



Your presence today is a blessing to this parish.

This bulletin has been created from the prayers found in *The Book of Common Prayer*, and it contains most of the spoken parts of worship. The blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew rack contains most of the hymns that are sung. You'll find words to the hymns that come from supplemental hymnals printed in this bulletin.

Voluntary

Announcements

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Hymn *All stand.* Hymnal 1982 – 51

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting *Decatur Place*

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

**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.**

Song of Praise, S278 *See pen card for music.*

BCP p. 356

Glory to God (Canticle 20)

Mathias

The following is sung, all standing.

**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 Collect of the Day

BCP p. 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

A reading from the Second book of Samuel.

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 130

Remain seated. The choir first introduces the Antiphon, then the congregation joins the choir in singing the Antiphon each time.

Antiphon



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- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared. **ANTIPHON**
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for you; *
in your word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than sentries for the morning, *
more than sentries for the morning. **ANTIPHON**

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *

for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 There is plenteous redemption with the Lord, *

who shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **ANTIPHON**

The people remain seated.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in

love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 581

Where charity and love prevail

Cheshire

The Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

All stand.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
John.

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

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.”

“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son

of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Reese

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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

All remain standing.

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Intercessor: My siblings, forgive one another as God in Christ has forgiven you. With purified hearts, let us offer ourselves to God in prayer, saying, “Bread of Life, *we are hungry for you.*”

O Lord, you have sealed us by the Holy Spirit and marked us as Christ’s own forever: may we live in love with each other, as Christ loves us. *Silence.*

Bread of Life,

People: **We are hungry for you.**

Intercessor: O Lord, we weep with David over the cost of war – the lives lost and destroyed. We pray for peace and an end to all violence. *Silence.*

Bread of Life,

People: **We are hungry for you.**

Intercessor: O Lord, with you there is plenteous redemption. Restore and recreate the world in which we live and bless us to live at peace with all things. *Silence.*

Bread of Life,

People: **We are hungry for you.**

Intercessor: O Lord, we give you thanks for all police officers – especially those who serve our city. Give them grace to labor and work honestly to uphold justice with mercy. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Bread of Life,

People: **We are hungry for you.**

Intercessor: O Lord, let your ears consider well the voices of those who are needy. For those who are sick and hurting and all those who call to you from the

depths, we now pray. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Bread of Life,

People: **We are hungry for you.**

Intercessor: We pray you so to guide Nancy, our Rector, during her Sabbatical. May she return to All Saints' restored in body, mind, and spirit. We also pray that you bless this parish and all who come here. May we carry out with joy the ministries to which we are called. May this also be a time of intentional rest, prayer, and reflection for us.

Bread of Life,

People: **We are hungry for you.**

Intercessor: O Lord, you are the Bread of Life. We thank you for offering your own flesh for the life of the world. Keep us, and all those who have died, in eternal life. *Silence.*

Bread of Life,

People: **We are hungry for you.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 359

The Deacon or Celebrant says

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.**

The Absolution

The Priest stands and says

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.**

Peace

BCP p. 360

All stand

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

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

A Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year

Children, youth, and all those bearing backpacks in the congregation are invited to come forward, bringing their backpacks to be blessed.

Celebrant: Lord, bless these backpacks
And the children and youth who carry them
As they begin yet another year of school.

Give them peace when they feel nervous,
Focus when they feel distracted,

Energy when they feel tired.

Open their minds to the lessons they will learn both in and outside the classroom. **Amen.**

Holy God, I thank you for the wonderful role teachers play in the lives of children and our society.

I thank you for the often-unseen work of administrators and those who prepare the school buildings and meals each day.

Grant each of them peace in classrooms, gyms, playgrounds, labs, cafeterias and assembly halls as they conduct their daily tasks, lessons, and responsibilities with your grace.

May there be unity among students and adults charged with their care and may harmony prevail each day. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is “really present” in the bread and wine provided from God’s table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents. Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Wine may be received by lightly dipping the bread into the small cup in the center of the plate/paten from which you received the bread. Alternatively, you may choose to drink from the larger cup/chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.

If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

Offertory Sentence

BCP p. 376

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Anthem

Mark Schweizer

Day by day

O holy Jesus, merciful Redeemer,
friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

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The People remain standing.

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.

The Celebrant adds a proper preface.

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:

Sanctus *See pew card for music.* BCP p. 362

S 128 Holy, holy, holy *Mathias*

Celebrant and People

**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.

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:

Memorial Acclamation S 135

See pew card for music.

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.

The Great Amen

See pew card for music.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 363

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

People and Celebrant

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

Fraction Anthem *See pew card for music.* BCP p. 364

S 169 My flesh is food indeed *Urwin*

Choir: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,
says the Lord.

All: **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink
indeed, says the Lord.**

Choir: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me
and I in them.

All: **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink
indeed, says the Lord.**

Invitation BCP p. 364

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, 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. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into 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.**

Communion Hymns

Hymnal 1982 – 335

I am the bread of life

I Am the Bread of Life

My God, thy table now is spread

Hymnal 1982 – 321

Rockingham

Lay Eucharistic Minister Prayer *(as needed)*

Celebrant: In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist,
_____ will take the Eucharist to _____ today.

All: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the

**communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We
who are many are one body because we all
share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.**

Blessing

BCP p. 366

Post-Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 307

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

Bryn Calfaría

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

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The flowers on the altar today are given by Barbara Stavitsky to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for her wonderful grandsons, who are a blessing.

This Week's Announcements

Rally Day Ministry Fair is TODAY after the 11:10 service.

Stop by the informational tables in the Parish Hall to speak to ministry leaders. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the ministries here at All Saints' and how you can get involved!

EYC kicks off at 4:30 PM TODAY, with volleyball, foam fun, games, and dinner provided by Stephen Ministry. Grades 6-12 are welcome!

Tour de Saints is on Saturday, August 24, 2024! Sign up to ride, volunteer, and/or sponsor! Details available on the church website.

Upcoming events | Mark your calendars!

- Rabbi Barbara Thiede – Aug. 18 & 25 at 10 AM
- Pride Night at Cannon Ballers – Aug. 29 at 7 PM – *Sign up for \$3 tickets in Realm!*

Weekly Small Group Studies | Tuesdays at 3 PM via Zoom; contact Charles McKinley or Brenda Trott for link. Wednesdays at 7 PM via Zoom; contact Chuck Collier for link. Thursdays at 5 PM on Zoom; contact Alice Baxter or Michelle Bohrer for link. Men's Group on Saturdays at 8 AM in the Welcome Center.

A Note on Today's Readings

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. We continue to hear Jesus' discourse on the bread of life today. Continuing last week's theme of Jesus himself as the source of nourishment for our new life in him, a further level of meaning is introduced. This was astounding to Jesus' hearers (and would be to us if we were not already so used to it), for he is not simply speaking of a "spiritual" communion with him. He is speaking of his own flesh, his own life. He is the food of eternal life.

As the prophet Nathan foretold after David's adultery with Bathsheba, his family falls apart. A son of David rapes his own sister, setting the brothers at each other's throats. Then David's son, Absalom, starts a rebellion against his father and almost wins. David still loves the young man and orders that his life be spared. His generals, however, kill Absalom. David grieves the death of his son and the great kingdom is never the same again.

Today's reading from the Letter to the Ephesians continues from last week's discussion of our unity in the Spirit, to the new way of living which is the result of that unity, and to its deepest and most profound implication: namely, our new life is one identity, both as individuals and as a people, with Jesus himself. What he is, we are becoming.

In the Eucharist we take the material things of this world and, in giving thanks over them, we offer them to be taken up into the life of God. And this is true also of our selves who are represented by the bread and wine. We are part of a people whose story goes back to the ancient Hebrews: a people who have at the center of our existence God calling us to be bearers of the divine presence in the world.

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