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Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Year B*March 10, 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

"Lonesome Valley" – arr. M. McConnell Choral: Agnus Dei Canon - Donald Moore

Welcome

Processional Hymn #473 Lift high the Cross



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.**

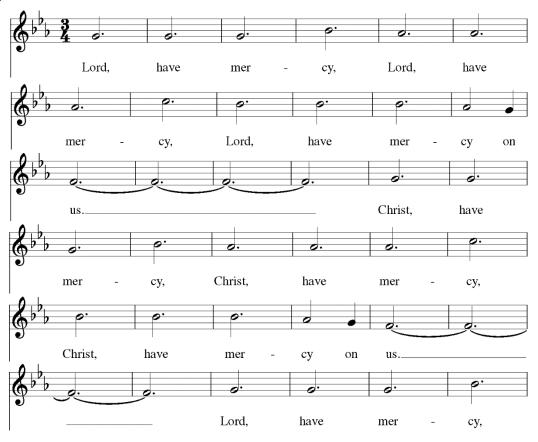
By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

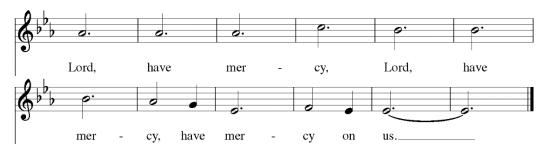
Savior deliver us.

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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching + song

Lessons We hear the Word of God proclaimed.

First Lesson Numbers 21:4-9

In our Hebrew Bible lesson the impatient Israelites set out from Mount Hor, where Aaron was buried, to detour around the hostile country of Edom. The people complain against God and Moses about challenging conditions, as they have so often since their departure from Egypt. God sends poisonous serpents among the people, and the people respond by repenting of their disobedience. The Lord instructs Moses to make a bronze serpent and set it on a pole so that any who are bitten may look upon this sign of God's faithfulness and live.

Reader A reading from the book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous

serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

People Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 107

Response



O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy en-dures forever.

Cantor

Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, those He redeemed from the hand of the foe **Response**

The cried to the Lord in their need,

And He rescued them from their distress. **Response**

He led them out of darkness, and the shadow of death; and broke their chains to pieces. **Response**

Let them thank the Lord for His mercy;

His wonders for the children of men. **Response**

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

This New Testament passage emphasizes the manner in which Christians have been saved by God's free gift. When we were dead in our sins, God raised us up with Christ that we might know the immeasurable riches of God's graciousness. Although we are saved by faith and not by our good deeds, we are now able to do the good works for which God has made us capable.

Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the

passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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The Gospel John 3:14-21

In our gospel, the image of Moses lifting up the bronze serpent in the wilderness is metaphorically related to Jesus' lifting up on the cross. Just as the repentant Israelites could look upon Moses' raised standard and be saved from the poisonous bite of a serpent, so all who look upon the crucified Christ in faith will be saved from their sins. Jesus did not come to condemn, but to be the saving light who draws many to himself.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. William Petersen

Hymn of the Day ELW #342 There in God's garden (v1-4) **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.

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. 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.

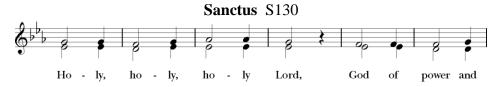
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

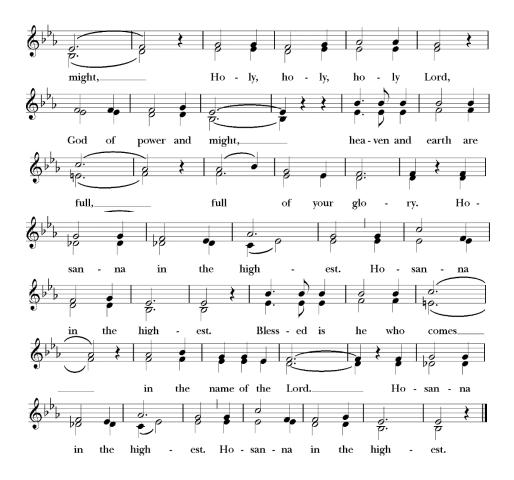
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

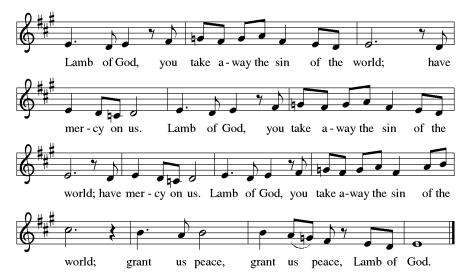
As now, our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

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 "Must Jesus bear the cross" with "Lonesome Valley" - arranged by Joseph Martin

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 #620 Jerusalem, my happy home (V 1,2,4,5) **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;

rander to no one evil for evil:

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.

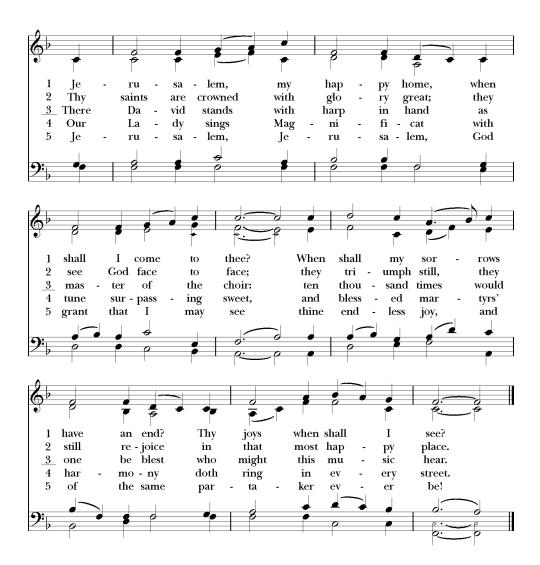
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for March 10th The 4th 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: Julie Wood, Bill & Betsy Woodard.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Good Shepherd in Nashua.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church.

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: allsaints@metrocast.net

Birthdays: 3/10 Stephen Beckwith; 3/12 John Sandeen, Karen Hayman; 3/14 Mallory Stephens, Statton Rice; 3/15 Carol Simpson, David Barnes; 3/16 Phoebe Giessler.

Anniversaries:

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

	3/10-Lent 4	<u>17-Lent 5</u>	<u>17-Lent 5</u>	24-Palm Sunday	31-Easter Sunday
Altar Guild	Harding Torma	Gurney Harding	Gurney Harding	Christmas Tordonato	Hancock Sislane Sundquist
Usher	Bertsch	Holm	Holm	Hancock	Jones
Lectors 10am	Lucy Hancock	Susan Fuller	Susan Fuller	Kathleen Codyrachel	Aiden Schuette- Simon
Eucharistic Ministers 8am 10am	Jay Wyman Skip Hancock Dianne Wasmuth	Carol Simpson Dawn DeKemper Linda Brown	Carol Simpson Dawn DeKemper Linda Brown	Bill Woodard Cate McMahon Susan Fuller	Jay Wyman Dawn DeKemper
Greeters	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Flower Guild	No Flowers	No Flowers	No Flowers	Palms	Easter Lilies
Flower Delivery					Sarah Day
Counting	3/12	3/19 Deb Hoyt	3/19 Deb Hoyt	2/27 Deb Hoyt	3/12 Deb Hoyt
@ 10am	B. Woodard	B. Woodard	B. Woodard	D. Wasmuth	C. Sundquist
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Easter Flower dedications must be submitted to the office by



March 17th. 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