



All Saints' Episcopal Church

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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 19th, 2023

8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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

*We are glad that you are here and pray that you encounter the 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.*

Welcome and Prelude

The Word of God

***Hymn 143 (Vs 1-4)**

The Glory of These Forty Days

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People *Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.*

Let us pray:

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.**

***Kyrie - S95**

Cantor or Choir *All* *Cantor or Choir*
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All *Cantor or Choir* *All*
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

A Reading from the Book of Samuel

16:1-3

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

DOMINUS REGIT ME

This Psalm is read responsively at 8:30 and is chanted at 10:30.



1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.



3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 490**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight.”

They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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 Form III**

BCP 387

Father/Mother, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray silently for all bishops, priests and deacons, and especially our partners in ministry:
Rob our Bishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;
Pope Francis in Rome; Bartholomew, I, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople;
The Episcopal Church; Keith and the people of Emmanuel Lutheran; Emmanuel, Farmville;
Church of the Good Shepherd, Fayetteville.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, including Paula Myatt and Betsy Robbins.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially Carole, Carol and Norman; Mike and family, Reid, Karen and Kenny, Tom and Sharon, Mary, John, Elsie, Madison, Carol, Arthur and family, David, Curt, Olie and family, Gary, Lucille, and any who cannot be with us today.

We also pray silently for those with ongoing concerns: Nathan, Kaitlin and family; Perry and Kaye, Michael, Nancy P., Gwen, Paul, Carol, Marcia, Mike, Karen, Moira, Christy, Fiji, Val, Geody, George, Christopher, Bill, Fred, Glen, Dick, Anthony, Paul and family; Jack, Grace, and Claire; Meg; Pat and Tom.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:

Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Confession** Let us confess our sins to God.

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)	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	LET US BREAK BREAD
Anthem (10:30)	<i>It is Well with My Soul</i>	Arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

*Presentation of the Offering

*Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord,
People and of thine own have we given thee.* *(1 Chronicles 29:14)*

***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 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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father/Mother: 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/Mother 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father/Mother, 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 forever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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.

***Fraction Anthem (8:30)**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

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.***

*Fraction Anthem (10:30)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died
for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is the Lord's Table. We welcome all who know or seek to know Christ and who wish to receive communion. Those who wish to drink from the wine chalice are asked to line up first in the center aisle for communion. The choir (at 10:30) will also come forward. We invite all other worshipers to come forward at an usher's direction to the front of the altar to receive communion. When approaching the bread server, please extend arms, palms open. The server will place a bread wafer into the palm of the worshiper's hand. You may directly drink from a chalice, or from an individual wine glass which can also be used to dip bread into wine. Please alert an usher if you need communion brought to you.

Hymn 663

The Lord My God My Shepherd Is

CRIMOND

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

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Hymn 533

How Wondrous and Great Thy Works

LYONS

The Dismissal

Celebrant Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us;

People ***So be swift to love and make haste to be kind.***

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People* ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

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Those Who Serve

The Rev. Cindy Simpson, Celebrant

Steve Blackstock, Organist and Choirmaster

Vestry Person of the Day: Lynn Usher

Welcoming Coordinator: Tim McKeithan

Altar Guild: Hilary Klein, Sally Myers, and Ann Laughner

Flower Guild: Paula Myatt

Counters: Lynn Usher and Paula Myatt

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Betsy Brown Usher: Sandy Feyrer LEM: Bob Riche

Lector: Deborah Beddingfield Coffee Hour: Etta Lanuti

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Jane Williams Ushers: Bob and Joan Smalley LEM: Jeanne Pool-Coppage

Lector: Carole Kimmel Acolyte: Hillary Simpson Wine Server: Debbie Lubelski

Coffee Hour: Charles and Jeanne Pool-Coppage

FaceBook Hosts: Karen and Kenny Murrill

Nursery: Deborah Beddingfield and Linnea Morrow Godly Play: Ann McDowell and Suzy Rich

Announcements

Godly Play continues today at 10:30AM for children from age 4 through 5th grade.

Join us for storytelling, wondering questions & creative responses in classroom 5 (admin. bldg).

Adult Bible Study continues today at 9:30AM in the Conference Room (admin bldg).

All Saints Easter Egg Hunt - Our All Saints Easter Bunny seeks a coordinator & helping team! The hunt occurs after the **11AM Service on Easter Sunday** if volunteers are available. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested in helping.

Easter Lilies: You are invited to purchase Easter lilies for \$12 to adorn the church on Easter Sunday. If you would like to give Easter Lilies in memory, thanksgiving, or in honor of someone, please pick up a form from the church office and return it by **April 4th**. Please contact Joan Smalley at artnmore@verizon.net with any questions.

Don't miss the last Soup, Salad & "The Chosen" evening with the Adult Education Committee on **March 22nd (Wednesday) from 6PM-8PM**. Enjoy a simple meal & selections from the inspirational series "The Chosen" to enhance our discipleship & appreciation for the mystery of God-in-Jesus. A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex.

Food For Thought - Needs Volunteers: We meet at the warehouse across from the Roanoke Island Aquarium at **10:00AM on Thursdays, March 29th and April 20th**. See Bob Baldwin or the sign up notebook in the Narthex.

TWO Labyrinth Walks hosted by Adult Education Spirituality Committee: The first will be held this afternoon., **March 19th, at 12PM** for racial dialogue, reconciliation, & reparation. A second walk in celebration of creation and the change of seasons (Vernal Equinox) will be held on **Monday, March 20th at 6PM**.

All Saints' Book Club always welcomes new friends to join! Colleen & Mary are the co-administrators, humorously known as Partners in Bookish Crimes. The Club's next meeting is **March 20th, 2023 at 2PM in the Choir Room**; the book of choice is Broken Harbour by Irish writer, Tana French. Please reach out to Colleen or Mary if interested.

Beach Food Pantry: As we look forward to longer, brighter days we need to remember those who are still having a difficult time recovering from job loss, illness, lack of the necessities we take for granted daily. Volunteers are needed to staff the Beach Food Pantry on **Thursday, April 13, and Friday, April 14 th from 1:45-4p**. Donations, monetary or food items, are needed and appreciated. Please leave food items in the Narthex to be picked up for delivery. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sue Lynch, Volunteer Coordinator at 252-715-3300 or email sslynch.obx@gmail.com

Coffee hour hosts for the 10:30AM service needed. Please add your name to the signup sheet in the Narthex. Sally Myers has more info at 207-1074. Thanks for your help!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Fundraiser invitation to support our school and others. Heron Pond Montessori School is having a pancake fundraiser on **April 6, 2023** for all campuses, which includes: The All Saints School, the Unitarian & the Secondary Campuses. The proceeds benefit our Teacher Fund, which supports seminars for their professional growth. Teachers at The All Saints School sell tickets starting **March 13th** at \$10 each. Please mark your calendars for **April 6th, 2023 from 5:30PM - 7:30PM at Stack 'Em High Restaurant at MP 4.5** Let's support our school & its staff plus enjoy a delicious meal!

All are invited to a Celtic Evensong at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Columbia, NC March 19th, 2023 at 5PM. The Rev. Berkley Ford will be presider and celebrant. Musical selections performed during the service will include sounds from a Celtic harp, hammered dulcimer, autoharp, accordion, and Native American flute. This service is all inclusive and intended to offer peace, tranquility, and God's grace to all.

Dare To Be Safe - The League of Women Voters of Dare County is hosting a community forum to inform and educate on topics of interest to our community including Gun Safety and Storage and current measures regarding gun safety. Speakers will include Sean Kenny, John Towler, and Sam Ballard. The Forum will be held **Wednesday, March, 29th, from 6:30PM - 8:30PM at Baum Center: 300 Mustian Street.**

***Mark your calendars!* Our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry heads to our diocese to lead a Revival on October 21, 2023!**

Noon Lenten Worship Services (12:00-12:30ish) followed by lunch are offered each week by our North Dare Ministerial group at the OBX Presbyterian Church on the bypass. The Rev. Dr. Gaye Morris leads on the 22nd & The Rev. Spottswood Graves on April 5.

Worship Services

Wednesday, March 22nd - Soup, Salad, and “The Chosen” 6PM-8PM

Sunday, March 26th - Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:30AM and 10:30AM

Palm Sunday, April 2nd - 8:30AM and 10:30AM

Outdoor Palm Processions, Passion Gospel Readings and Holy Eucharist

April 3rd, 4th, and 5th - Monday - Wednesday Holy Week Services 6:30PM

Maundy Thursday, April 6th - Prayer, Foot Washing & Communion 6:30PM

Good Friday, April 7th - The Passion of our Lord & Holy Communion 3PM

Stations of the Cross at the Outdoor Sanctuary will immediately follow.

Sunday, April 9th - Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Easter Services at 9AM and 11AM

Easter Egg Hunt to follow after the 11AM service

All Are Welcome!

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