



# All Saints Episcopal Church

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## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17th, 2026

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Rooted in compassion and enlivened by the Spirit, we are an inclusive and affirming parish of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. We joyfully welcome the full diversity of all God's people—without exception—to worship, to belong, to serve, and to bear witness to love's power to heal and transform.

*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.*

*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, participation, 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.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

*Please enter the church in sacred silence, allowing others to pray and prepare for worship*

## Welcome

\***Processional Hymn**      *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*      **Hymnal 410**  
LAUDA ANIMA

## \*Opening Acclamation

Celebrant      † Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People      The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

## \*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.***

## Glory to God

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

[10:30 a.m.] **Hymnal S-278**

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth.      2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry, 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

## \*Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*The people sit*

## A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were

constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36

*Exsurgat Deus*

[8:30 a.m.] Spoken

[10:30 a.m.] Sung



- <sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- <sup>2</sup> Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of  
God.
- <sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- <sup>5</sup> Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- <sup>6</sup> God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- <sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

- <sup>8</sup> The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- <sup>9</sup> You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- <sup>10</sup> Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- <sup>33</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- <sup>34</sup> He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- <sup>35</sup> Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.
- <sup>36</sup> How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

## A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

4:12-14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**\*Sequence Hymn**      *When Christ was lifted from the earth*      **Hymnal 603**  
ST. BOTOLPH

**\*Holy Gospel**      **John 17:1-11**

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

*People    Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

## Homily

The Reverend Thomas Drake

*Silence may be kept*

## \*Nicene Creed

*Silence may be kept*

*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**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, have mercy.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Rob, the Bishop of our Diocese, Sarah, our Bishop-elect, for Tommy, our priest, and for all the clergy and for all bishops and other ministers and for all the holy people of God.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, for those who are present and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who are recently sick or in need of our prayers, especially *Hilary, Rita, Tom, Mo, Chris, Elizabeth*, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

We also pray for those with ongoing concerns, especially for *Reese, and the Meiggs family, Suellen, Lita, Judi, Isabel, Nickie, Jeanne, Charles, Moira, Christy, Marcia, Joyce, Bob, Glen, Mary Lou*, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating birthdays, *Paula Mohr, John Fricker, and Sophie Avent*, pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts,

*The people may add their own petitions*

For all who have died, † in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **\*Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people stand or kneel. 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**

### **\*The Peace**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*



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:

*Celebrant and People*

[8:30 a.m.] **Spoken**

[10:30 a.m.] **S-128**

*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.*

*The people stand or kneel.*

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 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,

*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

[8:30 a.m.] Spoken

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

[10:30 a.m.] S-154

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff contains the second line: "Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;" The third staff contains the third line: "there - fore let us keep the feast." The fourth staff contains the final line of the Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music features a simple, melodic line with some rests and ties.

## \*Communion of the People

*Please come forward when directed by the usher to receive a host from the celebrant. You may then drink from the common chalice or intinct using the intinction cup offered by the second eucharistic minister. If you do not wish to receive the elements, you are invited to come forward to receive a priestly blessing.*

Hymn

*Fight the good fight with all thy might*  
PENTECOST

Hymnal, 552

## \*Post Communion Prayer

*The people stand or kneel.*

*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

\*Processional Hymn

*Crown him with many crowns*  
DIADEMATA

Hymnal 494

## The Dismissal

Celebrant *Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*  
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*



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*The altar flowers are given by Carol Vipavetz in  
memory of Vip Vipavetz.*

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*Please continue to use the same telephone numbers and email address to contact Father Tommy. The Rector's calendar and email are managed by our Parish Administrator, who will schedule his appointments and handle meeting requests. As always, all communications are handled with appropriate discretion and strict confidentiality*

*For after-hours pastoral emergencies, please call the church office, select option 3, and follow the instructions to contact the Rector or the on-call cleric.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Ordination and Consecration of the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina** | 10:00 a.m. | May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at the Riverfront Convention Center, New Bern, North Carolina. For more information, including how to sign up to volunteer, please check our Weekly Newsletter.

**Give the Pantry a Hand! American Mah Jongg, Contract Bridge, and Hand and Foot Canasta** | June 6<sup>th</sup> | 12:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Join us for a relaxed, fun afternoon of games for a cause. This event is the perfect mix of friendly competition and community spirit. We'll have raffles, door prizes, snacks, and drinks. All net proceeds from the event benefit the **Beach Food Pantry**. Entry is \$50 per person or \$200 per table.

**To sign up, please visit:** <https://all-saints-episcopal-church.coursestorm.com>

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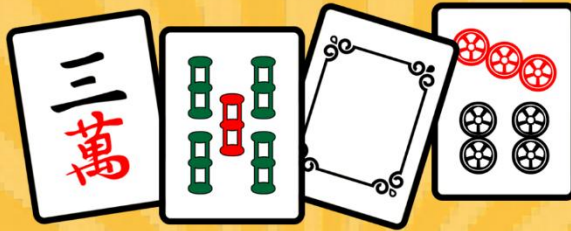
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Any questions, please contact Mary Moynahan: 252-267-3993.

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or scan the QR code to register

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## Those Who Minister Today

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Thomas C. Drake IV  
Director of Music and Organist: Steve Blackstock  
Vestry Person of the Day: Mary Mason  
Welcoming Coordinator: Tim McKeithan  
Flower Guild: Jen Adams-Falconer  
Altar Guild: Sally Myers and Betsy Brown  
Counters: Mary Mason and Jen Adams-Falconer

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Evelyne Ottavio  
Usher: Arline Arnold  
Lector: Hilary Klein  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Bob Riche  
Nursery: Róisín McKeithan and Lisa Rock  
Coffee Hour: Susan Smith

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Marcia Brooks  
Ushers: Bob Baldwin and Jack Myers  
Lector: Glen Baldwin  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Charles Coppage  
Nursery: Linda Brinson and Lisa Rock  
Sunday School: Jean Loudon and Jan McDowell  
Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour Committee  
Facebook Hosts: Karen & Kenny Murrill