



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Saturday@5

The Season of Easter

May 1, 2021 | 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to All Saints! This leaflet is designed to enable your full participation in the service. **The people's responses are in bold.** Rubrics are in blue and offer directions about the service. All persons seeking God are invited to receive communion at the Lord's Table.

LITURGICAL NOTE

Today's passage from 1 John can be summarized in three words: "God is love." In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus' teaching about fruitful discipleship.

WELCOME

GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

SONG

God is love, No. 577; from Hymnal 1982

Refrain

**God is love, and where true love is
God himself is there.**

**Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.
Loving him, let each love Christ in one another. (Refrain)**

**Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises. (Refrain)**

The Presider begins

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Presider May God's grace and peace be with you.

People **May God fill our hearts with joy.**

The Presider then says an opening prayer.

Let us pray. Eternal God, your Son is the vine, and we are the branches. Give us grace to follow him that our lives will bear much fruit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Lessons are presented from 1 John (4: 7-21) and the Gospel of John (15: 1-8). The congregation sings a song between the two readings.

ALLELUIA

No. 178, from *The Hymnal 1982*



A short sermon is offered, after which a period of silence follows. The presider then invites the people to affirm their faith as follows.

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in the heaven and earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

In hope and joy, let us pray to God, saying: hear our prayer.

Bring newness to the church, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Lord of life,
hear our prayer.

Bring newness to the world, that we might be one human family who clothe each other with mercy and feed each other with justice. Lord of life,
hear our prayer.

Bring newness to our nation, that all might know the goodness of your love. Lord of life,
hear our prayer.

Bring newness to our hearts, that we might grow in faith and hope. Lord of life,
hear our prayer.

Bring newness to the sick, the suffering and those in any need, that they may know your saving help. Lord of life,
hear our prayer.

Bring newness even to the departed that they might forever grow in your likeness. Lord of life,
hear our prayer.

You may add your own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The Presider concludes

We pray in the name of the risen Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always.

AMEN.

EXCHANGE THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

If you wish to greet others, please do so without physical contact.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For worshipping online, following the Offertory song, there are two options for communion. If you wish to participate in spiritual communion, you may remain here with the service. For those who would like to participate in communion by having their own elements consecrated, please click on the link to be redirected to Zoom communion. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81840326080>

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from receiving Holy Communion.

For those worshipping in person there is a stationary offering plate at the exit. For those worshipping with us online you may give your offering by clicking on this link <https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Giving/allsaintshhi> at any time.

PREPARE THE TABLE

An instrumental is played while the Table is prepared.

GIVE THANKS

Presider The Lord is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

We give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

At the end of the prayer, all say

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BREAK THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept; then the Presider says

We break the bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for holy people.

Everyone consumes the bread together.

Presider Holy drink for holy people.

Everyone consumes the wine together.

Presider For those who are participating in a spiritual communion, let us pray.

People **Gracious God, we love you above all things and are grateful that you are with us. Come spiritually into our hearts, unite our entire selves to you and never permit us to be separated from your presence. Amen.**

As the Table is cleared a short instrumental is played.

After Communion, the Presider invites the people to join in this prayer

God of love, may we who share in this Eucharist have the grace to love one another and follow in your way, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

SONG

I come with joy, No. 304; from Hymnal 1982

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.**

**That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.**

GO FORTH

The Presider says this blessing

May God, who out of defeat brings new hope, fill you with the life of the Risen Lord and the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you always.

People **Amen.**

The people are dismissed as follows

Presider He is not here. He is risen. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

A socially distanced fellowship time will occur for those who are attending in person and concurrently a Zoom hospitality will be offered for those viewing at home.

For the Liturgy

Presider	The Reverend Pamela H. Fahrner, <i>associate</i>
Preacher	The Very Reverend Mark R. Brinkmann, <i>senior associate</i>
Musicians	Beth Corry, <i>piano</i> Katie Lynn Baker, <i>song leader</i>
Readers	Bob Hooper, and Marjorie Milbrandt
Videographer	Nicholas Ruden

Our thanks to everyone who made our celebration possible.

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Celebrating and Sharing God's love for all.

All Saints Mission: To be a channel of God's love.

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