

All Saints' Anglican Church



*Come Unto Me All Ye That Travail and Are Heavy Laden,
And I will Refresh You*

First Sunday after Easter

Low Sunday

April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

*Reach hither thy hand,
and behold the print of the nails, alleluia:
and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia.*

A Parish of the Diocese of the South
Anglican Catholic Church
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Holy Communion

&

Healing Service

Celebrant

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Choir

Dr. Anthony Harris, Cantor
Larry Byers, Christopher Roberts, Dominique Corbett,
David Nunnely, Noah Bartel

Usher

Don Michelinie

Lector

David Nunnely

Altar Guild:

Ann Zouck & Betty Alexander

Acolytes:

Alan Wingard, Carl Bottomley, Mitchell Collins, Bob Sukovich

Welcome to All Saints'

We welcome our guests, and we also ask our visitors to please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. If you are not familiar with our liturgical form of worship, please note the **red Mass Books**, located in each pew, which will help to guide you through the service. All Saints' Anglican Church, founded in 1977, is a parish of the Anglican Catholic Church: Anglican because our practice of the faith is rooted in the tradition of the Church of England, and Catholic because we believe and practice the faith as once delivered by Jesus Christ to the Apostles.

[If you are a visitor and a communicant in your own church, you may receive communion in accordance with the Confession found on page 75 of the Book of Common Prayer and begins, "Ye who do truly and earnestly repent..." Please join us at the Altar. Children may be brought to the Altar for a blessing and you may also come to the Altar for a blessing if you prefer.]

The Order for The Administration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion

(from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, with supplemental material from the American Missal)

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn *(stand)*

Hymn 94

Collect for Purity *(kneel or sit)*

p. 67

Introit

AS new-born babes, alleluia: desire ye the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm 81.* Sing we merrily unto God our helper: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. *V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.*

Summary of the Law

p. 69

Kyrie (Hymn 702)

p. 70

Collect(s) of the Day

p. 170

Additional Collects

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we thy servants may rejoice in continual health of mind and body: and that by the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin we may be delivered from this present heaviness, and have the fruition of eternal joy,

WE beseech thee, O Lord, favourably to receive the prayers of thy Church: that all adversity and error being done away, she may serve thee in untroubled freedom.

Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle *(sit)*

1 St. John v: 6

p. 170

Gradual

Missal

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* In the day of my resurrection, saith the Lord: I will go before you into Galilee, alleluia.

After eight days, when the doors were shut: stood Jesus in the midst of his disciples, and said, Peace be unto you. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel *(stand)* St. John xxv. 19 p. 171

The Nicene Creed *(stand)* p. 71

Sermon Hymn *(stand)* Hymn 88

Sermon Dcn. Davis

Offertory Missal

The Angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said unto the women:
He whom ye seek is risen, as he said, alleluia.

Offertory Hymn *(stand)* *Doxology* Hymn 139

Presentation of the Flag *(4th Verse)* Hymn 141

Statement of Intentions

Priest: Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God the Father Almighty.

Congregation: *May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands to the praise and glory of His Name, to our benefit, and that of all His Holy Church.*

Prayer for the Whole Church *(kneel or sit)* p. 74

Invitation and General Confession p. 75

Absolution p. 76

Comfortable Words p. 76

Sursum Corda p. 79

Proper Preface *(Of Easter)* p. 77

Sanctus p. 79

Benedictus: *Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *(kneel or sit)* p. 80

Lord's Prayer p. 82

Agnus Dei Hymn 706

Prayer of Humble Access p. 82

Administration of the Holy Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, Behold Him
That takest away the sins of the world.

All: *Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst
Come under my roof, but speak the word only*

Note on Receiving Communion — You may receive the Host only, or both Host & Wine, as you desire. To receive the Sacrament by Intinction, please receive the Host in your hands. The priest will pick it up and dip it in the wine. Stick out your tongue, so the Host can be placed on it without the priest touching your lips. Avoid any other motions to prevent spills. If you receive only the host, cross your arms afterward to indicate "no wine" and wait until those to your left are ready to leave. You may also come to the Altar for a blessing only. It is okay to stand at the Altar Rail if you are unable to kneel.]

Hymn *(kneel or sit)* Hymn 190

Communion Verse.

Reach hither thy hand, and behold the print of the nails, alleluia: and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

Post Communion Thanksgiving *(kneel or sit)* p. 83

Gloria in excelsis *(stand)* *(Hymn 739)* p. 84

Post Communion Collect(s) *(kneel)* Missal

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we who have fulfilled the Paschal feast may, by thy bounty, show forth its effects in our life and actions Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT O Lord: that we who have received these aids to our salvation, may be always and everywhere protected by the intercession of blessed Mary, in whose honour we have made these offerings to thy divine majesty.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord our God: that we whom thou hast made partakers of heavenly gladness, may by thee be defended from all earthly perils Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

(kneel)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with thy spirit.*

Priest: Depart in peace.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

The Blessing *(kneel)* p. 84

Processional Hymn *(stand)* *(1st Tune)* Hymn 96

Postlude

Healing Service follows.

Parish Intercessions

Birthdays: Marian Sortore, Ann Zouck, Stephen Rabon

Those who are ill or have special needs:

Parishioners	Family		
Carl Bottomley	Kathryn DiPietro	Allie Bush	Raylene Hendrix
Sharon Riordan	John Dowdy	Sukie Low	Janet Reed
Judi Storey	Mike Cope	Laura Cupp	Lindsey Sargent
Trina Crocker	Kevin Foley		Catherine Connor
Pixie Keating	Ann-Ray Crocker	Friends	Chuck Buck
David Merriam	Everett Rabon	Scott Hayes	Laura Greco
Tamara Cannon	John Eubanks	Andy Cappolla	Cecil Raborn
Patricia Sharp	Keating-Rottier Family	Pat Brady	Beverly Thompson
Paul Sharp	Julia Alexander	Penney Powell	Jacob Huff
David Twigg	Maks Chirich	Jessica Gagnon	Art Kenner
Carol Twigg	Beverly Dodd	Lauren Rise Bennett	Jack Wetzell
Sylvia Riggan	Ida Williams	George Brown	
Marian Sortore	Jody Wheeler	Carolyn Knehans	Clergy
Bob Holladay	Carol Roberts	Betty Adair	Garrett Clanton, Pr.
Dot Holladay	Clayton Gordon	Mark Capley	Jean Bien-aime, Pr.
Donna Burns	Tom Delk	Floyd Seay	
Amy Connor	Ben Newman	Kathy McFarland	
Linzee Whittaker	Jack Cannon	Michael Meyer	
Pat Franca	Shannon Marshall	Jeremiah Slinde	
Harry Long	Phoenix Cain	Nichols Family	
Onesta Hodges	Mindy Cain	Blankenship Family	
	Ellie	Curry Family	
		Lou Montani	

For All the Faithful Departed

Especially our Parish Family, Friends, & all who are laid to rest in our church graveyard.

Please pray for the people of Ukraine in their struggle against oppression:

Especially Ruslana Tsvilii, Valery Vovchinskaya, & Ludmila Vovchinskaya.

Let us also pray for Israel in their struggle against terrorism.

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Joshua Connor, Jordan Houde, & Stephen Rabon;

those members of our Diocese, Province, sister Provinces; and all ACC Chaplains.

& Those serving in the U.S. Border Patrol:

Ryan Drake

Parishes, Missions, & Clergy of the ACC & Our Several Jurisdictions:

Especially, Garrett Clanton, Pr., Lawrence Wells, Pr., Eugene Rosenkranz, Pr., Richmond Bridge, Pr., & Jean Bien-ami, Pr.

Announcements

Easter Lessons & Carols

We will have the service of **Easter Lessons & Carols** next Sunday afternoon at 4:00. The service will be followed by a light reception in a more *English Tradition* with Sherry or Port and hors d'oeuvres.

Easter Sunday Attendance

Truly an amazing Easter celebration this year. We counted 77 in attendance. That is the most on an Easter Sunday in many years. We had a number of visitors to help swell our congregation.

Commemorating the Annunciation

Tomorrow, we will commemorate the **Feast of the Annunciation** with a 5:30 pm service of **Holy Communion**. Normally, the **Annunciation** is celebrated on March 25th but this year, because of **Holy Week**, it was transferred to the Monday following the **First Sunday after Easter**, according to the **Ordo Calendar**. **Ordo Calendars are Church Calendars** which keep all the parishes in our **Diocese** and **Province** in sync and are the basis of the **Universal (catholic) Church**, though it may differ to some extent in each jurisdiction.

Biblical Foods Night a Success

The annual **Biblical Foods Night**, featuring different foods from the time of Christ, was quite a success. We were able to sample a number of dishes that were representative of that time more than two millennia ago. We look forward to next year, and hopefully more dishes to sample. The recipe book is still available.

Church Beautifully Decorated for Easter

A big thank-you to all who helped decorate the church for Easter — how beautiful everything looked on Easter morning. The newsletter will have photos of the *decorating*, and a list of those who helped.

Synod Reminder

Reminder that All Saints' is hosting the **Annual Diocesan Synod** April 23rd to the 26th. Delegates from parishes in the *Diocese of the South* will begin arriving the 23rd. The formal **Synod** meeting will be on the 25th, extending to the 26th, if necessary. Please do note that there will be no Communion service the afternoon of Wednesday the 24th but Parishioners are welcome to attend the Synod services, which will listed in the next two Sunday bulletins and Parish Calendar.

Rector's Vacation

Please note that Fr. Alexander and Betty will be away for a vacation April 30th thru May 23rd. He will remain in contact with the church, mainly through Kathy, and Dnc. Davis will be available, as well.

ACTS Food Donation for April: Cereal, Oatmeal, or Grits

Join us for Coffee Hour following today's Service!

Saint of the Week

St. Leo the Great, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor (c. 400 - 461)
Also known as Pope Leo I

St. Leo the Great, born in Tuscany about 400, was an Italian aristocrat, and the first pope to have been called "the Great". He is, perhaps, best known for having met Attila the Hun in 452 and persuading him to turn back from his invasion of Italy.

As a Doctor of the Church, he is most remembered theologically for issuing the Tome of Leo, a document that was foundational to the debates of the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon, the fourth ecumenical council, which dealt primarily with Christology. His Tome elucidated the orthodox definition of Christ's being as the hypostatic union of two natures—divine and human—united in one person, "with neither confusion nor division".

St. Leo reigned as Pope between 440 and 461. He is credited with having persuaded Emperor Valentinian to recognize the primacy of the Bishop of Rome in an edict in 445.

He has been eulogized in secular history for his efforts during the upheaval of the fifth century barbarian invasion, in particular, his encounter with Attila the Hun, at the very gates of Rome, persuading him to turn back. When the Vandals under Genseric occupied the city of Rome, he is said to have persuaded the invaders to desist from pillaging the city and harming its inhabitants.

The significance of Leo's pontificate lies in his assertion of the Petrine supremacy, or universal jurisdiction of the Roman bishop, as he expressed in his letters, and still more in his 96 extant orations.

Dying in 461, he left many letters and writings of great historical value.

Collect for St. Leo the Great

O God, who didst strengthen thy holy Bishop Leo to maintain both by word and deed the verity of thy sacred Humanity: grant, we beseech thee, that guided by the light of his doctrine, we may earnestly defend the faith of thy holy Incarnation. Who with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. *Amen.*



Liturgically Speaking

Thoughts on the Crucifixion & Resurrection

By Fr. Alexander

In reflecting on the Scripture accounts of Holy Week, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection, I was struck by the abandonment which Jesus must have felt.

True, his Disciples had rallied around him until after the Last Supper and his arrest in the garden. However, at the moment of his arrest, they all fled, except Peter and John, who tarried behind him, leaving him essentially alone to face trial and death.

Peter did follow him for a time, as did John, when he was led to Herod's palace in Jerusalem but there Peter denied Jesus, as had been predicted.

Where were all his followers during his trial before Pilate? And at the Crucifixion?

In John's Gospel, we find that only Mary, his Mother, her sister, Mary, wife of Cleophas, Mary Magdalen, and John himself were present.

The scene at the Cross is quite vivid in John's Gospel. It has or should have left an indelible image in our minds, especially that moment when Jesus commits the care of his Mother to John.

At the death of Jesus, we have others standing afar off in the distance gazing, these described in part as women who had followed Jesus from Galilee.

Jesus abandoned. But not entirely. There are three who figured prominently in his life who stood by — his Mother, Mary Magdalene, and John.

Finally, though, in his Resurrection, his Disciples and followers regroup as Jesus makes his appearances. They are renewed in their commitment and strengthened beyond our imagination by knowing that he is alive, that the grave could not hold him. And we know the rest of the story.

Yet, if Mary, her sister Mary, Mary Magdalene, and John could stand by our Lord at their own peril, where would we be during his arrest in the garden, during his trial before Pilate, and when he was nailed to the Cross? Indeed, where were we?

On Good Friday, could we not watch just a few hours — just a few hours in comfort and safety?

Gospel versus Law

By Fr. Alexander

During the 1500's, Christianity was going through an upheaval called the **Protestant Reformation**. Though there were many aspects of this revolution in Christian thinking and practice, there developed a dispute concerning the **Gospel** versus **Law** (that is, the **Ten Commandments**). In the salvation of mankind, where was the emphasis to be placed: was it in the **Gospel**, or was it in the **Law**?

We must also bear in mind that the **Law** commonly referred to was the **Jewish Law**, which had extended the **Ten Commandments** into more than 600 precepts. These precepts had, in a real sense, usurped the **Ten Commandments**, the **Law** as originally given to Moses on the Mount.

So, most clearly, we must understand the requirements, that is, what the **Law of God** requires of us if we are to live in hope of our salvation.

However, it is also clear that what Jesus Christ did for us, his **Life**, his **Death**, his **Resurrection**, his **Ascension**, all of this is what brings us into a relationship with God so that we will pay heed to the **Law**.

It is what Christ did that is paramount; it is what gives us hope and the courage to follow his **Commandments** and to submit ourselves to the **Law of God**.

Truly, we must conduct our lives according to the **Law of God**. Yet, it is what Christ did that makes it possible, not that we can ever attain to perfection under the **Law** in this world.

It is the **Gospel**, though, that inspires us.

In the **Gospel of Jesus Christ**, we find **Divine Love**, a love that draws us, fills us, and changes us.

Over and over in the **Gospel**, we find the awe-inspiring **Love of God** demonstrated by Jesus Christ. We see him as the embodiment of that **Love**. In him, we see God.

Yes, we need to understand what is required of us as Christians; however, it becomes problematic when the **Law** itself becomes more important than the **Giver of the Law**.

Wasn't that one of the problems that Jesus faced during his ministry? The **Law** had become the focus, rather than God.

Indeed, the **Jewish Law** became an impediment to an individual relationship with God, even a corporate relationship.

The **Law** is tempered with **Love** in the **Gospel**; not supplanted by **Love**, but tempered.

In the **Gospel**, we come to know Jesus. We come to understand the greatness of God's **Love**; at least to understand within the limits of our human capabilities.

Simply put, the **Gospel** gives life and meaning to the **Law**.

To effectively preach the **Law**, one must not separate it from the **Gospel**.

To preach the **Law**, one must preach God's **Love**.

To live under the **Law**, one must first accept the **Gospel of Jesus Christ**.

In accepting the **Gospel**, we allow the Holy Spirit to permeate our souls with the **Love of God**.

Our Lord summed up the **Law** for us when he said first to love God with all our heart, and soul, and mind but not to stop there, for we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

Just in case we should wonder who our neighbor is, Jesus defined neighbor for us as whoever has need of us.

However, in fulfilling the **Law**, Jesus removed its impediments through his **Gospel**, enabling us to live by the **Law**.

Now, under the **Gospel Dispensation**, we have help for us in attaining our Christian destiny — God's **Love** and **Grace** freely given.

The **Grace** and **Love** of God are made manifest in the **Church** through the **Sacraments**, first and foremost in **Baptism**, and, secondly, in the **Lord's Supper**.

In these two **Sacraments**, we are made a Christian and sustained as a Christian, making us eligible for the remaining five so-called lesser Sacraments: **Confirmation**, **Penance**, **Orders**, **Matrimony**, and **Unction**.

Not to be omitted in considering **Gospel vs. Law** is our obligation to participate in the corporate **Worship of the Church**. It is in corporate worship that the Holy Spirit works most effectively to strengthen us, strengthen our **Faith** in and commitment to Jesus Christ, and where we are nourished with his **Body** and **Blood**.

Church Refurbishing Committee

Vestry is looking for volunteers to be part of a church refurbishing committee to look at the condition of our church building and to make recommendations to the Vestry. For information, contact Fr. Alexander.

Remembering the Faithful Departed at the Altar

It is Anglican Tradition to remember our departed loved ones and friends at the Altar on special occasions. If you would like to have a family member, or special friend remembered at the Altar on a Sunday, please let Fr. Alexander know.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Enjoy Coffee Hour? Of course! It's not only good food but also a great time for fellowship following the 10:30 service on Sundays. However, the *honored duty* of providing Coffee Hour has fallen to just a few, and relief is needed. Coffee Hour doesn't have to be involved, or very elaborate. Often two or more will team up for a particular Sunday. Please consider being part of the *Honored Coffee Hour Team*. If you're interested, please contact **Lena Whittaker**.

Altar Flowers & Flower Committee

A **Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for those who would like to dedicate flowers for family or friends, special occasions, or in memory of loved ones. Note that the cost of the two arrangements has significantly increased; thus, what is desperately needed is a **Flower Committee**. If interested, contact Betty Alexander.

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