ in Every Age"*

#779 Wonder, Love and Praise Hymnal

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

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

### The Collect for Purity

**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.**

### The Gloria (*Spoken at 8:00*)

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.

**Gloria:** "Glory to God" (*sung at 10:30 am*)

#S 280 Hymnal 1982

### The Collect

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of  
your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever  
and ever. *Amen.*

### THE FIRST READING

*Amos 6:1a, 4-7*

A reading from the Prophet Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
 and lounge on their couches,  
 and eat lambs from the flock,  
 and calves from the stall;  
 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
 and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
 who drink wine from bowls,  
 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
 Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
 and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

Robert Knox Kennedy  
 (b. 1945)



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## THE PSALM:

*Psalms 146:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my **soul**! \*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my **being**.

<sup>2</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of **earth**, \*

for there is no help in **them**.

<sup>3</sup> When they breathe their last, they return to **earth**, \*

and in that day their thoughts **perish**.

<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their **help**! \*

whose hope is in the LORD their **God**;

<sup>5</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in **them**; \*

who keeps his promise for **ever**;

<sup>6</sup> Who gives justice to those who are **oppressed**, \*

and food to those who **hunger**.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the **blind**; \*

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed **down**;

<sup>8</sup> The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the **stranger**; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the **wicked**.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD shall reign for **ever**, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
**Hallelujah!**

## THE SECOND READING

*1 Timothy 6:6-19*

A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn:** *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

#692 Hymnal 1982

## THE GOSPEL (*standing*)

*Luke 16:19-31*

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Tara Bartal

*(Silence will be kept for reflection)*

## THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand as you are able)*

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 worshipped 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

*(The Leader and People pray responsively)*

O righteous Lord, guide us onto the pathway of glory and hear our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Empower your church to fearlessly proclaim the gospel that the whole world might hear and experience your Good News.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Enter the hearts and minds of our civic and cultural leaders, that their priorities are aligned with the needs and hopes of all people.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Be present in our parish and in all the places we call home through our witness, that your glory might open eyes and hearts to your transforming love.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Strengthen our resolve and resilience for the making of hard choices to preserve your abundant creation for all future generations.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bring the light and strength of your healing power into the darkness of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Especially we lift up those who have sought our prayers.

We pray for those who worship with us online and for all those in our All Saints community: BF, Eleanor, David, Don, Deb, Steve, Sam, The Rev. Dr. Alicia Alexis, Denise Whittaker, Dr. John Still, Ann and Doug Blackwood.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Welcome the dying, comfort the grieving, strengthen the bereft, and bring us all together again in the glory of your new age, we especially pray for the repose of the soul of Elynanne Polhemus Wilkie.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant:* Loving God, you have brought your word which gives life into our midst again and again; help us be faithful recipients of your grace and bearers of your good news to all whom we encounter. All we ask, we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

BCP 360

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People:*

**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:* 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

*La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.*

**Pueblo:** *Y con tu espíritu.*

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

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

**Offertory:** *"Song of Joy"*

arr. Joseph M. Martin

All Saints Singers

**Presentation** *(All stand) (spoken at 8:00 am)*

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

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

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## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### 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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**THE SANCTUS** *(spoken at 8:00, refer to BCP 362)*

*(sung at 10:30 S 130 Hymnal 1982)*

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then 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;

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

## 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 Breaking of the Bread

*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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Post Communion Hymn:** *"You Are My All in All"*

#119 Family Song Book

**After Communion – 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 peace of God, which passeth 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn:** *"Ye Holy Angels Bright"*

#625 Hymnal 1982

### THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude: *"Day Is Done"*

arr. Barry L. Bobb

Upcoming Schedule at All Saints Episcopal Church: see Ministry Schedule below

<b>Narcotics Anonymous:</b>		<b>Worship: Sunday, October 5th</b>	
Tues-September 30th	5-7:15pm	Holy Eucharist	8:00 am
Thurs-October 2nd	5-7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
Sat- October 4th	5-7:15pm	Holy Eucharist	10:30 am
		Handbell Rehearsal	11:45 am
		New Life MCC	7:00 pm
<b>Men's Fellowship:</b>		<b>Chair Yoga:</b>	
Fri-October 3rd	8:00 am	Fri-October 3rd	9:45 am

	September 28, 2025 16th Sunday after Pentecost	October 5, 2025 17th Sunday after Pentecost	October 12, 2025 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrant	Rev. Tara Bartal	Rev. Tara Bartal	Rev. Tara Bartal
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Kelly Morris	Brad Frazier	Kelly Morris
Chalice Bearer	Kelly Halley	Kelly Halley	Kelly Halley
Reader	Kelly Morris	Kelly Halley	Judith Hilton
Prayers of the People	Brad Frazier	Peter Mijumbi	Ken Harvey
Usher	Kelly Halley	Judith Hilton	Peter Mijumbi
Vestry Person of the Day	Brad Frazier	Judith Hilton	Brad Frazier
	10:30AM	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Carol Wertz	Carol Wertz	Phill Wertz
Chalice Bearer	Josie Polhemus	Phill Wertz	Allison Wells
Reader	Carol Wertz	William Graham	William Graham
Prayers of the People	Josie Polhemus	Carol Wertz	
Usher	Priscilla Graham William Graham	Carol Wertz Jane Renas	William Graham Priscilla Graham
Video	Phill Wertz	Joshua Scott	Phill Wertz
Vestry Person of the Day	Carol Wertz	Joel Kisubika	
Fellowship Hour Host	Alice Kisubika Joel Kisubika	Priscilla Graham William Graham	Alice Kisubika Joel Kisubika
Altar Guild	Allison Wells	Gay Lindsey	Gay Lindsey
Altar Flowers	Jerry Wertz	Linda & David Klocker	Kelly Morris