

## **All Saints Episcopal Church**

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## Third Sunday in Lent

*Year B*March 3, 2024

Lent is not a gloomy time, a sad time, or a depressing time for those who are remembering what God has done for them. Our self-examination, which reveals our sin, prepares us to recognize our need for God. Then we gather Sunday by Sunday in the liturgy where our story as the people of God reminds us that God has met and still meets our need. Our fasting and self-denial give us the resources with which we can join Christ in his struggle against evil and death. Joining with him in that, we also join him in his victory.

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist, Rite II The Rev. William Petersen, Celebrant Holly Simons, Minister of Music

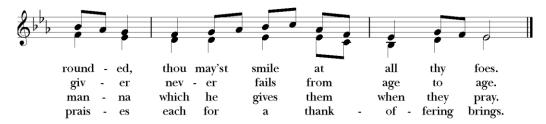
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

# **Prelude** Beautiful Savior – *Silesian folk melody/arr. K. Kuehmann* Choral: Ave Verum – *W.A. Mozart*

#### Welcome

**Processional Hymn** #522 Glorious things of thee are spoken (v 1,2 & 4)





## The Great Litany

Enriching Our Worship

The people stand or kneel as they are able

Celebrant Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,.

People Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent.

Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil, **Savior deliver us.** 

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

#### Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial, **Savior deliver us.** 

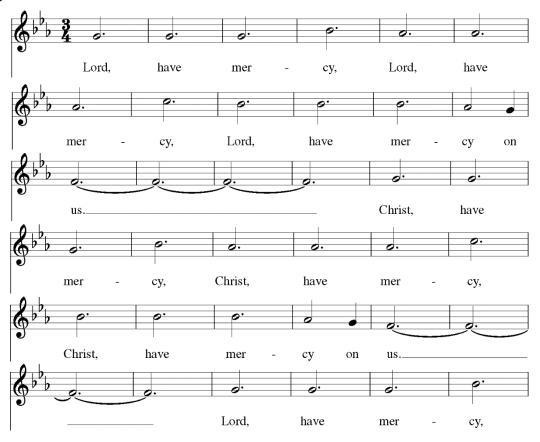
By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

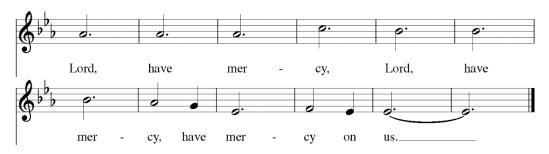
#### Savior deliver us.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

#### Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us.

### Kyrie Levas 236





**Collect Of The Day** We center ourselves for worship in prayer.

CelebrantGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray together.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, *Amen*.

## God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching + song

**Lessons** We hear the Word of God proclaimed.

First Lesson Exodus 20:1-17

In our first lesson Moses gives the people the ten commandments that God spoke to him on Mount Sinai. These precepts are at the heart of Israel's law or Torah, and form the basis of the covenant with God established through Moses. The first four commandments prescribe Israel's relationship with God. Those which follow require fundamental responsibilities in human relationships.

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth

generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God

**Responsorial** Psalm 19 A hymn which glorifies the Creator God, with special praise for the law and a prayer for avoidance of sin.

#### **Response**



#### Cantor- Michelle Coffey

The law of the Lord is perfect, it renews the soul the rule of the Lord is sure, it makes wise the simple The statutes of the Lord are just, and rejoice the heart the command of the Lord shines clear, it lightens the eyes

Response

The fear of the Lord is holy enduring forever; the decrees of the Lord are true, and all of them righteous.

They are more precious than gold, more than abundant, pure gold.

The word of the Lord is sweeter than honey, than honey fresh from the comb.

Response

By them your servant is guided, in keeping them there is great reward. Who can know all the offences? Wash me from my secret wrongdoing.

Above all, keep your servant from foolish pride, let it not rule over me; then shall I be whole, and innocent of all my transgression. *Response* 

Let the words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart find favor before you, O Lord, my redeemer and rock.. *Response* 

#### The Second Lesson

#### **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

In this epistle Paul directs the Corinthians' attention to God's way of using what is weak and lowly—even what the world regards as foolish—to accomplish God's purposes. Paul emphasizes this understanding because a number of these new Christians had come to think of themselves as especially gifted and wise. Yet the cross has shown God active in the world in a manner surprising both to the Jews' expectation of powerful signs and to the Greek's desire for worldly wisdom.

*Reader* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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#### The Gospel

#### John 2:13-22

Our gospel is the story of Jesus's cleansing of the Jerusalem temple of its commercial activities, and his prediction that his body will become the new temple. The fourth evangelist places this incident very early in Jesus' ministry. It signifies the need to cleanse religious practices of corrupting influences and to put in their place a new form of worship. In the future Christians will worship God by sharing together in the risen life of Christ.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

The people sit

**Sermon** Rev. William Petersen

**Hymn of the Day** ELW #624 Jesus, still lead on (v 1, 2 & 4) **Found on page 16 of the bulletin.** 

**NICENE CREED** We profess our faith with the whole church.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

## **Prayers Of The People**

The Leader and People pray responsively

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

**The Peace** We share the gift of Christ's peace and love.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

**Announcements** We share our life of faith together in community.

**The Offering** An offering is gathered for the mission of God in the world

I appeal to you, siblings, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans* 12:1

For everyone's safety, we will not pass the traditional plate during today's service. Instead, an offering plate is available at the entrances to the worship space, or you may visit wolfesaints.com/donate.

The people stand in body or spirit.

HOLY COMMUNION God feeds us with the real presence of Jesus Christ

Eucharistic Prayer D

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

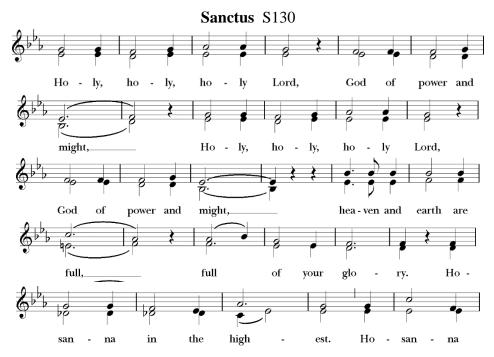
**People** We lift them to the Lord.

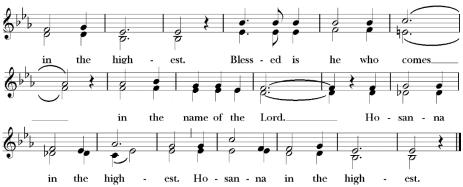
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),





The people kneel or stand as they are able

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 

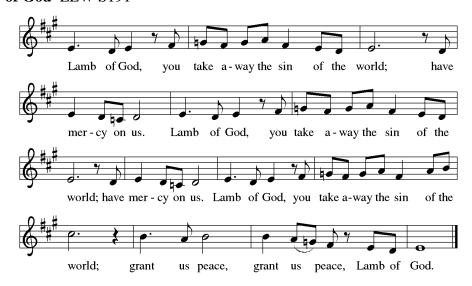
THE LORD'S PRAYER We pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us.

As now, 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** We break the bread to share in the body of Christ.

#### Lamb of God ELW S191



#### **Invitation**

We are all invited to receive God's forgiveness.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

You are invited to The Lord's table regardless of who you are, where you have been, what you have done. You are welcome because God loves you, no exceptions and we do too!

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

There is a long-standing practice in the Episcopal Church to offer a means for people to receive Holy Communion spiritually when it cannot be received physically.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

#### **Communion Choral Meditation** #685 Rock of ages

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray together

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

**BLESSING** God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.

The people stand in body or spirit.

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Renew and strengthen us as we journey together to Jerusalem in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

# **Recessional Hymn** #498 Beneath the cross of Jesus **Found on page 17 of the bulletin**

DISMISSAL

We depart to live as Christ's body in the world.

Celebrant

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;

honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People** 

Thanks be to God.

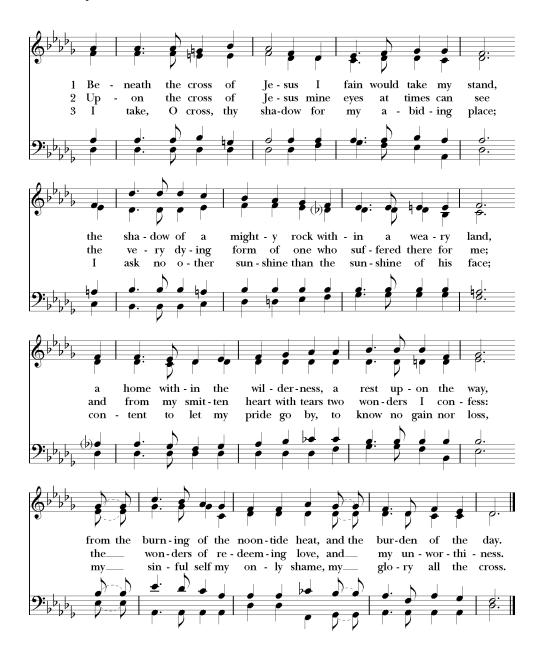
#### **Postlude**

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**Hymn of the Day** ELW #624 Jesus, still lead on (v 1, 2 & 4)



## **Recessional Hymn** #498 Beneath the cross of Jesus



## ANNOUNCEMENTS for March 3rd The 3rd Sunday in Lent

We welcome all who are visiting with us today or who are new in our midst. Please complete a Welcome Card found in the pew racks and sign the guest book in the Narthex. All are invited to join us for coffee hour in the parish hall downstairs immediately following worship.

## LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available on the table in the Narthex.



#### PLEASE PRAY for:

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Bob & Inger Woerheide.
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New London.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda.

For those who have died:

#### Our Parish

Jim & Anne Bullitt, Prue Fitts, Felicity Freund, Judy Hess, Louise Graham, Don & Sandi Johnson, The Jeffers family (Polly, Dave, Rachael), Bhupendra & Judy Khetani, Liz Libby, Norma Lunney, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Penny Meyer, Connie Mitchell, Warren Muir, Carol Pearson, Bree Schuette, Sebastian Tordonato.

#### Our Family & Friends

Basil Brown, Candy Desrocher, Peter DeVeau, Michael Dowd, Anne Fish, Stephanie Fullam, Ruth Gray, Linda Hall, Susan Belt Hartson, Sandy Small Hughes, Faye Juul, Jim Lunney, Margie, Jim & Lil Shepherd, Tom Southern, Marguerite Truesdale, Kyle Williams, Peggy Young.

If you wish names added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email: <a href="mailto:allsaints@metrocast.net">allsaints@metrocast.net</a>

Birthdays: 3/4 Felicity Freund, Dianne Wasmuth; 3/5 Dodie Stephens;

3/8 Tom Adams; 3/9 Polly Jeffers.

#### Anniversaries:

**Sunday Ministry Assignments** *The monthly schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and in the Enews.* 

	3/3-Lent 3	3/10-Lent 4	<u>17-Lent 5</u>
Altar Guild	Bertsch Hancock	Harding Torma	Gurney Harding
Usher	Jones	Bertsch	Holm
Lectors 10am	Jane Nielsen	Lucy Hancock	Susan Fuller
Eucharistic Ministers 8am 10am	Bill Woodard Gayle Gurney	Jay Wyman Skip Hancock Dianne Wasmuth	Carol Simpson Dawn DeKemper Linda Brown
Greeters	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Flower Guild	No Flowers	No Flowers	No Flowers
Flower Delivery			
Counting @ 10am	3/5 Deb Hoyt D. Wasmuth	3/12 B. Woodard C. Sundquist	3/19 Deb Hoyt B. Woodard





**Easter Flower dedications** must be submitted to the office by **March 17**<sup>th</sup>. Slips are available on the narthex table and resource table next to the office.

## **Lenten Midweek Celtic Worship & Labyrinth Walk**

Intentional spiritual practices are critical to our growth in Christ. During March, All Saints will offer a brief midweek Celtic worship service at

noon in the Stevens Room, followed by a time to experience the labyrinth, either walking our portable one, or using a variety of hand-held ones.

The best way to learn about a labyrinth is to walk one- with an open heart and open mind, then allow your experience to guide you. Labyrinths are a place of prayer, reflection, healing and discernment. To experience one offers an intentional place to quiet our minds and help us locate our inner peace.

**Worship Bulletin** ~ We follow the order of worship from The Book of Common Prayer as it is printed in this bulletin. Leader parts are in regular print; the congregation parts are in **bold** print. Notes and directions are printed in *italics*. Hymn numbers are noted in this bulletin and can be found in The Hymnal 1982 found in the pew racks.

#### All are invited to receive Communion in this church.

**The Common Cup** *as an Option* Following guidance from Bishop +Rob to clergy and discussion with our Worship and Music Team and Vestry, we will offer the option of receiving wine by common cup as we offer the option of gluten free bread during Holy Communion. The Eucharistic Ministers will continue to distribute wine via individual cups and if you desire the common cup\*, please ask Pastor Bill (just as you would for gluten free).

\*Note: For sanitation concerns and at the direction of our bishop, we will no longer offer the opportunity for Intinction (the dipping of the bread/wafer into the wine. The common cup is only available for drinking from.

**Facility Information** ~ Handicap accessible restrooms are located downstairs in the hallways exiting the Parish Hall and upstairs in the hallway exiting the sanctuary. A small restroom is located off the narthex lobby at the rear of the worship space. We welcome children in worship, but should you (or they) need, an unstaffed nursery area is located off the narthex lobby.

**Seeking a Church Home?** ~ If you would like additional information about All Saints', are seeking a faith community to call home, or interested in exploring your faith, please speak with the rector.

**Masks are not required** in the building at the present time. However, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, then you are encouraged to do so.

**Sharing of the peace** will be done from your seat only.

**Offering plates** are available at entrances to the worship space or giving online @ wolfesaints.com.

We continue to livestream for those unable to worship in person.



Ministers: All the People of All Saints'
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld
Rector: The Rev. William "Bill" Petersen
Priest Associate: The Rev. Elizabeth Preysner
Minister of Music: Holly Simons
Sunday School Teacher: Danielle Pierpont
Parish Administrator: Debra Hoyt
Sexton: Mark McLaughlin