



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 – 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise *St. Denio*

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

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

A reading from the Song of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;

they give forth fragrance.
 Arise, my love, my fair one,
 and come away.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

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

Antiphon



Your throne, O God en - dures for — ev - er — and ev - er.

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
 let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
 my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
 grace flows from your lips,

because God has blessed you for ever. **ANTIPHON**

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *

a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your reign;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *

with the oil of gladness above your fellows. **ANTIPHON**

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *

and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the noble women of the
court; *

on your right hand is the queen,

adorned with the gold of Ophir. **ANTIPHON**

The people remain seated.

The Second Reading: James 1:17-27

A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 660

O Master, let me walk with thee

Maryton

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

All stand.

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

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Jim Bernacki

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: Dear siblings, welcome with meekness the word
planted within you that has the power to save your
souls. In all humility let us pray, saying, “Increase in
us true religion; *nourish us with all goodness.*”

Gracious God, you have given us birth by the word
of truth: speak lovingly to your beloved Church.
Increase in us true religion that we may honor you
in both word and deed. *Silence.*

Increase in us true religion;

People: **Nourish us with all goodness.**

Intercessor: Righteous God, you know our hearts: deliver us from our own evil intentions and protect us from the evil intentions of others. *Silence.*

Increase in us true religion;

People: **Nourish us with all goodness.**

Intercessor: Creating God, you are the author and giver of all good things: forgive us when we forget to sing your praises for the beauty of the earth. We thank you for the eternal blossoming of creation. *The people are invited to add their thanksgiving, followed by silence.*

Increase in us true religion;

People: **Nourish us with all goodness.**

Intercessor: Gracious God, we thank you for the towns and villages that surround our city. Bless our common life and work. In our dealings may we be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. May each community lay aside selfish interests to pursue the common good. *Silence.*

Increase in us true religion;

People: **Nourish us with all goodness.**

Intercessor: Holy Father, with you there is no variation or shadow due to change: Surround those in distress with your healing light. Remove their pain and anoint them with the oil of gladness. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Increase in us true religion;

People: **Nourish us with all goodness.**

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.

Increase in us true religion;

People: **Nourish us with all goodness.**

Intercessor: Holy God, your throne endures forever and ever: bring us, at last, with all your saints, into heavenly kingdom. *Silence.*

Increase in us true religion;

People: **Nourish us with all goodness.**

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.

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

Don Michael Dicie

Arise, my love, and come away

Courtney Steinberg, soprano

Arise, my love, and come away,
for winter is past, winter is past.
The light of heaven shines in our hearts,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers adorn the bright new earth,
new blossoms appear, new blossoms appear.

The songs of doves are heard in our land,
Their joyful music abounds.
The blossoms reach out, reach out to the sun,
Heaven and earth lift up their voice,
Arise! Arise!

Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away, come away.
The light of heaven shines in our hearts,
The rain is over and gone.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

BCP p. 361

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

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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

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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 – 656

Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

Take my life, and let it be

Hymnal 1982 – 707

Hollingside

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

BCP p. 365

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.**

Prayer for Discerning Ordination

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to Fran Burkett who is called to ministry for your people; and so fill her with the truth of your doctrine and clothe her with holiness of life, that she may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

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Post-Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 556

Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Marion

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
Father Jim and Sandy Bernacki to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of their son, Matt Bernacki.**

This Week's Announcements

The church office will be closed Labor Day, Monday, September 2 for the holiday. We will be open for regular business hours Tuesday-Friday. *Note: EYC activities are rescheduled until next Sunday, September 8 at 4:30.*

Energy Saving Trees program starts this Wednesday, September 4! Sign up for your free tree at arborday.org/concord.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- Rabbi Barbara, Sept. 8 at 10 AM
- EYC Mission Trip Interest Meeting, Sept. 8 at 4:30 PM
- Fruit of the Spirit Bible Study starts, Sept. 13 at 10 AM
- Gratitude & Generosity Gathering, Sept. 15 at 10 AM
- Fellowship Dinner at Grace Lutheran, Sept. 19 at 5:30 PM

Interested in a choir? That's great! All Saints' has five groups that meet or serve weekly. For details, contact Brian Sapp-Moore.

A Note on Today's Readings

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. The Sunday Gospel readings return to Mark's Gospel today. This passage recounts one of the occasions when Jesus took the Pharisees and other experts on the Law to task for putting more emphasis on ceremonial and dietary rules than on the “weightier” requirements of God. It is not outer conformity to the Law but an inner change that brings us into a right relationship with God and with others.

For the remainder of this Church year, we read portions of the “Wisdom Literature” of the Hebrew scriptures. Even though some of the books are ascribed to writers of an earlier time, these books come from the last few centuries before Christ. The Song of Solomon is a wedding song in which a bride and groom are portrayed expressing their love and desire. In the Wisdom tradition these passages are taken as allegories of God's love for the people and our love for God. God comes to us to ravish us with the divine love and to join us in the divine life.

Today we begin reading through the letter of James. This epistle encourages us to live our faith in concrete actions of love and mercy. True religion is based on carrying out its faith in lives of righteousness and mercy.

As the people of God we gather to remember what God has done, to remember God's principles for living, and to realign ourselves with God. Out of our relationship with God, re-established in our liturgical and sacramental encounter, comes the power to confront and overcome evil, and the righteousness which draws others to God.

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