

*2nd Sunday of
Advent*



Called to Worship, Learn, Minister, Proclaim!

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 5, 2021

A Service of Holy Eucharist

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***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!

The Vestry has voted to require masks for all people attending live worship
or indoor functions at the church.
Please continue to remain in place during the peace.
All are invited to receive Holy Communion.

YouTube Link to see Live Streaming of Service

10:30AM <https://youtu.be/CfPs7JlW2vs>

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

The Rev. Lynn Orville, Rector

The Rev. Deacon Martha Richard

Rebecca Beatty, Director of Music Ministries

Bruce Kiser, Treasurer

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Book of Common Prayer 355

Prelude "On Jordan's Bank" Malcolm Archer

The Word of God

Opening Hymn "Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

#59 Hymnal 1982

Lighting of Second Advent Candle

Candle of Peace

Reader: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. (*Light Candle*).

Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of a peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and doves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

We light this candle in Peace. (*Light Candle*.)

People: On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People *You come to your people and set them free.*

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.

(Said at 8:00 and sung at 10:30)

S-102 Hymnal

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons (*seated*)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Baruch

5:1-9

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Response: Canticle 16 Page 92, BCP (*Read in Unison*)

The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

#67 Hymnal 1982

The Gospel

3:1-6

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

Children's Word & The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Martha Richard

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.*

Prayers of the People

Form I BCP 383

Leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Gastonia, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Linda, Jane, Courtney, Jack, BF, Eleanor, Luciell, Kirby, Bill, Jenn, Harold, Nancy, Gina, Mike, Wayne, Brian, Michelle, Carol, Carolyn, Deloris and Ross let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays especially Tony Fugate and those celebrating anniversaries, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed especially Caralynn Accettola, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.
Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

BCP 360

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.

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 (10:30)

"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" David Ashley White
All Saints Singers

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 3

Enriching Our Worship

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.*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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

S125

*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

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. 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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People ***We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.***

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those watching by Live Stream

Celebrant Let us pray.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns: (2 verses of each)

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #657 *Hymnal 1982*

"For The Bread Which You Have Broken" #341 *Hymnal 1982*

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

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

The Blessing

Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for ever
Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Closing Hymn "People Look East"
Praise

#724 *Wonder, Love and*

The Dismissal

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

Postlude "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People" setting by Michael Burkhardt

Birthdays

December 10 - Tony Fugate

Anniversaries

PRAYER LIST

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble that they may be delivered from their distress especially Linda Stanford, Jane Reilly, Courtney Birk, Jack Dixson, BF & Eleanor Beasley, Luciell Nelson, Kirby Plemmons, Bill Birk, Jenn Oleska, Harold Davis, Nancy Morris, Gina Powell Bolin, Mike Huskins, Wayne Beatty, Brian Evans, Michelle Dudley, Carol Dow, Carolyn Hawfield, Deloris Stewart and Ross Wallace.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER AFTER THE 8:00 SERVICE.

ALTAR FLOWER

Greens are on the altar during the season of Advent.

Prior to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, Advent was draped in purple and was observed as a penitential time, similar to, but not as starkly penitential as Lent. Advent is the time when we seek God to prepare our hearts for the return of Christ Jesus. A tradition grew over time that while the sanctuary is not adorned with flowers during Advent, it can be adorned with greens. Likewise, the color of Advent observance has, over time, become blue. In Advent, the church is reminded of pregnant Mary, whose color is blue, and of the evergreen, ever living, ever loving Presence of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christmas Party This Friday:** This Friday December 10, 2021 at 5:00 pm is our church Christmas Party. Turkey and ham will be provided but side dishes and desserts are needed. Call the church office to sign up for the party. Children's activities begin at 5:00pm and we plan to serve at 6:00pm. Don't forget to wear your Ugly Sweater so you can win the contest. **We need some volunteers to help** clean-up after the party and help with the craft tables.
- **Ornament Making:** If you have any notions such as lace, buttons, sequins, ribbon, please bring them to the church before the party.
- **Christmas Cookie Sale:** Christmas Cookies may be picked up on December 12th and through the week. We are putting the boxes together on December 11th.
- **Christmas Help for Seniors:** Heritage Oaks Assisted Living has contacted us to see if we can help their residents at Christmas. There are 26 men and 14 women in the facility. They have asked All Saints to contribute deodorant, hair shampoo & conditioner, liquid body washes and lotions. We have toothpaste for everyone. Please bring these items to the church the day of the Christmas party or sooner and we will deliver them. They are hoping to be able to give each resident a package.
- **Hanging of the Greens: Friday December 17th at 6:00 pm** in the Family Life Center. Bring your gloves and any clippers and help make the wreaths for our church. No talent needed!!! It is easy to do and a lot of fun. Food and refreshments will be provided.
- **Adam Nygren's Deaconate Ordination:** Saturday, December 18th at 11:00am at All Soul's Cathedral in Asheville. A priest is ordained twice – first as a transitional deacon. This is the first step toward his ordination to the priesthood in 2022. If you would like to carpool, contact the church office.
- **There's a Place for You in All Saint's Music Ministry! All Saints Singers:** Your choir is growing and there is a place for you! Rehearsals are on the first Wednesday night of the month at 7:00 PM and EVERY Sunday at 9:30am in the choir room.
- **All Saints Beginning Ringers:** Meets after the 10:30 service in the choir room. This is a great time to join as we are just getting started.
- **Adult Christian Education Class Has Begun on Sunday Morning at 9:15am:** Please join us in the library on Sunday mornings to study the "History of Christian Theology" led by Brett Brown.
- **All Saints Stewardship Campaign for 2022 Officially Ended:**
Whew! Stewardship Month is over!! Well, not really. Our stewardship of the gifts of God here at All Saints does not stop: It is a part of our discipleship, part of how we live into being the bearers of the Presence of Christ to the world around us. Without the continual offering of our time, our treasure and our talents, it is not possible to carry the Good News of God into the world. All Saints welcomes your generosity so that the ministry of the church will be able to grow. Based on our past history and what we would anticipate receiving, we have received two-thirds of our

usual pledges. With these numbers, it is very difficult to plan the budget for 2022. If you have not yet turned in your time and talent card or your pledge card, there is still time.

- **New Book For Book Study Group:** The title of the book is *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. You can get it on Amazon. Just click on the Zoom link and join us at 10:00 on Wednesday mornings.

UPCOMING EVENTS & HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE
Christmas Party for All Saints Community	Fri. Dec. 10 at 5:00pm
Christmas Cookie Orders pick-up	Sun. Dec 12
Blue Liturgy	Tues. Dec 21 st at 7:00 pm
Children’s Christmas Eve Service	Fri. Dec. 24 th at 5:00 pm
Traditional Christmas Eve Service	Fri. Dec. 24 th at 10:30 pm music; Service 11 pm
Christmas Day Holy Eucharist no music	Sat. Dec. 25 th at 9:30 am
Lessons & Carols	Sun. Dec. 26 th at 9:30 am – No 8:00 service

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	December 5	December 12	December 19
8:00 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTER		Tony Fugate	Kelly Morris
LESSONS	Kathy McKenna	Judy Cheek	Kelly Morris
PRAYERS OF PEOPLE	Judy Cheek	Peter Mijumbi	Ken Harvey
USHER	Bruce Kiser	Jerry Wertz John Cheek	Bruce Kiser
10:30 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	Phill Wertz	Lee Wells	Phill Wertz
READER	Lee Wells	Josie Polhemus	John Still
PRAYERS OF PEOPLE	Elia Grahl	Doug Orville	Allison Wells
ACOLYTES	Tony Fugate	Lindsey Wells	Connor Kish
USHERS 10:30 A.M.	Gay Lindsey Lindsey Wells	William & Priscilla Graham	Kathy McKenna Carol Maiden
VIDEO TECH 10:30 AM	Josh Grahl	Marc Dudley	Josh Grahl
ALTAR GUILD	Glenda Carpenter	Gay Lindsey	Glenda Carpenter
COFFEE HOUR	Breakfast		