



All Saints Episcopal Church

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10th, 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** *Love divine, all loves excelling* **Hymnal 657**
HYFRYDOL

*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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While

God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66: 7-18

Jubilate Deo

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

[10:30 a.m.] **Sung**



- ⁷ Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- ⁸ Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- ⁹ For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- ¹⁰ You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- ¹¹ You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- ¹² I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

- ¹³ I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- ¹⁴ Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- ¹⁵ I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- ¹⁶ If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- ¹⁷ But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you~ not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Sequence Hymn**

Come, we that love the Lord

Hymnal 392

VINEYARD HAVEN

***Holy Gospel**

John 14:15-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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, ***Leckie Conners and Pat Kinney***, 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.*

The Rector's Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

*The Presentation: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*
OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above,
ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first and fourth staves are vocal lines for 'Alleluia'. The second and third staves are vocal lines for the spoken text. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

*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

O Love of God, how strong and true
DUNEDIN

Hymnal, 455

*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

I sing the almighty power of God
FOREST GREEN

Hymnal 398

The Dismissal

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



*The altar flowers are given by Tim & Róisín McKeithan
in honor of all who mother;
and in gratitude for our children, Ashlyn and Sean,
and our grandchildren, Rónán and Keira.*



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 23rd, 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 6th | 12:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

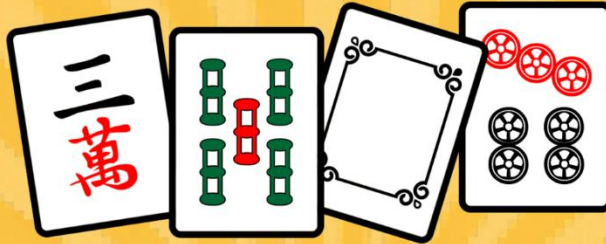
Join us for a relaxed, fun afternoon of games for a cause. This event is the perfect mix of friendly competition and community spirit. We'll have raffles, door prizes, snacks, and drinks. All net proceeds from the event benefit the **Beach Food Pantry**. Entry is \$50 per person or \$200 per table.

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

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

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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: Susan Smith

Welcoming Coordinator: Jack Myers

Flower Guild: Dawn Kiouisis

Altar Guild: Evelyne Ottavio, Carole Kimmel, and Linnea Morrow

Counters: Susan Smith and Suzanne Utley

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Dale Draper

Usher: Ann Laughner

Lector: Hilary Klein

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Sylvia Wadsworth

Nursery: Jackie Klamut and Lisa Rock

Coffee Hour: Etta Lanuti

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Kaye White

Ushers: Joan Smalley and Kenny Murill

Lector: Maureen McGrath

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Carole Kimmel

Nursery: Lloyd Brinson and Lisa Rock

Sunday School: Jean Loudon and Janan Usher

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour Committee

Facebook Hosts: Karen & Kenny Murrill