



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	<i>All stand.</i>	Hymnal 1982 – 518
Christ is made the sure foundation		<i>Westminster Abbey</i>

Opening Acclamation	BCP p. 355
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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

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**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

S 278 – BCP p. 356

Glory to God (Canticle 20) *Mathias*

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit.

The First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 67

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: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

- 1 O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations. **ANTIPHON**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you. **ANTIPHON**

6 The earth has brought forth its increase; *

may God, our own God, bless us.

7 O God, give us your blessing, *

may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

ANTIPHON

The people remain seated.

The Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

A reading from the Revelation of John.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as

crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn *All stand.*

Hymnal 1982 – 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

The Gospel: John 14:23-29

All remain standing.

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

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Vern Cahoon

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: Holy God send your spirit to comfort, inform,
direct, and guide us to your truth in this life and in
the life to come. Hear and respond to us as we say,
“Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

Gift all those who love you with the will and
discipline to follow your commands. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Inspire those who fear that you are far from them.
Guide us to be in their lives so that they may know
with certainty that your love is always present.

Silence.

Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give our national and international leaders and all
who hold authority over your people strong hearts
filled with compassion, mercy, and justice. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Comfort those who are sick in body, mind, or
spirit. Grant them an awareness of your faithful
care and your deep desire for the restoration of all
things. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings
and petitions, followed by silence.*

Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Guide us into vocations, relationships, study, and actions that delight and sustain us as we seek to follow your way of life and love. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Welcome the dying who come home to dwell at last in your heavenly kingdom, comfort those who weep or mourn with the knowledge of salvation.

Silence.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, overturn the empty doubts and fears we keep stored in the secret places of our thoughts and fill us instead with the peace that only you can give. Grant us a life lived in the joy of serving your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit dwells in love eternal. **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

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The Celebrant says

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

Offertory Anthem

John Rutter

The Peace of God

The peace of God which passeth all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
And of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord
The peace of God which passeth all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds
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 Ghost be amongst you

Be amongst you
Be amongst you and remain with you always

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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, 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.**

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

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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.**

Hymns at Communion

LEVAS 147

Come, ye Disconsolate

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel:
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above:
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

Shall We Gather at the River

LEVAS 141

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day. *Refrain*

Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. *Refrain*

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

**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 Hymnal 1982 – 292
O Jesus, crowned with all renown *Kingsfold*

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
Henry and Betty Wiley to the Glory of God and in
celebration of their anniversary and the wedding day
of their granddaughter, Lauren Elizabeth Ritchie.**

This Week's Announcements

Church office will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Starting on Tuesday, May 27, Amanda Crawley, our new Church administrator will be in the office full time!

Next Sunday, June 1, All Saints' will gather at 10 AM for Pray in the Park, at Village Park, Kannapolis. *This will be our only worship service that day.* We will return to our regular 9 AM and 11:10 AM worship times and locations on Sunday, June 8.

If you plan to attend **next Sunday's Pray in the Park, please let us know using the QR code.**

We will gather for worship at 10 AM, afterwards we'll enjoy a parish picnic and have 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 we have enough food and resources 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 redcrossblood.org.

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! You will pick up your tickets on game day at the All Saints' table at the main gate.



CVAN – Men for Change | Each spring, men, men's groups, and women contribute \$100 each to support the Cabarrus Victims Assistance Network (CVAN). 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.

Questions? Contact David Baxter.



A Note on Today's Readings

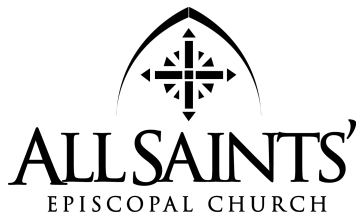
Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. The liturgy today continues to be concerned with exploring the consequences of Christ's resurrection and our new life in him through baptism and Eucharist.

Today's gospel reading is a portion of the discourses between Jesus and the disciples on the evening before his crucifixion. Here Jesus talks about the union between himself and the Father. This union is shared with us so that we can say with St. Paul, "not I, but Christ in me." The source of that union is the Holy Spirit given us in Baptism. The ultimate result of this union is peace; in Hebrew, *Shalom*. Shalom is the restored unity of the creation with God, and the resultant reconciliation between all peoples.

In the first reading, Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke come to Philippi, the first time the gospel moves from Asia Minor to Europe. There Paul encounters a woman who worshipped God although she was a Gentile. After hearing Paul proclaim the resurrection of Jesus, she and her household were baptized and her house became Paul's center of ministry there and quite likely the home of the church in that city. It is not the created universe that is the ultimate destiny of the human race but the new, perfect city of God's Kingdom. John, in today's reading from the Revelation, envisions the perfection and peace of that Kingdom.

Shalom – the peace and wholeness of God's Spirit – is our destiny and our present reality. The peace and unity of God's reign is revealed in the inclusiveness of the church as people of every race and nation are called by God. In the Eucharist, we have the foretaste of the new life in the holy city prepared for us by God.

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