



**All Saints**  
**Episcopal Church**  
**Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Called to Worship, Learn, Minister, Proclaim!**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, July 25, 2021**

**A Service of Holy Eucharist**

*A Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship and Leave-taking  
from a Congregation*

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**Gastonia, NC**

***Before worship, speak to God. During worship, let God speak to you.  
After worship, speak to one another.***

All Saints is an open and affirming congregation and we welcome everyone on this glorious day that the Lord has made. Whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome, accepted and loved at All Saints Episcopal. Please fill out a visitor card in the pew and place in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a spiritual home and have yet to find a place where you feel welcome just as you are and just as God made you, please join us here at All Saints where you will find just such a place. We are a group of seekers, exploring how to continue to be the Body of Christ in this world today. May God's Peace be with you this day and always!

According to the Bishop's latest guidelines as of June 16, mask requirements have been lifted for those who have been fully vaccinated, and it is up to each person's comfort level should you desire to wear a mask.

However, the Bishop recommends masks be worn if you are not fully vaccinated or when working with children who are not eligible to be vaccinated.

Please continue to remain in place during the peace.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion.

***Special Zoom Service at 8:00am with Coffee Hour Following:***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86205333844?pwd=bFdvTnI1MkpkZVJwNE56SUJzT2ozUT09>

Meeting ID: 862 0533 3844 Passcode: 719749

***YouTube Link to see Live Streaming of Service***

***10:30AM: <https://youtu.be/26dXE-IEDnk>***

***The Rt. Rev. José Antonio McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina***

***The Rev. Dr. Alicia Alexis, Interim Rector***

***Ms. Martha Richard, Deacon***

***Rebecca Beatty, Director of Music Ministries***

***Bruce Kiser, Treasurer***

# The Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Prelude** “Break Thou the Bread of Life” (in the setting of Bach’s Prelude in C) arr.  
Cindy Berry

## The Word of God

**Opening Hymn** “Now Thank We All Our God” #397 Hymnal 1982

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* ***There is one hope in God’s call to us;***  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* ***One God and Father of all.***

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant* Let us pray

### The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### The Ministry of the Word

#### **Old Testament** (*seated*)

*Reader:* A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

## **Psalm 14**

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.

- 3 Every one has proved faithless;  
 all alike have turned bad; \*  
 there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
 who eat up my people like bread  
 and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
 because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
 but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
 when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
 Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

## Epistle

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Sequence Hymn** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love”

#602 Hymnal 1982

## The Gospel

6:1-21

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

**Children's Word**

Deacon Martha

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Alicia Alexis

*Silence will be kept for reflection*

**The Nicene Creed** (*Celebrant and People All Standing*)

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** (*All stand*)

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 especially the people of Cuba and Bishop José's family members who still live in Cuba;

***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 especially Linda, Jane, Courtney, Jack, BF, Eleanor, Cathy, Luciell, Lindsey, Kirby, Vito, Debra, Jeff, Ray, Kelly, Bill, Nicole, Pastor Dawn, Jenn, Harold, Sandra, Ronnie, Nancy and all the victims of domestic violence during these difficult times.

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and José our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers especially Alicia our Interim Rector and Martha our Deacon;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For those celebrating birthdays especially Connor Kish, Eileen Klimkowski, Bob Tatlock and Flo McCarthy;

***For all whose lives are closely linked with ours.***

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*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 that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence*

*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 may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**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 adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Collect at the Prayers**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

### **The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship**

*Book of Occasional Services page 319*

*Celebrant*

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019, I, Alicia Alexis, was appointed by The Rt. Rev. José McLaughlin, upon the recommendation of the Vestry, to be the Interim Rector of All Saints. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. It is now with the understanding that this tenure shall end on August 31st, 2021, before the arrival of the new rector.

*Senior Warden* Do you, the people of All Saints, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

*People* ***We do.***

*Celebrant* Rev. Alicia Alexis presents to Phill Wertz, Senior Warden, the keys of the parish.

*Celebrant and the congregation then say together the following prayers:*

**O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.**

*Silence*

**Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen**

**The Peace**

BCP 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Anthem** (10:30) “Come, Come to the Feast” by Bob Hurd,  
Solo by Marsha Ellison, Guitar; Jim Carpenter, Bass; Karen Solis, Flute  
and Rebecca Beatty, Piano.

**Presentation** (8:00 only) (All stand and say)

**“All Things Come of Thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.”**  
(*Chronicles 29:14B*)

**Doxology:** (10:30) #380, vs 3 Hymnal 1982

**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 him 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus** (*Said in unison at 8:00 and sung at 10:30*)

S 129

***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 Celebrant continues*

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.***

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 forever. ***Amen***

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***

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said.*

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

*Celebrant*     The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymns:**    “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord” #304 Hymnal 1982  
                                  “Let Us Break Bread Together” #325 Hymnal 1982

**The Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those watching by Live Stream**

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

**The Post Communion Prayer**

*BCP 365*

*Celebrant and People*

*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**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**     “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”    #812 “Wonder, Love and Praise”

**The Dismissal**

*Deacpm*            Go in peace to love and serve Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People*             **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude**     “We Are Called to Be God’s People” arr. Maureen Giles

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Larry & Inga Kish in  
Celebration of Connor Kish's 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday and in  
Celebration of the Ministry of Rev. Alicia Alexis here at All Saints.

### Birthdays

July 25 - Connor Kish  
July 25 - Eileen Klinkowski  
July 26 - Bob Tatlock  
July 26 - Flo McCarthy

### Anniversaries

## PRAYER LIST

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray Linda Stanford, Jane Reilly, Courtney Birk, Jack Dixon, BF & Eleanor Beasley, Cathy Huntsinger, Luciell Nelson, Lindsey Swift, Kirby Plemmons, Vito Cicero, Debra Hurlock, Jeff Hurlock, Ray Jones, Kelly Halley, Bill Birk, Nicole Driscoll, Pastor Dawn Flynn, Jenn Oleska, Harold Davis, Sandra Howard, Ronnie Jolley, Nancy Morris and all the victims of domestic violence during these difficult times.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Celebration of the Ministry of Rev. Alicia this Sunday:** Please come to the reception following the 10:30 Service and give her a big thank you and send off.
- **CAM Support Update:** \$1380 was raised for CAM with \$709 given from our Outreach Fund making a total of \$2089. \$1089 was used to purchase food and a check for \$1000 was given to CAM. Thanks to Cheryl Richard & Flo McCarthy for buying the food.
- **Financial Donations Needed for School Supplies for Pleasant Ridge Elementary:** Money will be collected through September 12<sup>th</sup>. Make the check to All Saints and put in the memo line for school supplies.
- **Fall Registration of EfM 2021-22 Now Open:** This is a 4-year journey in which you study the Old & New Testaments, Church History and Theology. Contact Cheryl Richard ([cherylrichard417@gmail.com](mailto:cherylrichard417@gmail.com)) 919-545-6031 or Judy Cheek ([jbcheek1@gmail.com](mailto:jbcheek1@gmail.com)) 704-517-0004 if you are interested.
- **Book Study Group:** This group meets on Wednesday at 10:00am on Zoom. Our new book is *A Year of Living Prayerfully: How a Curious Traveler Met The Pope, Walked on Coals, Danced with Rabbits and Revived His Prayer Life* by Jared Brock and Mark Buchanan. Let Jerry Wertz know if you can join the group so you can be added to the Zoom invite. ([jerrywertz@att.net](mailto:jerrywertz@att.net))

- **Breakfast Next Sunday:** We will be serving breakfast next Sunday since it is the first Sunday in the month.
- **The Rev. Kris Kramer will be our Supply Priest next Sunday.**

**This Week @ All Saints**

<b>Sunday July 25th</b>	<b>8:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist Reception for Rev. Alicia New Life MCC</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:30 -11:30</b>	<b>Gaston Residential</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5-7:15 pm</b>	<b>Narcotics Anonymous</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Book Study Zoom</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5-7:15 pm</b>	<b>Narcotics Anonymous</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1-3pm</b>	<b>Office Closed Gaston Residential</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5-7:15 pm</b>	<b>Narcotics Anonymous</b>

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION FOR REV. ALICIA IN THE  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE.**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	July 25	August 1	August 8
<b>8:00 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Tony Fugate	Kelly Morris	Tony Fugate
<b>PRAYERS OF PEOPLE</b>	Kathy McKenna	Jim Howard	Ken Harvey
<b>USHER</b>	Jim Howard	Bruce Kiser	Jerry Wertz
<b>10:30 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Phill Wertz	Lee Wells	Lee Wells
<b>READER</b>	Jim McPherson	Allison Wells	Kathy McKenna
<b>PRAYERS OF PEOPLE</b>	Bonnie McPherson	Josie Polhemus	Marsha Ellison
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Bonnie McPherson	Lindsey Wells	Connor Kish
<b>USHERS 10:30 A.M.</b>	Gay Lindsey Claudette Forbes	Kathy McKenna Carol Maiden	Sharon & Bob Tatlock
<b>VIDEO TECH 10:30 AM</b>	Marc Dudley	Marc Dudley	
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Glenda Carpenter	Marc Dudley	
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Reception for Rev. Alicia		