

# **All Saints Episcopal Church**

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# Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Year B*March 17, 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

Meditation on "Munich" – arr. D.E. Gawthrop

Choral: "We like sheep have gone astray" – *Lloyd Larson* 

### Welcome

Processional Hymn #383 Fairest Lord Jesus



# **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.** 

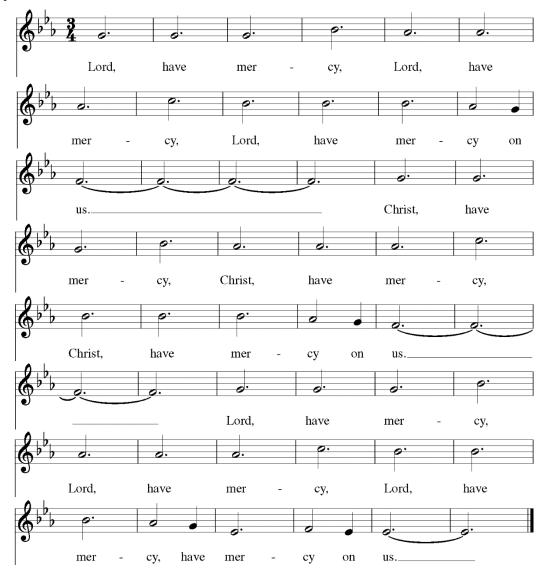
By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

#### 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.

Celebrant God be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Let us pray together.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

In our opening reading the prophet Jeremiah foresees a new covenant which God will make with the people, a covenant written not on tablets of stone but on human hearts. Israel and Judah have broken the covenant made when the Lord brought them out of slavery in Egypt. Now they are about to go into exile. Yet the days are coming when their sins will be forgiven, and God will establish a new relationship with them. This covenant will be based not on external law but on an inner knowing of the Lord.

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

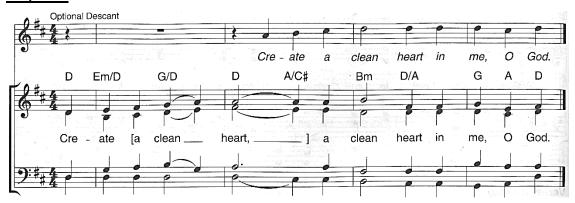
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

People Thanks be to God

#### Responsorial Psalm 51

#### Response



### Cantor-Ralph Simons

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt; and of my sin cleanse me. *Response* 

A clean heart create for me, O God, a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your holy spirit take not from me.

Response

Give me back the joy of your salvation; and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

Response

#### **The Second Lesson**

#### **Hebrews 5:5-10**

In this New Testament lesson we hear how through his obedience and suffering Christ reached the perfection of his destiny and was designated by God to be the eternal high priest. The high priesthood of Jesus is the great theme of the Letter to the Hebrews. Like the high priests of the old covenant. Christ is chosen from among human beings and so has sympathy with human weakness. But he is the Son and has now been named high priest forever. He succeeds Melchizedek, a royal and priestly figure from antiquity.

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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People Thanks be to God

## The Gospel John 12:20-33

In this gospel passage Jesus presents teaching concerning the meaning of his death. After his prayer to God a voice from heaven is heard. Greeks wish to see Jesus, but he will not draw all others to himself until after he has died and has risen. Then, like a seed which falls into the earth, he will bear much fruit. Disciples must also learn to serve Jesus by following him in this way. Now is the hour for the Son of Man to be glorified—glorified both by his willingness to be lifted up on the cross to die for others, and afterward to be lifted up to heaven.

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

### People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken

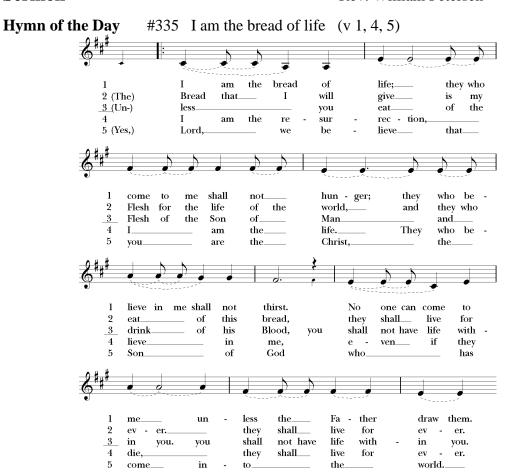
to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

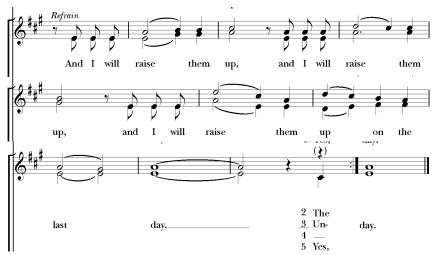
Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit

#### Sermon

Rev. William Petersen





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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.

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting 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.** 

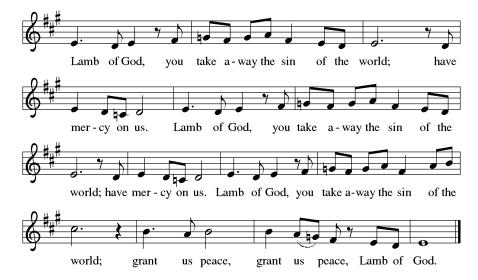
## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** We pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us.

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.

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### **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** O Sacred Head – arr. C. Courtney

# **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** #441 In the cross of Christ I glory (v 1-4)

# Found on page 16 of the bulletin

DISMISSAL We

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;

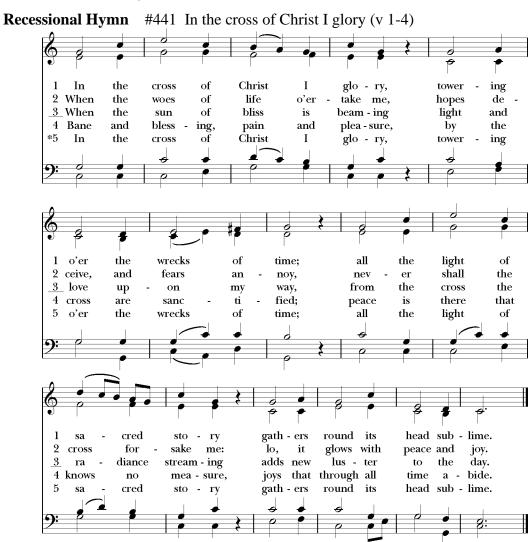
honor all people; love and serve God,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### People Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude** Lead me to Calvary – arr. Ovid Young

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS for March 17th** The 5th 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: Jay & Teresa Wyman.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales.

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:** 3/17 Lincoln Annas, Pat Morris, Joanne Crowe; 3/18 Michaela Beckwith; 3/20 Al Greymont; 3/22 Paul Karpinski.

Anniversaries: 3/17 Brock & Joy Jones; 3/20 Joe & Donna Lehmann; 3/22 Claudia & Tom Bissett.

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

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



**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