

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 – 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People:

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

# 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 Glory to God (Canticle 20) *Mathias*  S 278 – BCP p. 356

See pew card for music.

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.

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

The people sit.

The First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to

Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

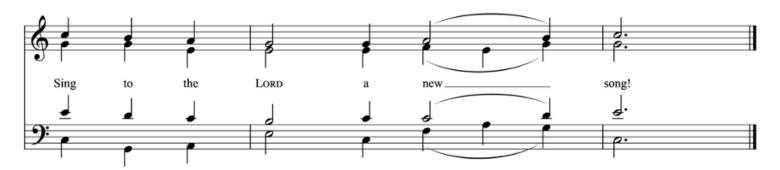
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

#### Psalm 148

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



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## Antiphon: Sing to the Lord a new song!

- 1 Hallelujah!
  - Praise the Lord from the heavens; \* praise the Lord in the heights.
- 2 Praise the Lord, all you holy angels; \* praise the Lord, all heavenly host.
- 3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon; \* praise the Lord, all you shining stars. **ANTIPHON**
- 4 Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, \* and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \* who commanded, and they were created.
- 6 The Lord made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*

and gave them a law which shall not pass away.

#### **ANTIPHON**

- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \* you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \* tempestuous wind, obeying God's will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \* fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*
  creeping things and wingèd birds; **ANTIPHON**
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \* rulers and judges of the world;
- 12 Young men and women, \* old and young together. **ANTIPHON**
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*
  for the Name of the Lord only is exalted,
  and the splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven.
- 14 The Lord has raised up strength for the chosen people and praise for all loyal servants, \*
  the children of Israel, a people who are near to the Lord.
  Hallelujah! **ANTIPHON**

The people remain seated.

# The Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from the Revelation of John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn

All stand. Hymnal 1982 – 624

Jerusalem the golden

Ewing

The Gospel: John 13:31-35

All remain standing.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L.J. Cox

### 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 Hear Our Prayer, by Jon White & Lisa Graves

Intercessor: Glorious, creating, and sustaining God; who made

and cares for the world with love and mercy; hear

and answer the prayers of your people as we day,

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Encourage and embolden us, your people, that we

might fully live into our potential and take up

Christ's healing mission with courage and

persistence. Silence.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Intercessor: Open the hearts of those who hold authority in the

world that they might focus their gaze and

attention on policies that promote peace, wellness,

and the relief of suffering. Silence.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Intercessor: Help us to see the needs of those we encounter in

our daily lives and grant us a desire for generosity

that we might respond with love and mercy. Silence.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Grant us wisdom and determination to respond

effectively to climate change; help us reclaim our intended role as stewards, and not destroyers, of

your wonderfully created world. The people are invited

to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Intercessor: Bring your healing presence to all who suffer in any

way. Give them strength to cope and bring skilled and healing caregivers into their lives. *The people are* 

invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Be with those who are in their last days, those who

watch over them, and those who will grieve their

loss. Take them into your eternal care and reunite

us with them in your new age. Silence.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, Creation sings your praise in its very being.

Help us to hear the song and to add our own

voices. Be present to us and guide us on the Way

of your Son, our Lord, Jesus, through whom we

pray and give thanks. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

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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. You may drink from the chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping, or by intinction: lightly dip the wafer into the wine. 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

Kyle Pederson/ed. Dan Forrest

A new Jerusalem arise

No more sickness, no more crying, your mourning will turn to dancing;

I will make a pathway in the wilderness, and a river in the dry land.

No more hatred, no indiff'rence, unfairness will yield to justice; I will make a passage to a free land, where all colors there are blessings.

I will wipe away your tears, I will wipe away your tears from your eyes.

A new Jerusalem arise, A new creation come alive; Into the dawning after dark. Only kindness, only goodness, all people will live compassion, Hand in hand they love and work together, walking in the spirit.

> I will wipe away your tears, I will wipe away your tears from your eyes.

A new Jerusalem arise, A new creation come alive; Into the dawning after dark.

I am making all things new, I am making all things new.

After fire, after flood, after rain, I am making all things new. Through the dark, through the doubt, through the pain, I am making all things new.

A new Jerusalem arise, A new creation come alive; Into the dawning after dark.

Come, people! All people! Arise, A new Jerusalem arise!

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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. 367

S 128 Holy, holy Mathias

Celebrant and People

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,

Memorial Acclamation

See pew card for music.

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**.

# 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, S 169

See pew card for music.

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 worshiping virtually 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.** 

Music at Communion Robert Williams/arr. Mitchell Eithun Hail the day that sees him rise Llanfair

Bells of All Saints'

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Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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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

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn
Come away to the skies

Hymnal 1982 – 213 *Middlebury* 

Dismissal BCP p. 366

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

Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

# Voluntary

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The flowers on the altar today are given by Jan and Dave Millar to the Glory of God and in celebration of Dave's birthday and their 38th anniversary.

**Today is Tour de Saints Kickoff Day!** The 13th annual Tour de Saints will be held on Saturday August 23. Stop by the tables in the Welcome Center after service today to learn more about how you can help.

#### This Week's Announcements

Come one, Come ALL! On Sunday, June 1st, All
Saints' will gather for worship at 10 AM at Village
Park in Kannapolis. After worship, we will have a parish picnic and more fun in the park. There will be free tickets for the park's train and carousel. Subs and sandwiches will be provided by the church. To ensure that we have enough for everyone, please RSVP and sign up to bring a side item to share.

All Saints' Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, June 4, 2:30-7 PM in the Parish Hall. Schedule at <u>redcrossblood.org</u>.

Join the fun at the annual Marshall Smith All Saints'
Baseball Outing, June 8 at Atrium Health Ballpark in
downtown Kannapolis. The game begins at 1:30 PM, but
you will want to get there early to see the ceremonial first
pitch! Our tickets have been subsidized through gifts from
parishioners. Your cost is only \$3 per ticket! Tickets will be picked up on
game day at the All Saints' table at the main gate.

Each spring, men, men's groups, and women contribute \$100 each to support the Cabarrus Victims

Assistance Network (CVAN). Anyone can contribute \$100 in honor or memory of a man. The funds collectively support CVAN's services for battered women and their children. Names are listed in a full-page newspaper ad, taking a public stand against domestic violence on Father's Day, June 15, 2025. Scan the QR code for more info. Questions? Contact David Baxter.

# A Note on Today's Readings

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church as we begin the fifth week of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each Sunday in the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost, we explore the implications of Jesus' dying and rising for our lives.

Today we hear from John's Gospel some of the Lord's words on the night before his death. The Lord tells his friends that he is going away and gives them his final instructions, "the new commandment" to love one another as he loves us.

This Sunday's reading from the book of Revelation is a vision of the final consummation of God's Kingdom as the new Jerusalem. The redeemed rejoice, for God dwells with them and does away forever with death and grief and weeping. Today's reading from Acts traces further the extension of the proclamation of Christ's resurrection. Peter describes to the leaders of the church in Jerusalem the astounding discovery that God's call is not only to Jews but to the Gentiles as well, as he tells of the conversion and baptism of Cornelius, the first Gentile Christian.

It is in our relationship of union with Christ in baptism and communion that his love for us is revealed. Our liturgy here equips us to carry out our larger liturgy, our work as God's people, in loving others through ministry, service, and prayer. In that way, the work of extending God's Kingdom will continue to spread in and through us, the Body of the Risen Christ, as we follow his command to love others as he loves us.

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