

ALL SAINTS,

EPISCOPAL
CHURCH



dwelt, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle

1 St. Pet. iv. 7.

BCP 179

THE end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn #356

At The Name Of Jesus

King's Weston

The Holy Gospel St. John xv. 26, *and part of chap. xvi.*
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BCP

WHEN the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 71

¶ Children's Church departs during the hymn.

Hymn #359

Golden Harps Are Sounding

St. Theresa

The Sermon

Fr. Buechner

The Offertory

Do Not Stand and Stare in Wonder

Thaxted/Holst/A.Wood

Do not stand and stare in wonder unto the sky above.
You have seen the wondrous glory of the risen Lord of Love,
and just as you have seen Him ascend into the skies
So shall the living savior return before your eyes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We praise our God and King!
Alleluia, alleluia, Your people ever sing!

On his throne in highest heaven our Savior takes His place,
now and always on the Mercy Seat, the source of endless grace.
Though not only there we seek Him; never far from us is He.
We know the Lord is with us, if we have faith to see.
Neither staring up in wonder, nor hiding like the dead,
we will find Him here together in breaking of the bread.

All you servants of the Most High now sing and clap your hands,
For the Lord that once was crucified is Prince of all the lands.
Sound the trumpet, sing together, as our Savior mounts His throne,
And hear the voice that calls us a people of His own.
Alleluia to the Father and to His only Son,
Alleluia to the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!

Presentation of Alms	<i>Old Hundredth</i>	Hymn #139
Prayer for the Church		BCP 74
General Confession		BCP 75
Sursum Corda and Preface		BCP 76
Sanctus et Benedictus #796	Merbecke	BCP 77
Consecration		BCP 80
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 82

The Holy Communion

¶ Any person Baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and who acknowledges the Presence of our Lord in this Holy Sacrament is welcome to come to the Altar Rail to receive Holy Communion.

¶ The Altar Guild kindly asks ladies to dab lipstick before receiving communion from the chalice.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 83

Hymn #282

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

The Blessing

BCP 84

Hymn #542

Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

Postlude

Festive Postlude on "Llanfair"

Mary McDonald



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and in loving memory of
Margit and John Fuller
Nanette and Bo Wortman
by the Wortman family.*



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ORDO KALENDAR

May 17 - May 30

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

May 17

10:30 AM | Holy Communion

5:00 PM | Evening Prayer

Monday, May 18

Tuesday, May 19 | St. Dunstan B.C.

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 AM | Morning Prayer (Men's Group)

Thursday, May 21

Friday, May 22

Abstinence

Saturday, May 23

WHITSUNDAY (PENTECOST)

May 24

10:30 AM | Holy Communion

5:00 PM | Holy Communion

Whit Monday, May 25

Office Closed (Memorial Day)

Whit Tuesday, May 26

9:00 AM | Morning Prayer

4:30 PM | Evening Prayer

Ember Wednesday, May 27

Fast & Abstinence

7:00 AM | Morning Prayer (Men's Group)

Noon | Litany

4:30 PM | Evening Prayer

Whit Thursday, May 28

9:00 AM | Morning Prayer

4:30 PM | Evening Prayer

Ember Friday, May 29

Fast & Abstinence

Ember Saturday, May 30

Fast & Abstinence

Notes

✠ Weekday services are in St. David's Chapel. ✠ The lessons appointed for weekday Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer during Ascensiontide and the Whitsun Octave may be found on pages xxiv - xxv of the Book of Common Prayer. ✠ The Prayer Book maintains the ancient name for Pentecost ("Whitsunday") because of the white garments worn by those who were baptized on this feast in early centuries. ✠ St. Leo the Great (b. 391 AD) said that the Ember Days were instituted by the apostles themselves. They were in any event already an ancient custom in his day. They were brought with the Gospel to the English people by St. Augustine of Canterbury around the turn of the 6th century. The original purpose of their observance was to thank God for the gifts of nature, to practice using those gifts in moderation, and to help the poor. The Prayer Book provides Eucharistic propers for Ember Days on pp. 260-261. ✠ Fr. Brown will be traveling from May 13 until May 22, so there will be no weekday liturgies during that time other than those noted.

GOING DEEPER

Questions for Personal Reflection, Prayer, and Discussion

Christ's Exaltation and Our True Destination

In the Collect we rejoice that God has “exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven” and we pray that we may be exalted to the same place “whither our Saviour Christ is gone before.” In a culture that measures success by promotions, portfolios, zip codes, and legacy projects, how does the reality of Christ’s ascension reframe your ambitions, anxieties about status, or hopes for your children’s future? Where might God be inviting you to loosen your grip on earthly ladders so your heart can more freely ascend with Him?

The Waiting Church in the “In-Between” Time

This Sunday falls in the brief, expectant interval between Christ’s Ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The ancient Church called this Sunday *Dominica Expectationis*—the Sunday of Waiting. We are waiting for the Father’s promise while also living in hope of Christ’s return. In this present chapter of your life—whether you’re changing diapers, launching young adults, climbing the corporate ladder, managing an empty nest, or stepping into retirement—where do you most acutely feel yourself “waiting”? How might the Church’s model of sober, hopeful expectation (rather than frantic striving or passive resignation) reshape the way you wait for the next milestone, diagnosis, or season?

Sober, Charitable Stewards of Grace

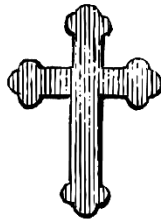
The Epistle declares, “The end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves... as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” In a world of frenetic travel, striving after success, packed calendars, and generous philanthropy, where does St. Peter’s call to sobriety, vigilant prayer, and ungrudging hospitality expose your busyness, the thinness of your relationships, or your tendency to treat gifts and resources as personal possessions rather than divine trusts? What one concrete adjustment—in family rhythms, professional networks, or community involvement—might help you glorify God more clearly through Jesus Christ?

The Spirit's Testimony and Ours

Jesus promises, "When the Comforter is come... he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness." In professional settings, gatherings with friends, school communities, or extended family conversations, where do you sense the Spirit prompting you to bear quiet (or maybe costly) witness to Jesus—and where do you feel the subtle pressure to keep your faith in Christ private or "safe"? How does the assurance that "the Spirit of truth" testifies alongside you (and will comfort you) free you to speak or live more openly, without needing to control outcomes?

Not Being Offended When the World Pushes Back

Jesus warns His disciples ahead of time: "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues... because they have not known the Father, nor me." In today's climate of shifting cultural norms, workplace expectations around faith expression, or family tensions over values and children's formation, where have you already felt—or quietly feared—being marginalized, misunderstood, or quietly excluded for following Christ? How might Jesus' advance warning, and the coming of the Comforter, help you to respond with resilient grace instead of surprise, withdrawal, or resentment?



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please come out to support the children of All Saints' at our final Body & Soul gathering of the season. We are excited to invite everyone to our first-ever children and youth musical performance at Body & Soul on May 20 at 5:30 PM. The musical is short, sweet, and sure to bring smiles!

Register for Bible Arts Camp

Calling all kindergarten through fifth grade. Join us for four days of art projects, music, and fun. June 15-18, 2026. Go to www.AllSaintsThomasville.org > Calendar

Piano Recital

You are invited! Thursday, May 21 at 6 PM for Margit's student piano recital at the church. All are welcome!

Summer Schedule Update

Children's Choir, Book Club, Tuesday Bible Study, and Sunday morning Scripture Study will pause for June and July.

Bishop's Visitation

June 21, 2026, we welcome The Rt. Reverend Bishop Logue to All Saints'. This day will be special with the Baptism of the Lyon's child and a group of youth choosing to go be Confirmed.

Save the Date!

September 9, 2026 is the Annual Low Country Boil

ALL SAINTS'



The Rt. Rev'd Frank Logue Bishop of Georgia
The Rev'd George Willcox Brown, III Rector

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

MORNING EVENING
10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Holy Communion or Holy Communion or
Morning Prayer Evening Prayer

Holy Days as announced

Nursery Facilities are provided from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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