

All Saints' Episcopal Church

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

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost **Sunday, November 19th, 2023**

8:30AM and 10:30AM

We welcome all who are worshiping with us today and those who are here for the first time.

*We pray that all encounter the Holy Spirit in this sacred hour. 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.*

Godly Play is available for children ages 4 years to 5th grade during the 10:30 service in classroom 5 in the education building. Children remaining with us may choose a book and/or activity bag near the sanctuary entrance to enjoy during worship.

Greeting and Prelude

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

***Hymn 680**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Reading from the Book of Judges (4:1-7)

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the

God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, * until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, * for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (5:1-11)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 551**

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!

FESTAL SONG

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the

one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Litany of Thanksgiving

BCP 836

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

Let us give thanks to God our Father/Mother for all God’s gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

*Prayers of the People

Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community.

We are generous with our gifts

Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

I ask your prayers for the Church, and for all who worship God this day. We pray especially for this season in which we celebrate our stories of leadership and our support for mission...

We are generous with our gifts of leadership,

Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

I ask your prayers for our Nation and all nations; for refugees fleeing climate change and war, especially for the people of Gaza, Israel, and Ukraine; and for all whose lives are in danger. We pray for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for a distribution of wealth that helps the poor and the marginalized...

We are generous with our gifts of peace,

Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We silently remember those on our parish prayer list, (especially Patty, Joan Bishop, Matt, and family; Patsy, Andy and Mary, Ellie Marie) and any who cannot be with us today.

For those with ongoing concerns we pray, especially for John, Linda, Mary Beth, Carol and Norman; Caroline, Tom; Jacqui and Doug; Nathan, Kaitlin and family; Perry and Kaye; Michael, Nancy P., Gwen, Paul, Marcia, Moira, Christy, Fiji, Val, Geody, Christopher, Fred, Glen, Dick, Anthony; Paul and family; Jack, Grace and Claire; and Meg).

We are generous with our gifts of healing,

Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn. For those we name now, and others in our own lives who have died, in silence or aloud...

We are generous with our gifts of support,

Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

I ask for your remembrances of thanksgivings and blessings, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world. We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including Ruthie Charlton, Arline Arnold, Gary Kimmel, Susan Clissold, Ron Deveau, Mary Moynahan, and Mark Kasten. We also rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries, especially Andy and Mary Moynahan and Andy and Paula Mohr.

We are generous with our gratitude,

Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

Hear the prayers of your people, Creator God. May we who are blessed by so much wealth and wisdom, share our works with a world in need. 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
People

The Peace of The Lord be always with you.
And also with you

Stewardship Reflection

Susan P. Smith

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Hymn 325 (8:30)

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Anthem (10:30)

Awake, O Sleeper

*The Presentation

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord,
People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

*The Great Thanksgiving

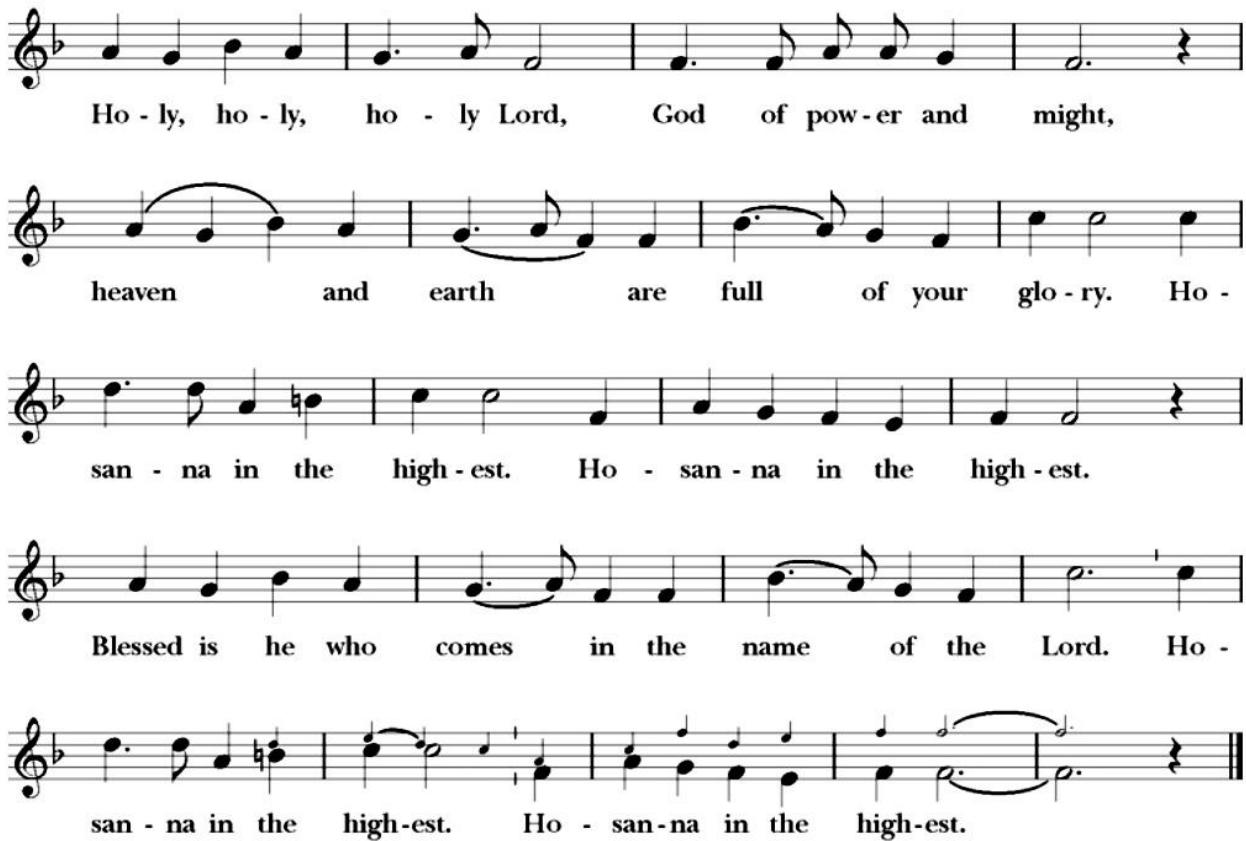
Church of England, Prayer 2

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time with a key signature of one flat. The first staff (Celebrant) has lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you." The second staff (People) has lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff (Celebrant) has lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff (People) has lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Maker of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

Sanctus

The people stand or kneel.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

We thank you, loving God, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood. On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.' After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins.' With this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Help us to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. ***Amen.***

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us to-day 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 for
ever.
Amen.
Amen.

*The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (8:30)

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

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

Fraction Anthem (10:30)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This is the Lord's Table. At the 10:30 service those who wish to drink from the wine chalice are asked to line up first in the center aisle for communion. We invite all other worshipers to come forward at an usher's direction to the front of the altar to receive communion. The Celebrant will place a bread wafer into the palm of the worshiper's hand. You may either drink from the chalice, drink from an individual wine glass, or use an individual wine glass to dip bread into wine. Please alert an usher if you need communion brought to you.

***Hymn 301**

Bread of the World

RENDEZ À DIEU

***Post Communion Prayer**

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your saints in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior Amen.

Blessing**Hymn 397**

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***Dismissal**

Celebrant Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

We extend profound thanks to Susan P. Smith for her homily this past Veteran's Day and for her Stewardship reflection today. She is chair of our 2024 Vacation Bible School and is involved in other ministries as well. Susan retired from Atlanta with husband Fred in 2003 after vacationing on the OBX together for almost 30 years. She enjoys living on Ginguite Creek with her poodles, Cocoa and Bennie, playing Mahjong on Wednesday at All Saints and enjoying the beaches of the Outer Banks.



Today's altar flowers are given by Ruthie Charlton in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving for another year of life for me and Saint Arline Arnold.

All are invited to Coffee Hour for relaxed conversation and refreshments on the gazebo.

Those Who Serve

The Rev. Cindy Simpson, Celebrant The Rev. Keith Dey, Interim Organist & Choirmaster

Vestry Person of the Day: Nancy Atkinson Welcoming Coordinator: Mary Moynahan

Altar Guild: Hilary Klein and Sally Myers Flower Guild: Mary Moynahan and Paula Rothenberg
Counters: Nancy Atkinson and Carol Cowell

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Susan Lang Usher: Deborah Beddingfield LEM: Carol Vipavetz

Lector: Hilary Klein Coffee Hour: Arline Arnold

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Dale Draper Ushers: Lynn and Janan Usher LEM: Jeanne Pool-Coppage

Lector: John Dunigan Godly Play: Ann McDowell and Suzy Rich

Nursery: Roisin McKeithan and Natalie Simpson Facebook Coordinator: Karen & Kenny Murrill

Announcements

Godly Play continues today at 10:30 in Classroom 5 in the Education wing for children ages 4 yrs. through fifth grade.

AESC Bible Study will not meet Nov 19th, Nov 26, and Dec 3: In consideration of all of the wonderful activities of Holly Days, all of the family gatherings near and far at Thanksgiving, and the parish-wide breakfast, Bible Study will be suspended (living the wisdom of the Bible is not, however) until the Second Sunday of Advent - December 10th. ***Blessings, all.....Holly Days and Season's blessings galore!!!!***



They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.
- Jeremiah 17:8

Contemplating how we will share our fruitfulness to expand God's work in the world.

November 5- December 3

Would you enjoy being part of worship leadership? Seeking new Lay Eucharistic Ministers ~

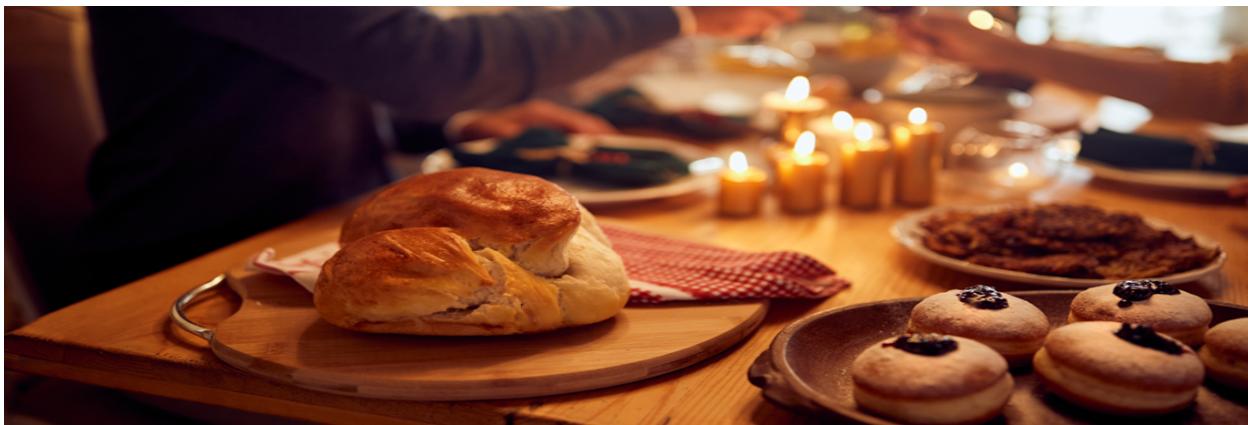
Training will be provided! Contact Christina in the office, Nancy Atkinson (804) 874-0508 or Rev. Cindy

Labyrinth Walk: There will be a labyrinth walk for racial understanding and dialogue this Sunday November 19th, at noon.

All Saints' Book Club plans to meet Monday, November 27th, at 2PM in the Choir Room. We will be reading Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande.

Support RITI, the Outer Banks Homeless Shelter, by purchasing Lunch To Go. Mike Kelly's OBX Catering will prepare these delicious meals which will be available for pickup ***11 AM to 3PM, Sunday, December 3.*** Christina, Paula & Tim have tickets.

Food For Thought Needs Volunteers for Dec 7th. : We meet at the warehouse across from Roanoke Island Aquarium at ***10:00 am.*** See Bob Baldwin or check the Narthex sign-up booklet.



You are warmly Invited to a Parish-Wide Breakfast

followed by

Worship and Communion at Tables in the Sanctuary

as we Celebrate God's Overflowing Love and Blessings

and Dedicate our 2024 Pledges to the Ministries of All Saints in the World

Sunday, December 3

Breakfast begins at 9:30am and Worship follows immediately thereafter.

In order for us to prepare, kindly **RSVP** by **Nov. 30** via email or telephone the office at
allsaintsobx@gmail.com or 252-261-6674.

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All Are Welcome!



