



## Opening Liturgy

*The ministers enter in silence.*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: Christ who died for our sins, forgive those who are penitent.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Christ, who shared our griefs, comfort the sorrowing.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Christ, who thirsted on the cross, bring relief to those who are hungry.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Christ forsaken by all, be with those who are lonely and sad.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Christ, mocked and scorned, support those who are outcast and rejected.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Christ who suffered great pain, be a strength to those who are weak.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Christ who died for us all, grant us your salvation.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Christ crucified, done to death and buried, give us hope.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Christ who descended into hell, raise us to glory.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

*You are invited to light a candle and name before God whatever darkness is threatening you, praying that the light of Christ be poured into your heart.*

## Confession

All: **We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Spirit Holy.**

**Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give:  
for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech;  
for all that we have left undone, for all that we have done  
amiss. Jesus, only-begotten Son and Lamb of God the**

**Father, you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave.**

**As we receive the Word and knowledge of your forgiveness, enshield us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light. Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we would follow the way that you first trod. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting, strong Son of God most high. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there. AMEN.**

## The Absolution

Celebrant: Holy God, you sent your Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Send your saving power upon all who turn to you and seek new life in your name. **Amen.**

## Song

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

*The Eighth Tune*

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
 lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
 Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
 Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
 all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.*

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray

God our Father, your will is that everyone be saved and no one be lost. You draw us to yourself by prayer and penance. Grant that we may so follow Christ in love that our lives may help others and our weakness never hinder them. We make this prayer in his name, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Psalm: Psalm 71:1-14

*Prayed meditatively together.*

In You, O my Beloved, do I take refuge;

Let me never feel separated from You!

In your compassion come and refresh me; listen to my cry,  
answer my plea!

Be to me a rock, a tower of strength,

a strong arm to uphold me as I abandon myself into your  
hands.

Be a very Presence to me as fear grips me,

as I grow old and my friends leave me.

For You, O Friend, are my hope, my strength, since I was but a  
child.

Upon You have I trusted from my birth,

You, whom I knew before my mother's womb.

I continually sing praises to You!

I have been a burden to many; in You alone will I trust.

I am filled with gratitude and sing your praises all the day.

Do not abandon me in my old age;

desert me not when my strength is spent,  
or when my mind plays tricks with me.

For fears rise up to confuse me, doubts and forgetfulness bind  
together,

And say "the Beloved no longer dwells with you;  
there is no one to stand by you."

O God, be not far from me;

**O Beloved, come and enfold me in your Presence!**  
**Help me to release my fears.**  
**Hear my prayer that the be transformed,**  
**O You, who are my Counselor.**  
**As I surrender myself into your hands, I praise you more and more.**

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-36

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Rev. Jim Bernacki

## Song

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord | Vs. 1-3 *Foundation*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Intercessions

Intercessor: Please join me in offering your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

Blessed are you, O God, for you have filled the temple of creation with the glory of life that glows.



People: **We give thanks to you.**

Intercessor: We bless you for the light of the sun and the moon and the stars, for the brightness of mountain snow and the glistening of waters.

People: **We give thanks to you.**

Intercessor: We give thanks for the goodness that grows from the ground, and from which health and wholeness come.

People: **We give thanks to you.**

Intercessor: In remembering with thanks the times and places of plenty and well-being in our lives, we stand also in prayer with those who are denied these things, and ask that they not be forsaken in their time of trouble.

People: **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**

Intercessor: Let the cry of those who are poor be heard, O God, in heaven and on earth; let those who are hungry be fed, and those who are oppressed be set free.

People: **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**

Intercessor: Let those in our community who are sick or suffering know healing in body and soul.  
*A silence – during which worshipers may add their own prayers silently or aloud.*

O God of all peace,

People: **Do not forsake us, O Lord.**

Intercessor: Let nations at war cease their strife, neighbors in conflict stop their arguments, and loved ones find peace at home.

People: **Do not forsake us, O Lord, but grant us your peace.**

Celebrant: Holy and immortal God, from earliest times you have named us and called us into discipleship.  
Teach us to follow the One whose light scatters the darkness of our world so that we may then walk as children of the light. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

## 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.*

## Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: All things are yours, O God of all creation,

People: **And so we return our gifts to you.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son's enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house. We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven saying the hymn of your unending glory:

All:                   **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 thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of Mary the Mother of God, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

All: **Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those**

**who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: He who has suffered for our injustices is now present in this bread.  
He whose body was hung on a cross is now offered to us in this cup.

## Fraction

Celebrant: The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

People: **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

Celebrant: Come, you holy ones, receive the body and blood of Christ by which you were redeemed.

## Song

### Behold the Lamb of God

John L. Bell

*slowly*

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. — He

Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He

takes a-way the sin, the sin — of — the world. —

takes a - way the sin of the world.

“Behold the Lamb of God” words and music by John L. Bell  
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## Post Communion Prayer

**All: In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of heaven. Amen.**

## Solemn Prayer

Deacon or Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

*The people depart in silence.*

*This Eucharist is developed from "Wednesday Celtic Euchrist in Lent," St. Peter's, Rome, GA, "Celtic Eucharist," St. Annes' Winston-Salem, NC, Psalms for Praying, Nan Merrill, The Book of Common Prayer 1979 and the music of the Taizé Community.*

## Announcements

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### **Maundy Thursday Dinner, March 28 at 6:30 PM.**

**Prayer Vigil** | You are invited to sign up for an hour of prayer, starting Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 9 PM. Details are on the church website.

**Good Friday Offering** | For 102 years, Episcopalians have supported Anglican ministries in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites the whole church to collective giving to support siblings in Jerusalem and the Middle East. “We will not forget those caught in the crossfire between warring factions in the land where our Lord walked,” Curry said. Please plan to give generously. We will be collecting this offering during the Good Friday service.

**The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, April 3, from 2:30-7 PM** in the Welcome Center. Sign up to donate blood at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) and search for *allsaints* in the “Find a Blood Drive” box.

# Holy Week - Easter

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Stations of the Cross

*During Lent on the Church Grounds and in the Nave*

### March 27 - Wednesday in Holy Week

Taizé Service – 7 PM in the Nave

### March 28 - Maundy Thursday

Parish Meal with Eucharist – Starts at 6:30 PM,  
Parish Hall, followed by Stripping of the Altar,  
in the Nave

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil – Begins at 9 PM  
in the Nave. *Sign up online.*

### March 29 - Good Friday

Stations of the Cross for Children – 10:30 AM  
Parish Hall

Solemn Liturgy – Noon in the Nave

Community Stations of the Cross – 3:30 PM

*In-person walk begins at Grace Lutheran Church*

Meditations on the Last Words of Christ – 7 PM

*Led by members of EfM at All Saints'*

### March 30 - Holy Saturday

Family Easter Vigil – 7 PM, Parish Hall  
Easter Vigil, followed by Revels – Begins at 8:30  
PM in the Columbarium

### March 31 - Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist, followed by Revels  
9 AM, Parish Hall

*Resurrection & St. Nicholas Choirs, Bells of All  
Saints'*

Holy Eucharist, followed by Revels  
11:10 AM, Nave

*Choral Eucharist with Brass Quintet*

### April 7 - Easter II

*9 AM in the Parish Hall & 11:10 AM in the Nave*

Easter Egg Hunt and Parish Celebration  
10 AM, Church Grounds





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