

# All Saints Episcopal Church

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## The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8th, 2026

8:30 AM and 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. Their presence is a reminder of the vitality, curiosity, and spontaneity that enrich our faith community. Children teach us to approach God with wonder and trust, and their activity reminds us that worship is not about perfection, but about embodiment, participation, and connection. We celebrate their voices, questions, and energy as signs of life and growth, believing they bring us closer to the heart of Jesus, who welcomed children with open arms.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

*Please enter the church in sacred silence, allowing others to pray and prepare for worship*

## Welcome

**\*Processional Hymn**      *Come, thou fount of every blessing*      **Hymnal 686**  
NETTLETON

## \*Opening Acclamation

Celebrant      † Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*      *His mercy endures forever.*

## \*Collect for Purity

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 Eleison

[8:30 a.m.] **BCP, 356**  
[10:30 a.m.] **Hymnal S-95**

## \*Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit*

## A Reading from The Book of Exodus

17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 95

[8:30 a.m.] Spoken

*Venite, exultemus*

[10:30 a.m.] Sung



- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- <sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- <sup>8</sup> Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.

<sup>9</sup> They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup> Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."

<sup>11</sup> So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

## **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

**5:1-11**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person~ though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

\*Holy Gospel

John 4:5-42

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

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

## Homily

The Reverend Margaret Pollock

*Silence may be kept*

### \*Nicene Creed

*Silence may be kept*

*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.*

### **\*The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, 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 for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*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.*

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

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially *Norman Sparks*.  
*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.*

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

*Silence*

We pray for *Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Rob, the Bishop of our Diocese, Sarah, our Bishop-elect, for Tommy, our priest, and for all the clergy and for all bishops and other ministers.*

We pray for those who are sick or in need of our prayers, especially *Hilary, Jill, Carolyn, Blair, Carol, Lita, Christie, Elizabeth, Hilary, Angie, Teresa, John, Megan, and Sarah.*

For those with ongoing concerns, especially *Isabel, Chris, Steve, Nickie, Jeanne, Moira, Gigi, Christy, Marcia, Sueellen, Joyce, Bob, Glen, and Mary Lou.*

For those celebrating another year of life, including *Rob Bachman and Ann Rust.*

For those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts,

*The people may add their own petitions*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## \*Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*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

### \*The Peace

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

The Rector's Welcome

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

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## Offertory

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But to do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

### \*The Presentation:

[10:30 a.m.] **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. 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*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

[8:30 a.m.] **Spoken**

[10:30 a.m.] **S-130**

*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,*

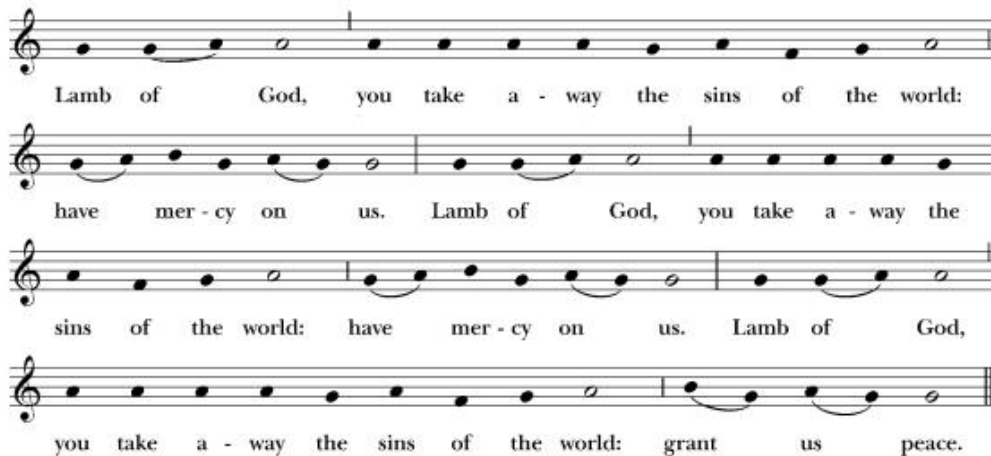
*and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: [8:30 a.m.] **BCP 407**  
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 peace. [10:30 a.m.] **S-160**



The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef, with lyrics written below each staff. 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." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

## \*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

Shepherd of souls  
ST. AGNES

Hymnal, 343

\*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

Guide me, O great Jehovah  
CWM RHONDDA

Hymnal 690

\*The Dismissal

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

# ASHES TO ALLELUIAS

## *Wednesday Evenings in Lent*

Lent invites us to slow down and make space for God's presence in real life. On Wednesday nights, join us for the following three-week series introducing simple Christian spiritual practices that help us listen, pray, and live with greater intention. Each session is designed for beginners and longtime pray-ers alike, and includes a brief teaching, a guided experience of the practice, and a simple take-home invitation for the week ahead. We will start serving supper at 5:30; sessions begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Gathering Space.

**March 11:** Make + Pray with Anglican Prayer Beads - We'll make a simple set of prayer beads and learn an easy pattern of prayer you can use anywhere, especially when you don't have words.

**March 18:** Contemplative Prayer - An introduction to silent prayer as consent to God's presence and action, learning how to return gently when the mind wanders.

**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please pray for **Margot Elizabeth Clissold**, daughter of **George and Hailey** and granddaughter of **Susan**, who will be baptized on **Sunday, March 22**, at the **10:30 a.m. service**.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The Ordination and Consecration of the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina** | 10:00 a.m. | May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

**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.

## Those Who Minister Today

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

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Arline Arnold  
Usher: David Feyrer  
Lector: Etta Lanuti  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Bob Riche  
Coffee Hour:

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Jack Myers  
Ushers: Bob Baldwin and Jack Myers  
Lector: Carole Kimmel  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Betsy Robbins  
Nursery: Linda Brinson and T.A.S.S. Teacher  
Sunday School: Jean Loudon  
Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour Committee  
Facebook Hosts: Karen & Kenny Murrill

Vestry Person of the Day: Mary Moynahan  
Welcoming Coordinator: Bob Baldwin  
Flower Guild: Dawn Kiouisis  
Altar Guild: Evelyne Ottavio, Carole Kimmel, and Linnea Morrow  
Counters: Mary Moynahan, Susan Clissold, and Suzanne Utley

