

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals (10:30 am only)

September 29th, 2024

Worship: 8:30 am Indoors and 10:30 am Outdoors



*We welcome all who are worshipping 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

THE WORD OF GOD

***Processional Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King* **Hymnal, 400 (1-3)**
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams, Pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia! Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining,
find a voice: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia! Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth
and light, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- ¹ If the LORD had not been on our side, * let Israel now say;
² If the LORD had not been on our side, *when enemies rose up against us;
³ Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
 in their fierce anger toward us;
⁴ Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
 and the torrent gone over us;
⁵ Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.
⁶ Blessed be the LORD! *
 he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
 the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
⁸ Our help is in the Name of the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

***Holy Gospel**

Mark 9:38-50

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Margaret Pollock

***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.

***The Prayers of the People**

Form I

BCP, p. 383

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; Grace Church, Lewiston-Woodville: Retired Clergy of the Diocese of East Carolina; 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 seasonable 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: Vicki, Kiki, Kaye and Perry, Kenny, and any who cannot be with us today, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

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

For those celebrating another year of life: Jenna Anderson, Steve Logan, John Meckley, Jacob Thomas, Carol Davis, Dale Draper, Steve Hotchkiss, and Jenn Swaringen, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those celebrating another year of life together: Jenn-Adams and Luke Falconer, 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 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.***

Collect for the Search

***Gracious and loving Spirit,
In whom we all live and move and have our being, Enliven our awareness of
your presence, and guide us as we commit to the work of being Your eyes and
ears and hands and heart in this quest for a priest, In the name of all that is
sacred. Amen.***

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.***

Thanksgivings for All God's Creatures

Leader: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: That each pet here may be treasured with care;

All: We pray to you, Lord.

Leader: That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

All: We pray to you, Lord.

Leader: That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

*All: To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord.
Amen.*

Silence.

***The Blessing of the Animals**

All the pets present will be brought forward , and each will be blessed in turn:

N. (name of animal) may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you and N. (the name of the “owner”) enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you.

***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:

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,

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.*

Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

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.

**On your way to Communion, please bring your pet for a blessing
(10:30 am service)*

***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**

All Creatures of Our God and King **Hymnal, 400 (4,5,7)**
LASST UNS ERFEUEN

Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way;
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Rev. Margaret Pollock (Mother Pollock) has been a priest for 25 years, having started as a second career. She served as a priest while continuing her work as an international development economist, which took her to 30 countries. She is the author of "Polar Peril," an environmental fantasy adventure written for middle schoolers, in which two Mohawk kids go to the Arctic to help save the polar bears in the face of global warming. Her newest book is "Personal Finance for Teens: Make Financially-Literate Choices, Save For What You Want, and Invest in Your Future." Both of these can be found on Amazon, under Margaret Pollock. Margaret's husband, David, now deceased, was also an Episcopal priest, and she assisted him in church when not traveling. The pair are blessed to have six grown daughters between them, and twelve grandchildren. She lives in New Bern with her newly-rescued Wheaten Terrier "Maverick" for companionship.

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Fred and Arline Arnold in Honor of their Granddaughters Rebecca and Hannah and in memory of Maddie.

THOSE WHO SERVE – SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2024

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Margaret Pollock

Director of Music & Organist: Steve Blackstock Asst. Director of Music: Keith Dey

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Hilary Klein Usher: Brewster Brown LEM: Carol Vipavetz
Lector: Etta Lanuti Coffee Hour: Arline Arnold

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Dale Draper Ushers: Matt Witter and Tess Judge
LEM: Jeanne Coppage Lector: Maureen McGrath
Nursery: Roisin McKeithan and Hilary Klein Coffee Hour: Roisin and Tim McKeithan
Facebook Hosts: Karen and Kenny Murrill

Welcoming Coordinator: Tim McKeithan

Altar Guild: Susan Lang Flower Guild: Mary Moynahan and Paula Rothenberg

Vestry Person of the Day: Steve Hotchkiss

Counters: Steve Hotchkiss and Jen-Adams Falconer

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 after the 8:30 am service. Bible Study will not be held on October 6th and will resume the following Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: In kicking off this year's Stewardship Campaign the Vestry and Hospitality Team are planning a **single joint worship service and communion with breakfast on October 6th at 9:00 am.** We look forward to everyone joining us! **Please RSVP** using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please include your name and the number attending. You may also email allsaintsobx@gmail.com or call the Church Office: 261-6674.

GODLY PLAY VOLUNTEERS: If anyone is interested in participating in Godly Play this Fall, a sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex or you may contact Ann McDowell at 252-207-1010.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: meets on Wednesday's from 1 pm – 2:30 pm in the Conference Room. We are reading "A Year of Biblical Womanhood." Please email Carol Vipavetz if you would like to join us: carolvipavetz@gmail.com

BEACH FOOD PANTRY: The request for items for the Summer Food for Kids was extremely successful and greatly appreciated. Although the program has ended, the same items are needed for parents packing school lunches. Also always needed are rice, peanut butter, cereals and pasta sauce. **Four volunteers are needed Tuesday, October 1st, and Wednesday October 2nd each day from 1:45-4:00pm or until the last client has been served.** Please contact Sue Lynch to volunteer or to ask any questions you may have concerning the Food Pantry. Home: 252-715-3300 Email: sslynch.obx@gmail.com

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: All Saints volunteers are needed for October 3rd. The sign-up book is in the Narthex. For information, please contact Bob Baldwin at 240-285-5261.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: The next All Saints Men's Fellowship will be **October 16th at 8am.** This is to support the work for staining of the Gazebo benches after breakfast. Lynn Usher will be the chef for this breakfast and Bob Richie will be guiding the redo of our benches. We look forward to you joining us!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FALL BBQ: Mark your calendar for our Annual Fall Bar B Que on Sunday October 20th , 2024 from 4 to 6PM. This year we are inviting all New Members as well as our church members to the Martin's Point Marina to gather together this fall. Please RSVP to the office at allsaintsobx@gmail.com .If you would like to help with set up or clean up please email Colleen Sargent: sargentshores2021@gmail.com or 703-338-9239 Looking forward to seeing everyone outside at the marina !

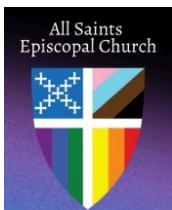
BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club meeting is Monday, October 21st at 2pm. We will be reading Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. For more information, contact: Colleen Sargent, 703-338-9239 sargentshores2021@gmail.com or Mary Moynahan, 252-267-3993, marymoynahan@me.com

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.

HOLLY DAYS JEWELRY AND TOY BOOTHS: You may leave your donations for jewelry and toys on the table 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 contact BJ Betz 484-883-5082 with any questions.

HOLLY DAYS TOY BOOTH CO-CHAIR NEEDED: BJ Betz is looking for a co-chair! It involves about 2 hours during the week sorting and pricing the toy donations as well as working during Holly Days. Please contact BJ Betz 484-883-5082 if you are interested or would like more information.

All Are Welcome!



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