

him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual *Psalm 23 (read responsively by whole verse)*

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures **

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

*I shall fear no evil; **

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

*Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, **

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 429 *I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath*

Old 113th

The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus

answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. James B. Flowers

The Nicene Creed

[BCP, p. 358](#)

The Prayers of the People

Brothers and sisters, live as children of the light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Let us pray to God, saying, “Light of the world, *open our eyes.*”

Jesus our Shepherd, you have given your Church all that we need. Rain down on us

mightily with your Spirit, that we may testify to the astonishing things you have done in our lives.

You are invited to add your own thanksgivings.

Silence

Light of the world,

Open our eyes.

God, you are present in the valley of the shadow of death. Comfort all those around the world who know danger or violence or war. By your love, cast out all evil and fear.

Silence

Light of the world,

Open our eyes.

O God, you make us to lie down in green pastures; you lead us by still waters. You have blessed us with a beautiful planet. May we work to preserve the holy gift of nature.

Silence

Light of the world,

Open our eyes.

Lord, spread a table for those who are hungry; where there is scarcity and need in our neighborhoods, fill empty hearts, lives, and cups with your abundance. By your light, expose all the unfruitful works of darkness.

Silence

Light of the world,

Open our eyes.

God of life, pursue the sick and sorrowful with your goodness and mercy. Reveal your works in those who are suffering. Make yourself known as Healer.

You are invited to add your own petitions.

Silence

Light of the world,

Open our eyes.

Reviver of Souls, give to the dying and the dead your promise of new and unending life. May we one day live with them forever in the light of Christ.

Silence

Light of the world,

Open our eyes.

Concluding Collect

Holy and Merciful God, open your ears to our call; listen to the cries of our hearts. Accept our prayers and answer them according to your good and perfect will. In the name of Jesus, the Lord of glory, 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 C

[BCP, p. 369](#)

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 our thanks and praise.

Sanctus S-114

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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-158

Healey Willan

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.
God of this feast beyond measure and price, we thank you for meeting us in our brokenness so that none might be lost: liberate us now to share bread with our neighbor, each receiving from the other what we need to be ourselves. Amen.

The Blessing

May the crucified Christ shatter our brittle fear, draw all people to his glory, and make us servants living for the world; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
Thanks be to God!

For the Procession *Toccata in E minor* Johann Pachelbel (c. 1653-1706)

*Please remain in place until the procession is completed.
The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Sheridan Bernard Kling.*

Breakfast will follow in Stirling Hall.

Serving today:
Lector: Bob Allen
Intercessor: Orrin Davis
Chalice: Bob Allen
Usher: Orrin Davis
Altar Guild: Paula Reeves, LaVada Raouf, Gabby Posadas
Bread Baker: Lillian Carsten
Breakfast: Alison & Nic Wood, Curt Doyle, Don Mosley
Doorkeeper: Barbara Michell
Flowers: Sheri Hewitt
LEV: Molly Allison (Thomas)

Upcoming schedule:
Sun, Mar 15 7:45a Nursery opens
8a Holy Eucharist, church
9a Breakfast, Stirling Hall
9:15a Adult choir rehearsal, Choir Rm
9:15a-10:15a Godly Play, upstairs in Parish House
9:30a Adult Sunday School, Smith Rm
10:30a Holy Eucharist, church
Reception follows, Parish House
Mon, Mar 16 7p AA, Smith Rm
Tue, Mar 17 6p Evening Prayer, church
Wed, Mar 18 8a Food Share distribution, Stirling Hall
5:30p Adult choir rehearsal, Choir Rm
AA, Smith Rm
Sat, Mar 21 2p Lilly Olsen funeral, church
Prism, Youth Rm

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

Sign up for our parish newsletter! <https://www.allsaintsmobile.net/the-herald/>

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/organizations-affiliations/lgbtq/>
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/racial-reconciliation/>
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/>

Please keep in your prayers . . .

For healing for: Woody Hannum, Undra Dunning, Barbara Michell, Missy Foose, Salma Heath, Mona Ganoe, Rose Yurcisin, Lacey Bowcock, Hursey Smith, Terry, Kaky Hughes, Judy Boswell, Sheridan Hinton, Lily O., Byron & Kay Cruthirds, Marie Quinn, Amy & Clay Carmichael, Debbie Boelte, Penelope, Kevin, Donna Bowcock, Paul Dagenais, Evi Valera, Curran Foose, Michael Laird, Joan, Ben Wilson, Mary Robert, Carolyn Thornton, Stephen Rollins, Peggy Barnett, the Simpson family, the Landrum family, James Lee Quinn, Monica Thompson, Mary Hunter Slaton, Dana Pollock, Cora Lou Robinson, Karen Bullock, Buck Baker, Lequita Adkins, Phyllis Smith, Bryan LaPorte, Will Strickland, Sue Elledge, Lister Thomas, Nick Nichols, Jan Cade, Serena Willcox, Claudia McClure, Caden Gray, Mary, Richard Cade, Jr., Hannah Pullins, Cora Cade Lemmon, Becky Wilson, Rose Ellen Stanbery, Adele Smith, Marcia Wyatt, Jacky Bell, Eve Morrison, Colleen, Ann Wesley, Staci Smith, Andi & Bruce Barrett, Ken Buford, Dottie Dunnam, Gwyn Brantley, Mark Kidd, Lynn Koors, Mary Rose, Preston Griffith, Jan Irving, Hoagy, Tom Root, Shannon, Regina, Brian Davidson, Debra Guyton, John Gibson Baylor, Jr., Rita Foust, Haley, Jill, Jennifer Smith, Shannon Cook

For those who serve in the armed forces: especially Bernie Waters, David Palmer, David L. Ritter II, Ethan Roberts, Thomas Roberts, Matt Abbot, 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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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
8:00 AM
March 15, 2026

Welcome to All Saints! We begin worship in holy silence.

*Please silence all cell phones. In the tradition of the church, prayer posture is standing or kneeling. Our preference at All Saints is standing, but kneeling is acceptable. 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.*

Voluntary *Nun bitten wir* Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

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

He will not command legions of angels nor ride the machine of holy war; he will become a slave, take our hate into his heart and win us with forgiveness, for he is God's unexpected peace. The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.
God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Kyrie eleison (said by all) BCP, p. 356
*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Creator and Healer, root of all goodness, working your Sabbath will in the chaos of our life: teach us the insight that gives true judgment and praises you wherever you are found, making miracles from spit and mud; through Jesus Christ, the Son of earth. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13
The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected