

Opening Voluntary

Hear the words of Jesus: You shall love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first Law of God, and the second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two laws hang the whole of scripture.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of abiding love, you choose us as your servants and dare to call us friends: take our fragmented hearts, commanding them to love, making whole our joy, our life reborn in you; through Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us.
Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual *Psalm 98 (read responsively by whole verse)*

Sing to the Lord a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

*With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.*

The Lord has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

*He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

*Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.*

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

*Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.*

Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

*In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.*

The Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments

are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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Sequence Hymn 651 *This is my Father’s world*

Mercer Street

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. James B. Flowers

The Nicene Creed

[Book of Common Prayer, p. 358](#)

The Prayers of the People

Our God has done marvelous things. So let us boldly pray, saying, “We lift up our voices to you: *Holy Spirit, fall upon us.*”

Loving God, you have chosen us to be members of your Church: help us to obey what you command; help us to love one another as you love us.

Silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving God, you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the nations: we pray you judge the people of the world according to your righteousness, not according to our ignorance or folly.

Silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving God, the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out with joy before you: open our eyes to recognize your gracious hand in all your works.

You are invited to add your thanksgivings.

Silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving God, Jesus taught us that no one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends: bless the first responders who consistently risk their health and lives for friends and strangers.

Silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving God, you always remember your mercy and faithfulness to your people: we ask you, in Jesus’ name, to heal and comfort those for whom we pray at this time.

You are invited to add your petitions.

Silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving God, you have prepared for those who love such good things as surpass our understanding: may we, with those who have died, abide in your love forever.

Silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Concluding Collect

O God, your mercy endures forever. Hear the prayers of your people. And grant us the strength and the courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. *Amen.*

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine at the altar. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is taken by drinking from the chalice (please help guide it to your mouth by holding the base of the chalice). Gluten-free wafers are available by request, by placing one hand across your chest. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to receive it.

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3, from Enriching our Worship

Sursum Corda and Proper Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit S-128

William Matthias (1934-1992)

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for

you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.” And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed ___, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem S-155

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.

The Blessing

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; may the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary for the Procession

Please remain in place until the procession is completed.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Breakfast follows in Stirling Hall.

Today we welcome Tommy Watts as guest organist.

Serving today:

Lector: Bob Allen
Intercessor: Woody Hannum
Chalice: Bob Allen
Usher: Woody Hannum
Altar Guild: Barbara Caddell, Lucy Cope, Martha Durant
Flowers: Carol Mackey
Breakfast: Donnie Barnett, Ron Feuerlein, Suzanne Cleveland, Andy Mitchell
LEV: Foy & Woody Hannum

Upcoming schedule:

Sun, May 5
7:45a Nursery opens
8:00a Holy Eucharist, church
9:00a Breakfast, Stirling Hall
9:15a-10:15a Godly Play, Parish House
9:15a Adult choir rehearsal, Choir Rm
9:30a Adult Sunday School, Smith Rm
10:30a Holy Eucharist, church
7p AA, Smith Rm
Mon, May 6
Tue, May 7
6p AIDS support group, Smith Rm
Wed, May 8
8a Food Share distribution, Stirling Hall
6p AA, Smith Rm
Sat, May 11
2p Prism, Youth Rm



THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
8:00 AM
May 5, 2024

Welcome to All Saints!

We are a community of faith who seek to continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers; who seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves; who strive for justice and peace among all people; and respect the dignity of every human being.

Baptismal Covenant, BCP, p.304

If you are visiting please make yourself known to us either face to face, via the information cards in the pew racks, or via email: office@allsaintsmobile.org

New to The Episcopal Church? Here are a few websites that can help explain our style of worship and any unfamiliar terminology (watch any videos later!):

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/dfms/what-to-expect-when-you-visit/>

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/who-we-are/lgbtq/>

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/racial-reconciliation/>

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/>

We begin worship in holy silence.

*Please turn OFF all cell phones. The red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & the blue Hymnal 1982 are in the book rack in front of you. Hymn numbers preceded by “S” are found in the front section of the hymnal. Words written in **Bold Italics** are said by the congregation.*

Please keep in your prayers...

For healing for: Sue Elledge, Richard Tillman, Paul & Carla, Pat Lyle, Candy McDonald Harsanny, Judy Boswell, Bruce Barrett, Ginny Alexander, Robert Schutt, Lister Thomas, David Powers, Sue Aiken Zundel, Nick Nichols, Meg Stojanik, Ben Wilson, Lisa Proffitt, Jan Cade, Mary Hunter Slaton, Dee Icard, Sallie Connell, Mattie Mitchell, Chuck Salmon, Serena Willcox, Claudia McClure, Undra Dunning, Renee Dillard, Ellen Corte, Donna Smalley, Caden Gray, LaVada Raouf, Tonny Algood, Mary, Richard Cade, Jr., Ellen Armentrout, Hannah Pullins, Cora Cade Lemmon, Becky Wilson, Rose Ellen Stanbery, Adele Smith, Marcia Wyatt, Jacky Bell, Eve Morrison, Colleen, Ann Wesley, Shirley Day, Staci Smith, Andi Barrett, Dana Brantley, Ken Buford, Dottie Dunnam, Gwyn Brantley, Mark Kidd, Pat Clark, Lynn Koors, Mary Rose, Preston Griffith, Jan Irving, Frieda Kennedy, Hoagy, Tom Root, Shannon, Regina, Brian Davidson, Monica McCaskey, Debra Guyton, John Gibson Baylor, Jr., Ruth Rivers, Donna Bowcock, Rita Foust, Haley, Jill, Jennifer Smith, Garn Menell, Charlie Fitts, Shannon Cook

For those who serve in the armed forces: especially David Palmer, David L. Ritter II, Ethan Roberts, Thomas Roberts, Nyirou Kuot, Matt Abbot, Stephen Rollins, Trevor Thiel

For those who have died.

**Please notify the church office by the last Wednesday of the month if you wish your prayer concern to continue to be listed.*

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