

# ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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## The First Sunday of Advent

December 1st, 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**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*The First Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the “Prophet’s Candle” reminding us that Jesus is coming.*

*Celebrant:* Lord, you are the light of our world.

*Congregation:* ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.***

*Celebrant:* O gracious God of promise, we prepare to worship together as we await the fulfillment of your wondrous plan. Help us to grow as we hear your Word and live in your love.

*Congregation:* ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.***

*Celebrant:* May the light of your love always shine in our hearts.

*Congregation:* ***Amen.***

## THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Processional Hymn**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

**Hymnal, 56:1-4**

**\*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.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 25:1-9****BCP, p.614**

<sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

<sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord, \* and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>5</sup> Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the Lord; \* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly.

<sup>9</sup> All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Second Reading****1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

**\*Hymn**

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*  
ST. STEPHEN

**Hymnal, 73****\*Holy Gospel****Luke 21:25-36**

Celebrant    The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*        *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Celebrant    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People       Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Homily

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.*

**\*The Prayers of the People**

Form VI

BCP, p. 392

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Rob, our Bishop; Pope Francis in Rome; Bartholomew I, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople; Church of the Advent, Williamston; Vestry Elections and Annual Parish Meetings.

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for Ann, Don, Eric, Steve, Jim and Cathy, Dick, Kiki, Vip, Cindy, Carol, Lucille, and any who cannot be with us today.

For those with ongoing concerns, especially for Judy, Diane, Ellen, Matt, Nickie, Kaye & Perry, Fred, Fran & Craig, Carol & Norman, Nancy, Moira, Marcia, and Glen.

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, and especially for those who celebrate birthdays, including Joe DeYoung, Gil Anderson, Phyllis Kuszmar, Jeanne Hughes, Grant Davenport, and Kate Power.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, and especially for those who celebrate anniversaries, including Karen and Kenny Murrill.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Silence may be kept.*

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:** *Organ Voluntary*

**\*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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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.*

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

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.

**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**

*Watchman, Tell Us of The Night*

**Hymnal, 640**

ABERYSTWYTH

**\*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**

*O Come, Thou Key of David*

**Hymnal, 56: 5-8**

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

## THOSE WHO SERVE – DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 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: Etta Lanuti

Usher: Bob Riche

LEM: Carol Vipavetz

Lector: Wayne Barry

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Janan Usher

Ushers: Lynn and Janan Usher

LEM: Carole Kimmel

Lector: Spottswood Graves

Nursery: Roisin McKeithan and Linda Brinson

Coffee Hour: Hospitality Committee

Godly Play: Jean Loudon and Assistant Facebook Hosts: Karen and Kenny Murrill

Vestry Person of the Day: Steve Hotchkiss

Welcoming Coordinator: Mary Moynahan

Flower Guild: Betsy Robbins

Altar Guild: Etta Lanuti

Counters: Suzanne Utley and Steve Hotchkiss

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GODLY PLAY** is available during the 10:30 am service.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets after the 8:30 am service.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** With the approach of Thanksgiving, we were only \$3,975 short of our goal of matching the pledge total for 2024. As of November 25, pledges for 2025 totaled \$330,824. Based on an average 2025 pledge amount of \$3,990, it is possible that one more pledge could put us over the line! Regardless, the Vestry is grateful for the generosity shown by our parishioners and hope that your celebration of Thanksgiving was a blessing to you and your family and friends!

**HOLLY DAYS THANK YOU!** To everyone who volunteered for the 2024 All Saints Holly Days Festival, Thank you all so much for volunteering for the Holly Days Festival. We have not received all the numbers yet, but it appears it was an amazing and very successful Event. It was thanks to you that we were as successful as we were.

Vip and I really appreciate all your efforts. You knew what you had to do and you did it.  
-Blessings, Vip and Arline

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** will resume December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be reading "Speaking for Ourselves: Voices of Biblical Women" by Katarina Katsarka Whitley.

**ADULT EDUCATION AND SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE:** The Adult Education and Spirituality Committee invites you to join them in a viewing of the innocent and refreshing movie "Wild Mountain Thyme" on **Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM**. The 1-hour and 45-minute movie will be followed by a light (Irish) afternoon respite that will not spoil your dinner appetite.

**ALL SAINTS BOOK CLUB: Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:45pm** for its annual Christmas Club Meeting! Please bring a dish to share, a friend and a book related gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. The Club is meeting at Colleen Sargent's home. Christmas sweaters appreciated!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Needs volunteers for **12/5 and 12/18**. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

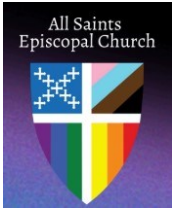
**ANGEL GIFT PROGRAM:** Your help with the Angel Gift Program is needed. All children are being shopped for, but we need additional funds to cover the costs. You can help by making a monetary donation. Please make checks out to All Saints with Angel Gifts in the memo line and send or bring it to the church at your first opportunity. Cash gifts are also welcome. If you signed up for gifts, please bring them to the church office area no later than Sunday, December 1st - Make sure they are labeled with the child's number. Contact Carole Kimmel for questions and information – 252-564-4428.

**ROOM IN THE INN:** This year, we will host RITI meals **January 5 - 11**. Sign-up sheets will be posted in December. Please contact Tim McKeithan (757-672-3045) or Christina, at All Saints Office (252-261-6674) for questions or tickets.

**FATHER'S TABERNACLE:** All Saints members for the third year in a row will participate in assisting Father's Tabernacle Church in putting on their 'Kids Christmas Shop'. This is a wonderful opportunity to help children from Dare, Tyree and Hyde Counties shop for Christmas presents for their families. All Saints members have provided valuable assistance in setting up on Friday and, wrapping presents on Saturday. Servant ministry committee has provided financial assistance for this worthwhile event. Please contact Tim McKeithan (757-672-3045) or Christina in the Church Office for additional information and to sign up. **Friday, December 13 set up times are 5 - 7 PM. Saturday, December 14 Times or 9 AM - 3 PM.**

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** forms are available in the Narthex. Please submit your dedication and payment no later than **December 16<sup>th</sup>** and place in the Offering Plate or bring to the Church Office.

*All Are Welcome!*



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