



*All Are Welcome*

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sunday, August 3, 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**

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude:** *"Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God"*

arr. Robert Graham

**Opening Hymn:** *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

#408 Hymnal 1982

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

#421 Hymnal 1982

### The Collect

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

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

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALM:

*Psalm 49: 1-11*

Let us read the Psalm together responsively by half-verse.

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

<sup>2</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
**and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

<sup>3</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
**and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>4</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
**when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

<sup>5</sup> The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
**and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>6</sup> We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
**or deliver to God the price of our life;**

<sup>7</sup> For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
**that we should never have enough to pay it,**

<sup>8</sup> In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
**and never see the grave.**

<sup>9</sup> For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>10</sup> Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
**though they call the lands after their own names.**

<sup>11</sup> Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
**they are like the beasts that perish.**

## THE SECOND READING

*Colossians 3:1-11*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn:** "*Christ is the World's True Light*"

#542 Hymnal 1982

## THE GOSPEL (*standing*)

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

*Luke 12:13-21*

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who

store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*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)*

Merciful God, align the desires of our hearts with your will for us and answer our prayers as may be best for us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your holy church is a sacrament, making visible your grace and mercy. Keep it on the narrow path that leads to salvation and let it be a beacon of hope and an advocate for merciful justice throughout the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people and leaders of our nation to see the dignity of all persons, and to work together to ensure that all persons have the opportunity to live into the potential with which they were created by you.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Grant that this community of faith might be a place where your presence is known and where each of us can fully bring our gifts to bear for the building of the kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Remind us of the glory of your creation and spur us into action on its behalf that the wonder of the natural world might be preserved and sustained, not only for ourselves but for future generations.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Come swiftly to the aid of all who suffer or are oppressed, for all who are ill, injured, or facing disability. Help them know peace and wholeness.

We pray for those worshipping with us online and we especially pray for all those in our All Saints community, and beyond: BF, Eleanor, Elynnane, David, Don, Deb, Steve, Tyler and Monica.

I ask for thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Ed Monico, Phillip Wertz, and Scott Witry.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of the Transfiguration, Bat Cave and the Church of the Transfiguration in Saluda.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give strength to those who stand at the threshold of mortal death and those who love and care for them. Grant them a share in your peace and reunite them in the light of your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant:* Hear these prayers which we offer with confident faith in your love and mercy and answer us that your glory may be known; through Christ our Lord and Redeemer who stands with you and the Holy Spirit, overseeing all creation now and always. *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

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

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

*La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.*

*Pueblo:* **Y con tu espíritu.**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **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: "Be Still"**

by David J. Evans

Marsha Ellison, Soloist, and Karen Solis, Flute

**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*)

#380 vs. 3 Hymnal 1982

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**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.**

*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; for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*)

BCP 371

(*sung at 10:30*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord, ho - ly is the Lord God al -  
Bless - ed, bless - ed, blest is He who comes, blest is he who comes in the  
migh - ty! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord, ho - ly is the  
Lords name. Bless - ed, bless - ed, blest is He who comes, blest is he who  
Lord God al - migh - ty: who was and is, and is to  
comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the heights of  
come; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.  
heav'n. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

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*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us 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.*

*Todo esto te pedimos por tu Hijo Jesucristo. Por él, y con él y en él, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, tuyos son el honor y la gloria, Padre omnipotente, ahora y por siempre. AMÉN.*

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:** *"One Bread, One Body"*

#151 LEVAS II

**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:** *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

#397 Hymnal 1982

### THE DISMISSAL

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

Postlude: *"Three"*

by Johann Rinck

### The Upcoming Week at All Saints Episcopal Church – see below for Ministry Schedule

Tues-August 5 <sup>th</sup>	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Wed- August 6 <sup>th</sup>	7– 8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs-August 7 <sup>th</sup>	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Fri-August 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am 9:45 am	Men's Fellowship Chair Yoga
Sat-August 9 <sup>th</sup>	5-7:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Sun-August 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist New Life MCC

	August 3, 2025 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00AM	August 10, 2025 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00AM	August 17, 2025 11th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00AM
Celebrant	Rev. Tara Bartal	Rev. Tara Bartal	Rev. Tara Bartal
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Brad Frazier	Brad Frazier	Kelly Morris
Chalice Bearer	Kelly Morris	Kelly Halley	Kelly Halley
Reader	Brad Frazier	Peter Mijumbi	Ken Harvey
Prayers of the People	Judith Hilton	Kelly Morris	Brad Frazier
Usher	Kelly Halley	Judith Hilton	Peter Mijumbi
Vestry Person of the Day	Brad Frazier	Brad Frazier	Judith Hilton
	10:30AM	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Phill Wertz	Phil Wertz	Bonnie McPherson
Chalice Bearer	Jim McPherson	Kathy McKenna	Allison Wells
Reader	Magie DeShon	William Graham	Magie DeShon
Prayers of the People	Kathy McKenna	Claudette Forbes	William Graham
Usher	Glenda Carpenter	Bonnie McPherson	Carol Wertz Kathy McKenna
Video	Joshua Scott	Terry Eckard	Phill Wertz
Vestry Person of the Day	Rev. Tara Bartal	Rev. Tara Bartal	Rev. Tara Bartal
Fellowship Hour Host	Kathy McKenna	Taylor & Josh Scott	Magie DeShon Claudette Forbes
Altar Guild	Allison Wells	Glenda Carpenter	Terry Eckard
Altar Flowers	Phill and Carol Wertz		William Graham