

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Penitential Order All stand. BCP P. 351 (LOC P. 273)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures forever. Amen.

Litany of Penitence Kneel as you are able. BCP P. 267 (LOC P. 272)

Most holy and merciful Father:

We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints

in heaven and on earth,

that we have sinned by our own fault

in thought, word, and deed;

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Celebrant: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and

strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have

not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Celebrant: We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We

have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your

Holy Spirit.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Celebrant: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride,

hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other

people,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more

fortunate than ourselves,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our

dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend

the faith that is in us,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our

blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to

injustice and cruelty,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our

neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who

differ from us,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of

concern for those who come after us,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

People: Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Celebrant: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

People: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Celebrant: By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

People: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

#### The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Kyrie

See pew card for music.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The 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 Lessons

The people sit.

The First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

#### Psalm 95

Remain seated. Prayed together.

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 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!

- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \* at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, \* though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."11 So I swore in my wrath, \*
"They shall not enter into my rest."

The Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11 Remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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.

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

Sequence Hymn

All stand.

Hymnal 1982 – 679

Surely it is God who saves me

Thomas Merton

1 Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear.

For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.

So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring; in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2 Make his deeds known to the peoples;
tell out his exalted Name.

Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
all his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing;
for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and
Holy One of Israel.

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# The Gospel

All remain standing.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### John 4:5-42

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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Ed Smith

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

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 remain standing.

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Intercessor: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. With thankful hearts, let us pray to the Lord saying, "Great God and King, *hear our prayer*."

Intercessor: Lord, give us eyes to see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. May

the Church reap what has been sown by our forebears and sow the

seeds that will bring forth the fruit of the future. Silence.

Great God and King,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Lord, reveal the strength of your love to those around the world who are asking, "Is the Lord among us or not?" We pray for comfort and peace for all people. *Silence*.

Great God and King,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Intercessor: Lord, you hold the caverns of the earth and the heights of the hills; your hands have formed the seas and the dry land. Bless and keep your creation. *Silence*.

Great God and King,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Intercessor: Lord, where there is suffering in our city, produce endurance; where there is endurance, produce character; where there is character, produce hope. And where we place our hope in you, let us not be disappointed. *Silence*.

Great God and King,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Lord, we pray for those who are sick or suffering. Give them that living water that comes only through your Son Jesus Christ, that their needs may be met and all their thirsts quenched. The people are invited to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Great God and King,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Intercessor: Lord, we pray for the dying and the dead. We pray in the assurance that all have been reconciled to you through the death of your Son and saved by his new life. *Silence*.

Great God and King,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

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Peace BCP p. 360

All stand

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

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is "really present" in the bread and wine provided from God's table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Wine may be received by lightly dipping the bread into the small cup in the center of the plate/paten from which you received the bread. Alternatively, you may choose to drink from the larger cup/chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.

If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

## Offertory Sentence

BCP p. 376

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14* 

# Offertory Anthem

Charles Wood

Never weather-beaten sail

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore, never tired pilgrim limbs affected slumber more,

Than my weary spirit now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:

O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest!

Ever blooming are the joys of heav'n's high Paradise,
Old age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the Blessèd only see:
O come quickly, come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my soul to Thee!

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#### Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

# The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda BCP p. 361

The People remain standing.

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.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

See pew card for music.

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

#### 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 before he died for us, 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:

### Memorial Acclamation

See pew card for music.

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.

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### The Great Amen

See pew card for music.

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 363

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

### Fraction Anthem

See pew card for music.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us our peace.

Invitation BCP p. 364

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ.

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in this Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot receive the Sacrament of your Body and Blood physically at this time, we pray that you will come into our hearts. Help us to receive you spiritually, and to embrace you with all our hearts, souls and minds. Let nothing separate us from you, and let us serve you all our days. **Amen.** 

#### Music at Communion

Voices Found – 24

When, like the woman at the well

Wayne

- 1 When, like the woman at the well, I lived with broken dreams, Christ came to me, good news to tell, of ever living streams.
- 2 Christ knew my heart, my wayward ways, yet gave me hope, not fear. The God I once thought far away, I could approach, draw near.
  - 3 I learned I could forever live and worship God aright, could trust the power the Spirit gives to guide me in truth's light.
    - 4 Each day I lift my cup above and once again receive the living water of God's love, revealed for my belief.
    - 5 Since now I am in grace immersed, set free, forgiven, whole, I share with those who are athirst the wellsprings of my soul.

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Rock of ages, cleft for me

The Hymnal 1982 – 685 *Toplady* 

1 Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood from thy wounded side that flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

- 2 Should my tears for ever flow, should my zeal no languor know, all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone; in my hand no price I bring, simply to thy cross I cling.
- 3 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I rise to worlds unknown and behold thee on thy throne, Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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Lay Euch	aristic Minister Pray	yer (as needed)	
Celebrant:	In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist,		_ will take the
	Eucharist to	_ today.	

All: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Solemn Prayer Over the People

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your

great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Announcements

Post-Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 – 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhonda

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand; bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.
  - 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.

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#### Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Claude Debussy

Arabesque

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## A Note on Today's Readings

#### Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church on this Sunday of the Samaritan

**Woman.** This story is one of the classic biblical passages for those preparing for baptism at Easter. As the woman was gradually enlightened about Jesus and about her relationship to God, so the candidates are growing in their relationship with God during Lent. They look forward to receiving in baptism the "living water" of God's Spirit in their lives. Those already baptized are filled with that living water and continue to be enlightened by God's Spirit.

In the first reading, we move forward in the history of salvation from the call of Abraham and Sarah to the account of Moses and Israel in the Exodus from Egypt. On the occasion we read about today, God provides water for the people in the desert. This is an image of God's loving care for all people in the spiritual dryness of this world.

The second reading is about the new life we have in God through Christ. Jesus gave up his life for us, in order that we might be put right with God. In his death and resurrection, the estrangement between God and humanity is being repaired. We, in baptism, have been reconciled with God.

As people in the desert thirst for water, so Christians find in their Lenten living the thirst for life that only God can quench. All of us, both the baptized and those preparing for baptism, are, like the Samaritan woman, being enlightened and filled with the grace of the living water that comes from our Savior.

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#### This Week's Announcements

**Foyer Group Sign Up** | You are invited to a fun social way to get to know your fellow church members on a more personal level by gathering to share meals in small groups. For more information and to sign up, go to the church website at allsaintsconcord.org/foyer-groups-2/. Questions? Call Alice Baxter at 704-996-3311. *Sign up by TODAY!* 

**Church Office Closed on Monday & Tuesday** | The church staff will be off-site for a staff retreat on Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14. The office will reopen Wednesday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM.

**Pie Fundraiser for Honduras Medical Mission** | The Stegmans are returning to Honduras this August to serve with the Friends of Barnabas Mountain Medical Missions team. They are raising funds for medications and supplies by offering homemade apple pies for \$25/each. Pre-order by Saturday, March 25 by notifying Debbie at <a href="mailto:debbiestegman@gmail.com">debbiestegman@gmail.com</a>.

**Easter Flowers** | Help beautify worship spaces this Easter by contributing flower donations as a memorial, thanksgiving, or in celebration of folks dear to you! Fill out the form on our website (at allsaintsconcord.org/easter-flowers/) or the printed form provided today.

**Lenten Food Drive** | On Sunday, March 19 & 26, we will be collecting shelf-stable food donations to help fill CCM's food pantry. There is especially a need for: canned peas, carrots, potatoes, diced tomatoes, any kind of canned bean (expect green beans), any kind of canned fruit, pasta sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken, toilet paper, and paper towels. Just bring your food donations to church with you! Questions? Please contact Don Foskey at 404-273-1998.

**Bishop Visit on Sunday, March 26** | We look forward to welcoming The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, the new Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, to All Saints'!

**Lenten Women's Retreat** | Come prepare to walk beside Jesus on Palm Sunday and into Holy Week by attending a quiet morning retreat Saturday, April 1, from 9 AM-Noon. Breakfast will be provided, and nursery will be available. Please sign up at <u>allsaintsconcord.org/womens-ministry-gatherings/</u>. Questions? Contact Nancy Hunter at 704-564-4418.

**Newcomers Meet & Greet** | Sunday, April 2 at 10 AM in the Church Parlor. Come meet clergy, ministry leaders, and other newcomers! RSVP to Karen Robinson via text/phone call to 980-721-1053.

**Prayer Vigil** | The Holy Week Prayer Vigil is our opportunity to keep watch and pray with Jesus as we commemorate the final hours before his death on Good Friday. You are invited to sign up for an hour of prayer, starting Thursday, April 6 at 9 PM. Sign up and prayer resources at allsaintsconcord.org/maundy-thursday-prayer-vigil/.

**Youth Choirs** | All Saints' offers two youth choirs – the St. Nicholas Choir, for Grades 1-3, and the Junior Choir for Grades 4-7. Both choirs practice on Tuesday evenings. If you're interested, please contact Brian Sapp-Moore at <a href="mailto:bsapp@allsaintsconcord.org">bsapp@allsaintsconcord.org</a> or 704-782-2024.

**Saturday Men's Group** | 8 AM in the Welcome Center each week. We're reading *Prayer: Does it Make a Difference?* by Phillip Yancey. Join anytime! Questions? Contact Mark Robinson <a href="mailto:mrobinson0982@gmail.com">mrobinson0982@gmail.com</a>.

**Prayer** | If you would like to request prayers, please let us know at <u>allsaintsconcord.org/prayer-requests/</u>.

**Giving** | For details, go to <u>www.allsaintsconcord.org/online-giving</u>.

Note: Online giving may not be available Monday, 3/13 through Wednesday, 3/15 as we transition to a new system.

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