



All Saints Episcopal Church

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Baptism

March 22nd, 2026

10:30 AM

Rooted in compassion and enlivened by the Spirit, we are an inclusive and affirming parish of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. We joyfully welcome the full diversity of all God's people—without exception—to worship, to belong, to serve, and to bear witness to love's power to heal and transform.

Whether you're a long-time member, a seasonal visitor, or here for the first time, we're glad to have you with us today. We pray that you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in a way that feeds and sustains your soul.

Near the entry to the church, you'll find a selection of books and activity bags that children can use throughout the service. We joyfully welcome children into our services as full members of the Body of Christ.

*Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people sit

A Reading from The First Book of Ezekiel

37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they

may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

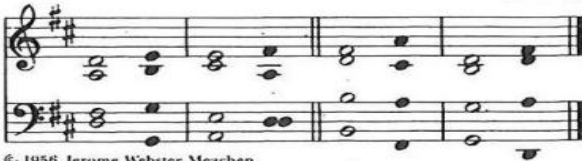
Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

De profundis



- ¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- ² If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- ³ For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

- ⁴ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- ⁵ My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- ⁶ O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- ⁷ With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law~ indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Sequence Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light*
HOUSTON

Hymnal 490

*Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Reverend Tommy Drake

Silence may be kept

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents *I present Margot Elizabeth Clissold to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help Harper Jane to grow into the Full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents *I will, with God's help.*

These questions are asked of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child:

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? ***I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? ***I renounce them.***

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
I do.

The celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will!

Let us join with this child who is being baptized into Christ and renew our own Baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for Margot Elizabeth Clissold

Celebrant Let us now pray for Margot who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Baptism

Margot, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. ***Amen.***

Margot, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

***The Peace**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Rector's Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

***The Presentation:**

Hymnal 143 Vs 5

O *Father, Son, and Spirit blest*
ERHALT UNS, HERR

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed, who art in three-fold
Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 God 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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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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 people stand or kneel.

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:

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. ***Amen.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*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, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

[10:30 a.m.] S-160

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Breaking of the Bread'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear cadence at the end of each line. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.'

*Communion of the People

Please come forward when directed by the usher to receive a host from the celebrant. You may then drink from the common chalice or intinct using the intinction cup offered by the second eucharistic minister. If you do not wish to receive the elements, you are invited to come forward to receive a priestly blessing.

Hymn

Lord Jesus, think on me
SOUTHWELL

Hymnal, 641

*Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

The people stand or kneel.

*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 forever. Amen.*

*Blessing

***Processional Hymn**

Holy Spirit, ever living
ABBOT'S LEIGH

Hymnal 511

***The Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ASHES TO ALLELUIAS

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

Our final session will be **March 25: A Rule of Life** (and commissioning) - A practical, life-giving way to shape a sustainable rhythm of prayer, Scripture, service, and rest that can carry you beyond Lent.

We will start serving supper at 5:30; sessions begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Gathering Space.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt! An Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11:00 am service on the Church grounds on Easter Sunday. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Easter Lily Order Form: You are invited to contribute \$12.50 to purchase Easter lilies and flowering plants to adorn the Church on Easter Sunday. Please fill out the form and place it in the donation plate or bring it to the Church Office by April 1st.

The Ordination and Consecration of the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina | 10:00 a.m. | May 23rd, 2026, at the Riverfront Convention Center, New Bern, North Carolina. For more information, including how to sign up to volunteer, please check our Weekly Newsletter.

Mah Jongg, Bridge, and Canasta on June 6th from 12:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Join us for a relaxed, fun afternoon of games for charity. This event is the perfect mix of friendly competition and community spirit. We'll have raffles, door prizes, snacks, and drinks. We will be donating the net proceeds from the event to the Beach Food Pantry. Entry is \$50 per person and \$200 per table.

Child Care: To help support families, childcare is now available during both Sunday services and for Wednesday evening programs. Care is provided by paid childcare personnel and volunteers serving together. Children of all ages are always welcome in all worship services, and we are glad to offer childcare as an additional option for families.

HOLY WEEK AT ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**March 29th: The Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday**

8:30 am and 10:30 am

If you would like to help read the Passion Narrative at either service, please call the office.

April 2nd: Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm: Agape Meal

7:00 pm: Holy Eucharist II, washing of the feet/hands, reserve of the Sacrament, Solemn stripping of the altar, the beginning of the Watch

April 3rd: Good Friday

3:00 pm: Word of God, Procession of the cross, the veneration,
communion from the Reserve Sacrament

4:00 pm: Labyrinth Walk and Stations of the Cross

April 5th: Easter

9:00 am and 11:00 am services

Holy Eucharist II

The nursery will be available for both services

Those Who Minister Today

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Thomas Drake
Director of Music and Organist: Steve Blackstock
Assistant Director of Music and Organist: Keith Dey

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Evelyne Ottavio
Usher: Bob Riche
Lector: Wayne Barry
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Atkinson
Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour Committee

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Janan Usher
Ushers: Carol and Don Davis
Lector: Maureen McGrath
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Atkinson
Crucifer: Lucy Mason
Gospel Bearer: Caroline Clissold
Nursery: Barbara White and Linnea Morrow
Sunday School: Jean Loudon and Suzanne Blackstock
Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour Committee
Facebook Hosts: Karen & Kenny Murrill

Vestry Person of the Day: Charles Coppage
Welcoming Coordinator: Jack Myers
Flower Guild: Betsy Robbins
Altar Guild: Susan Lang
Counters: Charles Coppage and Nancy Atkinson

