

All Saints' Episcopal Church

An Open-hearted, Open-minded Parish of the Diocese of East Carolina

The First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 26th, 2021

8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

We welcome all who are worshipping with us for the first time.

We are glad that you are here and pray that you encounter Holy Spirit in this sacred gathering.

*Throughout this service, the people's parts are indicated in **bold italic font**.*

All are invited to stand, as are comfortably able, at the elements of the service marked by an asterisk.

Thank you for wearing facial coverings and keeping them on when singing hymns.

Welcome

***Processional**

The Word of God

***Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

***Hymn 93**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

(Please wear a mask when singing.)

***The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; 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*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (61:10-62:3)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes

what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians (3:23-25; 4:4-7)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 107**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

(Please wear a mask when singing.)

***The Holy Gospel**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

*Nicene Creed

*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.

*Prayers of the People

All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ; all the

earth has been enlightened in his dawning. Trusting in the light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world, saying : Merciful God, *hear our prayer.*

For the churches, that united in life they may be faithful in witness to your Son come among us, merciful God, *hear our prayer.*

For the poor of the earth, for the victims of warfare, that their mourning may be turned into joy, merciful God, *hear our prayer.*

For all families, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger, merciful God, *hear our prayer.*

For the leaders of nations, that they may turn from ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace, merciful God, *hear our prayer.*

For our Bishop Rob, Presiding Bishop Michael and all bishops, that they may rejoice in your mercy and faithfully teach the greatness of your coming among us, merciful God, *hear our prayer.*

For this assembly, for our sick, and for ourselves, that we may be renewed by the light and grace of your incarnate word, merciful God, *hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We pray for all in need, including: Tom, Vivian and Burnie, Lisa, Fiji, Fran, Caelan, Suzanne, Nico, David, Eve, Nancy, The Nassida family, Miho and Ralph, Anthony, Joshua, Larry, Jenn, Dana, Josh and Mary and family, Aaron, Kathy, Pat, David and Peggy, Val, Lucy, Connie, Geody, Sandy, Carol, Patty, David, Christopher, Elizabeth, Glen, Jo and George, Kelsie, Tatum, Bunny, Joe and Mary Anne, Dick and Miriam, Marcia, Anthony, Pat and Tom. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our companions in ministry: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Pope Francis in Rome; The Episcopal Church; Keith and the lay people of Emmanuel Lutheran; From our Diocese: Give thanks and pray for the new year ahead, and all who minister in our church. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for those celebrating another year of life: Glen Baldwin and Anne Sorey. We also pray for those celebrating another year of life together: Don and Carol Davis, and Katie and Michael Blanchard. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Rejoicing in the company of Mary, mother of our Lord, and of all the witnesses of the incarnation, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Confession** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

*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.*

Absolution

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.*

***The Peace** *Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Hymn 325 (8:30) *Let Us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK BREAD

Hymn 115 (10:30) *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES

“All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.”

(1 Chronicles 29:14)

***The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer B* **BCP 367**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Arch-angels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,". The second staff contains: "heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -". The third staff contains: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff contains: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fifth staff contains: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." and ends with a double bar line.

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,

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.***

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

The Lord's Prayer

***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

(8:30) Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia


(8:30)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *grant us your peace.*

(10:30)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the Lord's Table. We welcome all who know or seek to know Christ and who wish to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from a server. We invite parishioners to come forward as they are able and willing, at an usher's direction, to the front of the altar to receive communion bread or a blessing. Please wear masks and maintain reasonable distancing between others. When approaching the server, please extend arms, palms open. The server will drop a bread wafer into the palm of the worshiper's hand. If desiring a blessing, please cross arms across shoulders or note "blessing, please." Worshipers with mobility issues are asked to alert an usher if needing communion to be brought to them.

Post Communion Prayer

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**

Officiant: May Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

***Hymn 99**

Go Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

***Recessional**

***The Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve Christ the newborn King!
People *Thanks be to God.*

Those Who Serve

The Rev. Cindy Simpson, Celebrant
Steve Blackstock, Organist and Choir Master
Vestry Person of the Day: Kenny Murrill
Altar Guild: Jennifer Adams-Falconer, Kathleen Stacey, Vivian Gould
Counter: Kenny Murrill

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Susan Lang
Usher: Deborah Beddingfield
LEM: Deb Hunton
Lector: Deborah Beddingfield

10:30 a.m.

Nursery Volunteer: Barbara White, Karen Murrill
Greeter: Arlene Price
Ushers: Audrey Esposito, Blair Engelken
LEM: Leckie Connors
Lector: Jack Myers
Facebook Coordinator: Charlie Andrews



Announcements

The parish office will be closed on Dec. 27 & 28. Rev. Cindy will be away late Dec. 26 - 28.
For emergency pastoral care please contact Fr. Tom Wilson at 252-599-0752.

Children's Godly Play classes resume January 9, 2022 at the 10:30AM hour.

Adult Education and Spirituality Committee All Saints Adult Ed and Spirituality Committee is looking to begin its study of "**Sacred Ground**", a 10-session curriculum developed by the National Office of the Episcopal Church to advance the church's 50-year commitment to racial reconciliation. Study will begin in January, an overview session or two will be held in December. Parishioners should feel free to invite a non-parishioner to join you in your exploration of this aspect of what it means to be Episcopalian. Please visit episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/ and call or text Wayne Barry (434.996.6479) if you would be interested in attending an overview session. (Or email Wayne: cstw4@msn.com)



Prayer Chain News The power of prayer is indisputable. The All Saint's Prayer Chain has been operational for many many years. The dedicated leaders of this ministry are, deservedly, ready to pass that leadership torch on to others. A huge thank you goes out to Mary Lou Beckett, Carole Kimmel, and Gary Kimmel for their part in receiving prayer requests, informing those on the prayer chain, passing on the need to the Pastoral Care committee, and following up when necessary to make sure that those we are praying for and those who requested the prayers are okay. Their shoes will be quite a lot to fill. Sara Munford, Eve Turek, Ann Laughner, and Sandy Briggman have agreed to take on that task. As of December 15, 2021, the new leaders will take Mary Lou's, Carole's, and Gary's spots. We pray that we can continue with this ministry in the fashion and love as was given to us by them. If you are not already a member of the prayer chain and are moved to and desire to pray for those in need of prayers, please contact one of the new leaders. Should you or a loved one need prayers, please contact the new leaders by phone, email, or text and that request will be handled with confidentiality and dignity. Prayer requests can also be asked for by contacting our Rector, Cindy Simpson, and also by contacting the church office via phone or email. Contact information: Sara Munford 261-7009, Eve Turek 207-4274 , Ann Laughner 757-651-4771, Sandy Briggman 599-1415, Cindy Simpson 301-928-1959, and Church Office 261-6674.

Announcing New Vestry Nominees! The Nominating Committee has completed their Vestry nominee quest and has announced that the three saints who have agreed to serve if elected to the 2022 Vestry are **Steve Hotchkiss, Suzanne Scott-Constantine, and Natalie Simpson!** The Nominating Committee's co-chairs are Jen Adams-Falconer and Maureen McGrath. Other members are outgoing Vestry women Katie Blanchard and Carole Kimmel, plus Mary Moynahan. Thank you, committee saints, for your wonderful work!

Bible Study?! What EXACTLY happens in the All Saints library from 9:25 to 10:15 each Sunday? The Adult Education and Spirituality Committee (AESC) calls it "Living Faith." Please feel free to join the "regulars" and live your faith with us each Sunday. We meet in the admin. building's conference room.

Sunday Meals Needed! Hop on the Meal Train! We have the opportunity to join St. Andrews In providing meals for a Honduran family living in Kill Devil Hills & seeking asylum. If you would like to

provide a meal on a Sunday, please contact Donna Trivette (252-202-1080) or Tim McKeithan (757-672-3045) for delivery coordination.

All Saints Church Book Club has arrived! Welcome to All Saints Church Book Club! We have voted on our first book. We will be reading the Pulitzer Prize winning historical novel “The Night Watchman” by Louise Erdrich. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, January 17 at 2pm in the Choir Room. If you would like to join, use this link: <https://bookclubz.com/clubs/5957950/join/9bc174/> Any questions, please contact Natalie Simpson (Natalie.Simpson.23@gmail.com) or Mary Moynahan (blueturtlehouse@gmail.com). Looking forward to reading and discussing this award winning novel. Invite Welcome Connect Blair Engelken, Mary Moynahan, and Tim McKeithan

Kitty Hawk Hotline Thrift Store seeking volunteers The Outer Banks Hotline, promoting a safe and compassionate community, needs volunteers for its Kitty Hawk Hotline thrift store. The Kitty Hawk thrift store is currently open Tuesday - Friday 10-5 & Saturday 9-4. Volunteers are needed to help keep the thrift shop open these hours and to eventually reopen on Mondays. Duties include: working the register, helping sort and price donations. A lot can be done seated, so you don't have to stand all the time. Volunteers can work for a few hours, half day or whatever time they have available. If you are interested in volunteering at this important community organization, please contact the store manager Tammie Perry-Inscore at 252-599-3613 (cell), 252-261-8164 (store), tammie@ob hotline.org.

Dear All Saints Parents & Supporters of Middle and High Schoolers

The parish hopes to begin Youth (middle and high schoolers) Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month beginning on January 9th, 2022 and continuing through May 22, 2022. The Bible Study will be from 10:15 am and run approximately until 11:05 am so that the children will be able to join in the Great Thanksgiving during church. The bi-weekly Bible Study will include **scriptures, prayer and activities focused on creation/environmental justice.** At this time Natalie Simpson has volunteered to serve as the youth leader, but we pray that much of the Bible Study will be guided by your children and their growth in their relationship with God. **We do need other volunteers to rotate monthly as two adults must be present for the Bible Study to be held in person.** If you know of anyone who'd like to help, please let Natalie, Katie Blanchard, Rev Cindy or anyone in the office know. Blessings, Natalie, Katie, and Rev Cindy

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