

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25th, 2024

Worship: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

*We welcome all who are worshiping with us today and those who are here for the first time. We pray that all encounter the Holy Spirit in this sacred gathering. Throughout this service, the people's parts are indicated in **bold italic font**. All are invited to stand, as are comfortably able, at the elements of the service marked by an asterisk. Children may choose a book and/or activity bag near the sanctuary entrance to enjoy during worship.*

Hymnal = *The Hymnal 1982*

BCP = *The Book of Common Prayer*

Welcome

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

***Processional Hymn**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
HYFRYDOL

Hymnal, 460

***Opening Rite & Collect**

BCP, p. 355

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

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

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.*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and

fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 84

BCP, p. 707

- ¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ² The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- ³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- ⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- ⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- ⁶ They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- ⁷ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
- ⁸ Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- ⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- ¹¹ No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- ¹² O LORD of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against

the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

***Hymn**

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Hymnal, 301

RENDEZ À DIEU

***Holy Gospel**

John 6:56-59

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the

first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Martin Bagay

*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, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

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

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

For our partners in ministry: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect, Rob, our Bishop; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Pope Francis in Rome; Bartholomew I, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople; Albemarle Deanery; let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

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

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

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

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

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

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

For those sick or in need of our prayers: Kaye and Perry, Diane, Ellen, Mariah, Kenny, and any who cannot be with us today, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those with ongoing concerns: Kiki, Fran & Craig, Carol & Norman, Perry & Kaye, Nancy, Moira, Marcia, Fred, Glen, Dick, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating another year of life: Jeanne Drylie, Eden Buchert, and Nico Baker. For those celebrating another year of life together: John and Sandy Fricker,

Keith and Brenda Dey, and Kaye and Perry White; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

For the repose of the soul of Jean Ann Lutz, the sister of MaryLou Beckett, and Lauren, friend of Colleen Sargent, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

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

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

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

Silence.

Collect for the Search

Dear Gracious Father,

You have given us a warm, caring and loving parish.

We pray to you to you for help, guidance and wisdom as we seek and choose a new Rector to lead us; through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Confession of Sin**

BCP, p. 360

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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

***The Peace**

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

***The Presentation**

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

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

[8:30 a.m.]

[10:30 a.m.] **Hymnal, S-125**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are 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.

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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. ***Amen.***

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

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven
hal-low-ed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on
earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly
bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from
e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for
ev-er. A-men. A-men.

Breaking of the Bread [8:30 a.m.] BCP, p. 364 [10:30 a.m.] Hymnal, S-154

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

***Post Communion Prayer**

BCP, p. 365

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**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)

Hymnal, 524

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Today's altar flowers are given by Lucille Levan.

The Reverend Martin Bagay has been ordained 45 years in the episcopal church. He served 10 years as college chaplain at William and Mary, while on staff at Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg. Having served churches in New Jersey, North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, and Alabama, he recently was transitional Interim Rector at two churches on the Eastern Shore, at St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach, and Christ Church in Smithfield, as a trained Interim Specialist. He lives in Norfolk, married to Katie Elder for 33 years, with three adult children. Martin has been a regular supply at Saint Thomas in Ahoskie, and Holy Trinity in Hertford.

THOSE WHO SERVE – AUGUST 25, 2024

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

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Betsy Brown Usher: Arline Arnold LEM: Sylvia Wadsworth
Lector: Wayne Barry Coffee Hour: Sally Hotchkiss

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Suzanne Utley Ushers: Tim McKeithan and Vic Vogelsang
LEM: Carole Kimmel Lector: Kathi Neal
Nursery: Roisin McKeithan and Arline Arnold
Facebook Hosts: Karen and Kenny Murrill

Welcoming Coordinator: Tim McKeithan Altar Guild: Sally Myers and Susan Lang
Flower Guild: Joan Smalley Vestry Person of the Day: Lynn Usher
Counters: Lynn Usher and Tess Judge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE! *As you come forward, the priest will place a wafer in your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available from the celebrant.) You may drink wine from the chalice or drink from (or intinct/dip your wafer into) an individual glass. If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher. Those who do not wish to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing.*

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is today at 9:30 am.

CHOIR: Do you like to sing? The choir would like to invite you to join us for food, fellowship and song. Come see what choir is all about—and no, you don't have to be able to read music! **Join us on Aug 29th at 7 pm. in the choir room** for some fun fellowship.

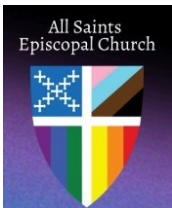
SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, September 11th, The Rev. Dr. Jason Poling of The Ecumenical Institute in Baltimore will kick off our Adult Education year with a talk on “Christ and Culture: Then and Now, Right and Left.” Please join us at 7 pm.

HOLLY DAYS: The All Saints Festival Crafts Bazaar in Southern Shores will be Friday and Saturday on November 22 and 23, 2024. Vendors, please email Vip at hollydaysfestivity@gmail.com to request an application to reserve a location at the church. Vendor selections are conducted in the first week of September.

HOLLY DAYS LUNCH CAFÉ IN THE CHOIR ROOM: Susan Smith will be the Café Lunch Committee Chair, and we will need several volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up before, during and after the show. We are going to try and make it as simple as possible: i.e., salads, drinks and brownie or cookie.

HOLLY DAYS JEWELRY AND TOY BOOTHS: All jewelry contributions are appreciated. You may leave your donations for jewelry on the table in the reception room in the Admin building. Please call Sally Myers if you have any questions 252-207-1074. For the Toy Booth we can use puzzles, games, dolls, action figures, trucks, etc. Please drop the toys in the reception area outside the church office and contact BJ Betz 484-883-5082 with any questions.

All Are Welcome!



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