



Voluntary

Announcements

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Hymn *All stand.* Hymnal 1982 – 348

Lord, we have come at your own invitation *O quanta qualia*

1 Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted as friends:
yours is the strength that sustains our vocation,
ours a commitment we know never ends.

2 Here, at your table, confirm our intention
ever to cherish the gifts you provide;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
led by your Spirit, defender and guide.

3 When, at your table, each time of returning,

vows are renewed, and our courage restored:
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.

4 So, in the world where each duty assigned us
gives us the chance to create or destroy,
help us to make those decisions that bind us,
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Song of Praise, S278

BCP p. 356

Glory to God (Canticle 20)

Mathias

The following is sung, all standing.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 98

Remain seated. The choir first introduces the Antiphon, then the congregation joins the choir in singing the Antiphon each time.

Antiphon

The image shows a musical score for the antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and homophonic. The words are: Sing to the LORD a new song! The word 'LORD' is in all caps. There are some musical ornaments like slurs and ties over the notes for 'new' and 'song!'.

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- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for the Lord has done marvelous things.
- 2 The right hand and the holy arm of the Lord *
have secured the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known this victory; *
and has openly shown righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- 4 The Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **ANTIPHON**

- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the Sovereign, the Lord. **ANTIPHON**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who is coming to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall the Lord judge the world *
and the peoples with equity. **ANTIPHON**

The people remain seated.

The Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the First letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,

for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

1 O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,

in seas that swell and streams that flow.

3 We read thee best in him
who came to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read thy power to bless and save
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

The Gospel: John 15:9-17

All remain standing.

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have

loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

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: The Lord has done marvelous things. So let us
boldly pray, saying, “We lift up our voices to you:
Holy Spirit, fall upon us.”

Loving God, you have chosen us to be members
of your Church: help us to obey what you
command; help us to love one another as you love
us. *Silence.*

We lift up our voices to you:

People: **Holy Spirit, fall upon us.**

Intercessor: Loving God, you have openly shown your
righteousness in the sight of the nations: we pray
you judge the people of the world according to
your righteousness, not according to our ignorance
or folly. *Silence.*

We lift up our voices to you:

People: **Holy Spirit, fall upon us.**

Intercessor: Loving God, the rivers clap their hands and the
hills ring out with joy before you: open our eyes to

recognize your gracious hand in all your works.

The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

We lift up our voices to you:

People: **Holy Spirit, fall upon us.**

Intercessor: Loving God, Jesus taught us that no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends: bless the first responders who consistently risk their health and lives for friends and strangers. *Silence.*

We lift up our voices to you:

People: **Holy Spirit, fall upon us.**

Intercessor: Loving God, you always remember your mercy and faithfulness to your people: we ask you, in Jesus' name, to heal and comfort those for whom we pray at this time. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

We lift up our voices to you:

People: **Holy Spirit, fall upon us.**

Intercessor: Loving God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: may we, with those who have died, abide in your love forever. *Silence.*

We lift up our voices to you:
People: **Holy Spirit, fall upon us.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 359

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Priest stands and says

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.**

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. *Psalms 50:14*

Offertory Anthem

Raymond Weidner

Savior teach me day by day

Savior, teach me day by day
Thine own lesson to obey,
Better lesson cannot be,
Loving Him Who first loved me.

With a childlike heart of love
At thy bidding may I move,
Prompt to serve and follow thee,
Loving him who first loved me.

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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. 367

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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.* BCP p. 367
S 128 Holy, holy, holy *Mathias*

Celebrant and People

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

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation, S 138

See pew card for music.

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all our saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

The Great Amen, S 146

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.* BCP p. 364
S 169 My flesh is food indeed *Urwin*

Choir: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,
 says the Lord.

**All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink
 indeed, says the Lord.**

Choir: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me
 and I in them.

**All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink
 indeed, says the Lord.**

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.

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. And 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.**

Hymns at Communion

LEVAS 151

One Bread, One Body

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

One Lord. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,

one in the Lord of all.

One Lord. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

One Lord. *Refrain*

In your mercy, Lord you called me

Hymnal 1982 – 706

Halton Holgate

1 In your mercy, Lord, you called me,
taught my sin-filled heart and mind,
else this world had still enthralled me,
and to glory kept me blind.

2 Lord, I did not freely choose you
till by grace you set me free;
for my heart would still refuse you
had your love not chosen me.

3 Now my heart sets none above you,
for your grace alone I thirst,
knowing well, that if I love you,
you, O Lord, have loved me first.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Prayer *(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.**

Blessing

BCP p. 366

Post-Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Sicilian

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us
traveling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to thy truth may we be found;

- 3 so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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**The flowers on the altar today are given by Pam & Chuck
Collier to the Glory of God and in memory
Courtney Bethay Collier.**

This Week's Announcements

Parking Lot Update | The main church entrance (Lake Concord Rd) and front parking lot will be OPEN on Monday and Tuesday, but CLOSED on Wednesday-Friday. There are specific entry instructions, including the need for shoe coverings, during that closure. *For details, please see our website or call the church office at 704-782-2024 during business hours.* Thank you for your patience and flexibility!

Pentecost in the Park! All Saints' will gather at Village Park in Kannapolis for worship and celebration on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at 10 AM. All are welcome!

Marshall Smith All Saints' Baseball Outing is Sunday, June 2 at 1:30 PM. Sign up for \$2 tickets on the church website.

Weekly Small Group Studies | Wednesdays at 7 PM via Zoom; contact Chuck Collier for link. Thursdays at 5 PM on Zoom; contact Alice Baxter or Michelle Bohrer for link. Financial Peace University class on Thursdays at 6:30 PM at church; contact Bob or Beth Simpson. Fridays at 10 AM in the church parlor; contact Barbara Lewis. Men's Group on Saturdays at 8 AM in the Welcome Center.

Upcoming summer events | Mark your calendars!

- Bishop's Visit, June 16
- Parish Par-Tay, July 14
- Vacation Bible School, August 1-3

A Note on Today's Readings

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. In the last weeks of Eastertide, our liturgical readings explore the results of the dying and rising of Jesus. Both the Gospel reading and the reading from 1 John speak of the self-giving love of God, revealed in Jesus' Passover from death to life, as the primary characteristic of our lives in Christ.

In this Sunday's reading from Acts, Peter and some other Jewish Christians were astounded to see Gentiles in the household of Cornelius receive the Holy Spirit just as they had on the Day of Pentecost. Peter's last reservations about welcoming Gentiles into the Church are erased and he and the other joyfully lead them to the waters of Baptism.

This Sunday was once called Rogation Sunday because medieval Christians went in processions (rogating) around the parish praying for the newly planted crops during this week. This is a good time to seek more effective ways to care for our environment and to witness that God's love is not only for humanity but also for the entire creation.

Joined together by God's spirit in baptism, bound up in the dying and rising of Jesus, related by creation to all the earth, we the people of God bring all our lives and one another into the saving love of God in Eucharist.

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