



**WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS'  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
March 17, 2024 • 10:30 am**

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*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, All Saints welcomes you.*

*The mission of All Saints' Episcopal Church is to seek God in reverent worship, service to neighbors, gracious hospitality, and the pursuit of wisdom.*



If it's your first time here or first time in a while, you are especially welcome. Whatever your story, circumstances, hopes or fears, we believe God loves you, wants to know you more and wants to help change the world through you.



A quiet room is available just outside the main doors to the church for those wishing to participate in worship but who might need space for their kids to play, nurse their baby, grieve, or find a quiet place for reflection.



Children are welcome in the service. Crayons and coloring sheets can be found in the entry room.



Restrooms are located down the halls on the left side of the church and in Sutherland Hall.



Please join us for coffee and conversation following the service today.



### **Giving at All Saints'**

During the offertory, you may place your offering in the alms basin, or make an electronic gift by texting ALLSAINTSGIFT to 73256. Alternatively, the GIVING card in the pew pocket may be scanned to allow you to donate online.

Thank you for your offering!

*We welcome you to a time of quiet prayer before the service starts.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Prelude**

“Pastorale on Rockingham” (Franklin D. Ashdown)

### **The Decalogue** (*kneeling, as able*)

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Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

## Opening Hymn

Hymnal #495

“Hail thou once despised Jesus”

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

## The Kyrie

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## The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

## The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*Reader*      A reading from the book of 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*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 51:1-13**      *(Please read responsively, by full verse)*

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

**4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.

**6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

**10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

## **The Second Reading**

Hebrews 5:5-10

*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.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Hymn**

Hymnal #439

“What wondrous love is this”

## **The Gospel**

John 12:20-33

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Mercedes Clements

**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 Form V** *(standing or kneeling)*

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*The Deacon or Celebrant bids the People to pray with these words*

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

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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 Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, John our Bishop, for Mercedes, Bob, Kaye, for all bishops and other ministers, for godparents and spiritual mentors; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**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.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church in Wales. We give thanks for our sister faith communities in the River Valley, especially the Center Valley Missionary Baptist Church and the Full Gospel Outreach Pentecostal Church. 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, especially Joe, our President, Sarah, our governor, and Fred, our mayor, 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 the community, and those serving in the military, including Brian, Sarah, Anthony, Cameron, Travis, and Rosemond, 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 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 ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, 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 who have birthdays this week, especially Diane Roach, Ka Hsaw Wah, and Chris Gazaway, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Bill & Ellen Parton, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those expecting a child, especially Will & Melanie Barton, Aron & Maria Simmons, and Ma Tha & Ta Ner Moo, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Miguel, Josh, Tiffany, the Bunting family, and the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, and Myanmar. We pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Derek Bunting, 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*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Confession**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says the following*  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*  
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *(all standing)*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

*Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Greeting and Announcements**

### **The Liturgy of the Table**

**The Anthem**

“From Depths of Woe” (John Dowland)  
*Jackson Utz, soloist*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

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*The people stand. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

*People*            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 him thanks and praise.**

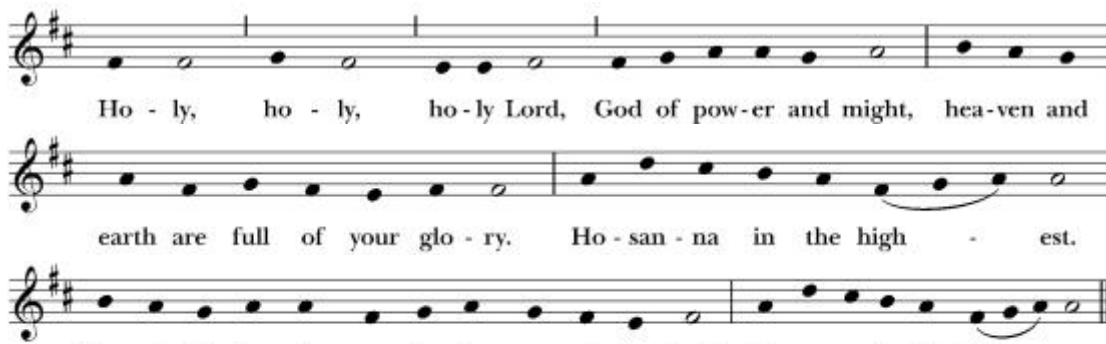
*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with

all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People may kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

*Wherever you are on your journey of faith, all are welcome to receive communion. If you would like to receive the bread but not the wine, you may cross your hands over your chest as the cup passes. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may still come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest lets us know you wish to receive a blessing.*

## Communion Hymn

Hymnal #479

“Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pain”

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## **The Solemn Prayer over the People**

*The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Celebrant says*  
Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel as they are able, and the Celebrant says the following prayer*  
Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

“When I survey the wondrous cross”

Hymnal #474

## **The Dismissal**

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*The Deacon dismisses the people with these or similar words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

“Jesus, with Us Abide” (James Southbridge)

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## **Sermon Notes & Reflections**

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# LENT AT ALL SAINTS'

FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 28

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** - FEB 13 AT 6PM

**ASH WEDNESDAY "ASHES TO GO"** - 10 AM AT ARKANSAS  
TECH UNIVERSITY

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - NOON AND 6 PM SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS'

**EVENING PRAYER** - WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM TO 6 PM

**ENNEAGRAM STUDY** - WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM - 7:30 PM

**INQUIRERS AND BEYOND CLASS** - SUNDAYS AT 1PM WITH  
MOTHER MERCEDES

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - SUNDAYS AT 4:45 PM

## HOLY WEEK MARCH 24 - MARCH 30

**PALM SUNDAY** - MARCH 24, 8 AM AND 10:30 AM

**TENEBRAE** - MARCH 27, 6PM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - MARCH 28, 6PM

**GOOD FRIDAY** - MARCH 29, NOON AND 6PM

**EASTER VIGIL** - MARCH 30, 6PM

## EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31

**SERVICES TIMES** - 8 AM AND 10:30 AM

**POTLUCK BRUNCH** - 9 AM

**EASTER EGG HUNT** - AFTER 10:30 AM SERVICE

## **All Saints' Episcopal Church**

**The Rt. Rev. John Harmon** – Bishop of Arkansas  
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**Sherrie Cotton** – Parish Administrator  
**Trevor Coats** – A/V Director  
**Lukas Turner** – EYC Intern and College Intern  
**Samantha Peryam, Tessa Watson** – Nursery & Pre-school Teachers  
**Jackson Utz, Lexie Ellis, Katelyn Compton** – Choir Interns  
**Marcia Van Horn, Rhonda Hlass, Deb Bradley** – Office Assistants  
**Lisa Donahou** – Custodian

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