

# ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

An Open-hearted, Open-minded Parish of the Diocese of East Carolina

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# The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

March 2nd, 2025

Worship: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Whether you're a long-time member, a seasonal visitor, or here for the first time, we're glad to have you with us today. We pray that you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in a way that feeds and sustains your soul.

We use three primary resources for our weekly worship: the service leaflet that you are holding, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Hymnal. Your parts are highlighted in bold italic throughout the service. At the parts of the service indicated by an asterisk, everyone is invited to stand as they are able. You will see people make the sign of the cross, sit, stand, and kneel at different parts of the service. You are welcome to do all or none.

Near the entry to the church, you'll find a selection of books and activity bags that children can use throughout the service. We joyfully welcome children into our services as full members of the Body of Christ. Their presence is a reminder of the vitality, curiosity, and spontaneity that enrich our faith community. Children teach us to approach God with wonder and trust, and their activity reminds us that worship is not about perfection, but about embodiment, participating, and connection. We celebrate their voices, questions, and energy as signs of life and growth, believing they bring us closer to the heart of Jesus, who welcomed children with open arms.

Hymnal = The Hymnal 1982

BCP = The Book of Common Prayer

Welcome

**Prelude** 

THE WORD OF GOD

\*Processional Hymn

When Morning Gilds The Skies LAUDES DOMINI

Hymnal, 427

# \*Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Celebrant & Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# \*Collect for Purity

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.* 

\*Gloria:

Glory to God in the Highest

[8:30 a.m.] **BCP**, p. 356

[10:30 a.m.] **S-280** 

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,  $^{\ddagger}$  in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# \*Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 215

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

First Reading Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

BCP, p. 728



<sup>1</sup> The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; \*

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion; \*

he is high above all peoples.

- <sup>3</sup> Let them confess his Name, which is great and <u>awesome</u>; \* he is the Holy One.
- <sup>4</sup> "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established <u>equity</u>; \* you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."



- <sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his <u>footstool</u>; \* he is the Holy One.
  - <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his <u>Name</u>, \* they called upon the LORD, and he <u>answered them</u>.
  - <sup>7</sup> He spoke to them out of the pillar of <u>cloud</u>; \* they kept his testimonies and the decree that he <u>gave them</u>.
  - <sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \* you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
  - <sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy <u>hill</u>; \* for the LORD our God is the <u>Holy One</u>.

### **Second Reading**

### 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do

not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

\*Sequence Hymn

O Wondrous Type!
WAREHAM

Hymnal, 137:1-4

\*Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Thomas Drake

\*Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 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,  $\Phi$  and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# \*The Prayers of the People

Form IV

BCP, p. 389

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

## Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

### Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially for those who celebrate birthdays, including *Tatum Love*, *Suzy Rich*, *Lynleigh Blanchard*, *Rob Bachman*, *Walker Ross*, *and Robert Davenport*, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

# Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for *Carol, Mary Lou, Maricela, Jesus, Seth, Maureen, Linda, Jayson, Hilary,* and for those who we now name aloud or silently in our hearts.

Silence

We also pray for those with ongoing concerns, especially for *Moira*, *John*, *Audrey*, *Vip*, *Judy*, *Diane*, *Ellen*, *Nickie*, *Dick*, *Kaye* & *Perry*, *Marcia*, *Glen*, and any who cannot be with us today.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

### Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, \$\frac{1}{2}\$ that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

# Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### \*Confession

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

#### Absolution

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

Celebrant The Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory** 

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
Healey Willan

#### \*The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee.

\*The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Hymnal, S-129

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

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,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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 \$\P\$ 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 your 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. *Amen.* 

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

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 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.

#### **Fraction Anthem**

[8:30 a.m.] **BCP**, **p. 364** [10:30 a.m.] **S-155** 

Celebrant These are the gifts of God, for you, the beloved People Of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### \*Communion of the People

#### ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE!

Please come forward and receive a host from the celebrant. Then drink from the chalice or dip (intinct) your wafer into the intinction cup offered by the second eucharistic minister. If you do not wish to receive communion you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise SALZBURG

Hymnal, 135

### \*Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Blessing**

\*Closing Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hymnal, 460:1-4

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** 

Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Jennifer Adams-Falconer to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Mimi Adams.

# THOSE WHO SERVE - MARCH 2ND, 2025

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Thomas Drake Director of Music & Organist: Steve Blackstock Asst. Director of Music and Organist: Keith Dey

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Etta Lanuti LEM: Bob Riche Usher: Ann Laughner Lector: Etta Lanuti

Coffee Hour: Hospitality Committee

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Dale Draper

Ushers: Don and Carol Davis

LEM: Carole Kimmel
Nursery: Roisin McKeithan and Arline Arnold

Lector: Glen Baldwin Godly Play: Jean Loudon

Coffee Hour: Hospitality Committee

Facebook Hosts: Karen and Kenny Murrill

Vestry Person of the Day: Stuart Windley

Welcoming Coordinator: Mary Moynahan

Flower Guild: Paula Myatt

Altar Guild: Etta Lanuti

Counters: Stuart Windley, Susan Clissold, and Tess Judge

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets today after at 9:30 a.m.

**GODLY PLAY** meets today during the 10:30 a.m. service. Children join the service at the passing of the peace.

#### INVITE WELCOME CONNECT COFFEE HOUR AND BRUNCH TODAY:

Fr. Tommy, the Vestry, and IWC welcome all new and returning visitors, and our members to Coffee Hour and Brunch in the Gathering Space after the 10:30 am service.

BISHOP SEARCH COMMITTEE IS LISTENING! The Search Committee for the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina wants to hear from you! As part of the search process we create a diocesan profile that will articulate who we are as a diocese and where we believe God is calling us to go in the coming years. We will share this profile with the wider Church and prospective bishop candidates, and your input is an important part of its creation. DIOCESAN SURVEY: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDofEastCarolina

#### LISTENING SESSIONS IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL:

**In-Person Listening Sessions** are open for <u>anyone</u> to attend, even those who may also be participating in one of the virtual sessions.

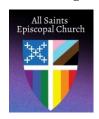
**Virtual Sessions** will take place on Zoom and many are designated for particular affinity groups or clergy roles within the diocese. These listening sessions will be forward-looking and conversational. Please find additional information and links in our weekly email!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Is asking for volunteers for the following date: 3/20.

**BOOK CLUB:** Next meeting is **March 24**<sup>th</sup>, **at 2pm** in the Choir Room. We will be reading The Searcher by Tana French.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School at ASEC will be July 22<sup>nd</sup>-July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. More details to follow.

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