



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026

10:15 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Welcome to All Saints Episcopal Church. Everything you need to participate in the service is in this bulletin. The page numbers marked BCP refer to *The Book of Common Prayer*. Hymns, including *The Gloria*, S-280 and the *Sanctus*, S-130, are in *The Hymnal 1982*, unless the hymn is labeled “LEVAS”—those hymns are in *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the usher if you need one. Thank you for joining us in worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Please stand.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #408 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.*

People **Amen.**

Gloria

S-280

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

BCP 232

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 133

BCP 787

- ¹ Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
² It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
³ Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
⁴ It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
⁵ For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

The New Testament

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #470 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (1,2 & 3)

Aurelia

The Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. E.R. Haire, Jr.

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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: Form VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. We pray for the Church and people of Venezuela, Ukraine, & Cuba; we pray for the innocent people who are in Iran, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, & Sudan and Christians in the Middle East, as well as an end to all violence and conflict; and for our enemies & those who wish us harm;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church in Wales, and in the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, we pray for All students, faculty, & staff returning to school; College and Campus Ministries at Appalachian State University; Western Carolina University; and University of North Carolina, Asheville.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Fr. E.R.; discernment for the Standing Committee in the process of electing the next bishop; and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those who are sick, especially **Frank Calhoun, Ivan Gibby, Jada Bryson, Angelina Carpenter, Susie Seeds, Susannah Koppers, Fr. Photios, Ruth Binnington, Lashay Dixon, Hope Perez, Carolyn Pratt, Delilah Grace Mercer, Janice Cummings, & Carl Moyer.**

Silence is kept. The people may add their own prayers, offered either silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Wanda Beymer, Martha DeHart, Anna Armfield-Bryant, Bill Hunt, & Frank Calhoun.

Silence is kept. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Doug Barch, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is kept. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant & People pray together the following confession of sin:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with the absolution.

Celebrant 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

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

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Hymnal 1982 #380 vs 3

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord,

People **and of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 him thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Celebrant says the proper preface and finishes by saying,

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:

Sanctus

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The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayers. After the Celebrant says

"Therefore, according to his command, O Father" the Celebrant and People then say together:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, we are invited to say the Lord's Prayer

as our Savior Christ has taught us:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

If you wish to receive bread and wine, please kneel at the altar rail.

To receive the bread only, cross one arm over your chest.

To receive a blessing, cross your arms in an "x" over your chest.

To receive the wine by intinction, hand your bread to the chalice.

Communion *Please come forward to receive communion as the communion hymn(s) is (are) sung.*

Communion Hymns *(The second hymn is optional, as needed.)*

Hymnal 1982 #325 Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

Hymnal 1982 #313 Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *Hymnal 1982 #410 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* *Lauda anima*

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

SERVING SCHEDULE - RITE II SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. E.R. Haire, Jr.
Lector:	Lori Evancho
Prayers:	Janice Cummings
Usher:	Joe Chavis & Matt Jones
Server:	Gerald Parks
Counter:	Gerald Parks

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August 16	Wanda Beymer
August 17	Martha DeHart
August 19	Anna Armfield-Bryant
	Bill Hunt
August 22	Frank Calhoun
August 24	Hayden Marshall
August 26	Dennis & Susan German

The Altar Flowers were dedicated by Katey Seibels.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies' Social – The Ladies' Social is temporarily suspended due to the busyness of the season and will reconvene sometime this fall. In the meantime, we encourage all of the ladies to stay connected, enjoy fellowship with one another, and share your ideas for future gatherings.

Men's Breakfast– The men's breakfast meets **every Wednesday morning** at 8:30 am at Normandie Restaurant. All men are welcome to join us.

Eucharist & Healing Service– Come join us for a Eucharist & Healing Service on **Wednesday, August 19, at 11:30 am** at St. Agnes. Everyone is welcome!

Bible Studies– Please join us for our weekly Men's & Women's Bible Studies. The women's next meeting will be **Monday, August 17, at 10:00 am**. The men's next meeting on **Thursday, August 20, is cancelled**, and will resume the following week on August 27 at 10:30 am. Please note, we are now gathering in St. Agnes Parish Hall. We are studying the gospel of John. Bring any translation of the Bible. All are welcome!

Yoga- All Saints is offering yoga, with an insured, certified instructor, for **\$10/class!** The next class is scheduled for **Saturday, August 22** at 10:00 am, at St. Cyprian's Parish Hall. We do have a few mats available for those who don't have their own to bring.

Annual Summer Picnic- Mark your calendars! Our Annual Summer Picnic will be held **Saturday, August 29**, at 5:00 pm, at St. Cyprian. Come out for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun. The church provides hamburgers, hotdogs, and corn. Bring a lawn chair, a dish to share, and your appetite for community and connection. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex at St. Cyprian and the back of the chapel at St. Agnes. All are welcome!

School Supply Drive- Summer has flown by... it's time, once again, for our annual school supply drive! Collection boxes have been placed in each church parish hall with a supply list from East Franklin School attached. If you would prefer to donate monetarily, please make your check out to All Saints with "School Supplies" on the memo line.

Meet with Fr. ER-Father E.R. would love the opportunity to meet each parishioner. If you have not had the chance to sit down with him and share your story, call the office to set up a meeting. If you need to reach out to Fr. E.R. directly, his email is revdr.erhairejr@allsaintsfranklin.org and his phone number is (828) 347-0112.

Updated Website- If you haven't had a chance yet, we invite you to explore our new website! Whether you're looking for worship times, upcoming events, or parish news, you'll find it all in one convenient place. Check it out at www.allsaintsfranklin.org.

Fifth Sunday Combined Service & Potluck – Beginning this month, whenever there is a fifth Sunday, we will gather for one combined worship service at **9:00 am**. We will continue our usual rotation between our churches for these Fifth Sunday services, and will rotate between a Rite I & Rite II service, beginning this month with Rite I. Following worship, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for a finger food potluck and a special time of fellowship as we gather together as one church family. Join us **Sunday, August 30**, for this meaningful event.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Frank Calhoun, Ivan Gibby, Jada Bryson, Angelina Carpenter, Susie Seeds, Susannah Koppers, Fr. Photios, Ruth Binnington, Lashay Dixon, Hope Perez, Carolyn Pratt, Delilah Grace Mercer, Janice Cummings, & Carl Moyer. We pray for the members of the Vestry: Laine, Marty, Jean, Gerald, David, Dan, and Debra, as well as our Treasurer, Rose, our Vestry Clerk, Lee, and our service men and women, especially Kobe Manning.

ALL SAINTS' ALTAR GUILD

Tammi Holland, Mary Chavis, Shirley Parks, Charlotte Childers, Daisy Manning, Linda Raiford, Janice Cummings, Rose Braddock, & Jane Jones.

ALL SAINTS' FLOWER GUILD

Tanya Hunt, Debra Siler, Martha Harris, Carol Kitzner, Henrietta Haithcock, & Kathryn Cartwright.

ALL SAINTS' DOORKEEPERS WELCOME TEAM

Janice Cummings, Joe Chavis, Tammi Holland, Jane Jones, Lori Evancho, Carol Kitzner, Barbara Gagliardo, & Henrietta Haithcock.

Sunday Readings for August 23

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

The Rev. Dr. E.R. Haire, Jr.

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