

All Saints' Anglican Church



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

Second Sunday after Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

Commemorating St. Justin Martyr

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

*I am the Good Shepherd, alleluia:
and know my sheep,
and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.*

A Parish of the Diocese of the South
Anglican Catholic Church
The Most Rev. Mark Haverland, Ph.D., Primate and Diocesan
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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

Bruce Drake

Altar Guild:

Carol Sue Roberts & Jean Drake

Acolytes:

Alan Wingard, Carl Bottomley, Mitchell Collins,

David Nunnely, Bob Sukovich

Easter Lessons & Carols at 4:00 pm

followed by a light reception with sherry & nibbles.

Welcome to All Saints'

We welcome our visitors and 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 100

Collect for Purity *(kneel or sit)*

p. 67

Introit

THE loving-kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 33. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it cometh well the just to be thankful. *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

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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. Peter ii: 19

p. 172

Gradual

Missal

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* The disciples knew the Lord Jesus: in the breaking of the bread.

I am the good Shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine.

The Holy Gospel (*stand*) St. John x. 11 p. 172

The Nicene Creed (*stand*) p. 71

Sermon Hymn (*stand*) Hymn 89

Sermon Fr. Alexander

Offertory Missal

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hands
in thy Name, 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 192

Communion Verse.

I am the Good Shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of
mine, alleluia, alleluia.

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

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

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

O GOD, who by the humiliation of thy Son didst raise up a fallen world:
grant unto us thy faithful people perpetual gladness; that those whom thou
hast rescued from the peril of everlasting death may have the fruition of eter-
nal joy. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. *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 per-
ils 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*) Hymn 90

Postlude

Healing Services follows.

Parish Intercessions

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	Friends	Catherine Connor
Pixie Keating	Ann-Ray Crocker	Scott Hayes	Chuck Buck
David Merriam	Everett Rabon	Andy Cappolla	Laura Greco
Tamara Cannon	John Eubanks	Pat Brady	Cecil Raborn
Patricia Sharp	Keating-Rottier Family	Penney Powell	Beverly Thompson
Paul Sharp	Julia Alexander	Jessica Gagnon	Jacob Huff
David Twigg	Maks Chirich	Lauren Rise Bennett	Art Kenner
Carol Twigg	Beverly Dodd	George Brown	Jack Wetzell
Sylvia Riggan	Ida Williams	Carolyn Knehans	Clergy
Marian Sortore	Jody Wheeler	Betty Adair	Garrett Clanton, Pr.
Bob Holladay	Carol Roberts	Mark Capley	Jean Bien-aime, Pr.
Dot Holladay	Clayton Gordon	Floyd Seay	
Donna Burns	Tom Delk	Kathy McFarland	
Amy Connor	Ben Newman	Michael Meyer	
Linzee Whittaker	Jack Cannon	Jeremiah Slinde	
Pat Franca	Shannon Marshall	Nichols Family	
Harry Long	Phoenix Cain	Blankenship Family	
Onesta Hodges	Mindy Cain	Curry Family	
	Ellie	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 Today at 4:00

We will have the service of **Easter Lessons & Carols** this afternoon at 4:00, followed by a light reception in a more *English Tradition* with Sherry (and Port) and nibbles.

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 are listed in the Sunday bulletins. Parishioners may attend the Thursday meetings of the Synod as observers but may not participate or have any of the food provided (except coffee). If you are interested in being an observer, please let Fr. Alexander or Dcn. Davis know as soon as possible, so arrangement can be made.

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 Clark, Administrative Assistant. Dcn. Davis will be available if needed and will officiate at the weekday services..

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

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. It's not a weekly commitment. Often two or more will team up for a particular Sunday. Please consider being part of the *Honored Coffee Hour Team*. If interested, please contact **Lena Whittaker**.

Altar Flowers

We are changing vendors for our Altar Flowers. As a result, the cost will be increasing but the arrangements should last longer, perhaps, offsetting the increased cost. Remember, there is 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.

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.

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

Join us for Coffee Hour following today's Service!

Saint of the Week

St. Justin Martyr (c. 100 - 165)

Justin Martyr, or St. Justin, was born at Flavia Neapolis (Nablus) in Judaea. His family was pagan, and Justin defined himself as a Gentile.

He describes his early education as leaving him unsatisfied, failing to provide a belief system that would provide theological and metaphysical inspiration.

He first tried the school of a Stoic philosopher, who was unable to explain God's being to him; next, he attended a Peripatetic philosopher, who was more interested in the fee than the teaching; and then a Pythagorean philosopher, who demanded that he first learn music, astronomy, and geometry, which he did not wish to do. So, he adopted Platonism after encountering a Platonist thinker who had recently settled in his city.

According to Justin, the perception of immaterial things quite overpowered him, and the contemplation of ideas furnished his mind with wings, so that in a little while he supposed that he had become wise; but, such was his stupidity, as he expressed *I expected forthwith to look upon God, for this is the end of Plato's philosophy.*

Not long afterwards, he chanced upon an old man, possibly a Syrian Christian, who engaged him in a dialogue about God and spoke of the testimony of the prophets as being more reliable than the reasoning of philosophers.

Moved by the old man's argument, Justin renounced his former religious affinity and his philosophical background, choosing to re-dedicate his life to the service of the Divine, bolstered by the ascetic lives of early Christians and the heroic example of the martyrs, whose piety convinced him of the moral and spiritual superiority of Christian doctrine. He decided that his only option was to travel throughout the land, spreading the knowledge of Christianity as the *true philosophy*.

Justin never ended his quest for religious truth, even after converting to Christianity. He found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers. Nevertheless, upon his conversion, he continued to wear the philosopher's mantle, and became the first Christian philosopher, combining the Christian religion with the best elements in Greek philosophy.

Justin is known as an early Christian apologist, and is regarded as the foremost interpreter of the theory of the Logos in the 2nd century.

While most of his works are lost, two apologies and a dialogue have survived.

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Liturgically Speaking

An Eternal Prayer Chain:

Let Us Pray for the Whole State of Christ's Church

We have spoken of prayer and the difficulties people often face when praying, such as how to pray, what to pray for, or even when to pray.

Of course, we are talking about private prayer; however, there are also misconceptions regarding corporate prayer.

Perhaps, one area of our Catholic Faith that is most often misunderstood is praying for the faithful departed, whether corporately or privately, and, it is, therefore, shunned. For some reason, there is a reluctance to the idea that our prayers for those departed from our presence are efficacious, and, thus, the practice is looked upon as little more than a superstitious practice.

However, the reality is quite the contrary, and has Biblical authority. Indeed, we are all tied closely to the spiritual world. Our link to the spiritual world is prayer.

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In his First Apology, he passionately defends the morality of the Christian life, and provides various ethical and philosophical arguments to convince the Roman emperor, Antoninus, to abandon the persecution of Christians. He also makes the theologically innovative suggestion that the *seeds of Christianity* (the manifestations of the Logos acting in history) actually predated Christ's incarnation, allowing him to claim many historical Greek philosophers as unknowing Christians.

His martyrdom, alongside some of his students, is preserved in the court record of the trial:

The Prefect Rusticus says: Approach and sacrifice, all of you, to the gods. Justin says: No one in his right mind gives up piety for impiety. The Prefect Rusticus says: If you do not obey, you will be tortured without mercy. Justin replies: That is our desire, to be tortured for Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and so to be saved, for that will give us salvation and firm confidence at the more terrible universal tribunal of Our Lord and Saviour. And all the martyrs said: Do as you wish; for we are Christians, and we do not sacrifice to idols. The Prefect Rusticus read the sentence: Those who do not wish to sacrifice to the gods and to obey the emperor will be scourged and beheaded according to the laws. The holy martyrs glorifying God betook themselves to the customary place, where they were beheaded and consummated their martyrdom confessing their Saviour.

[Adapted from various sources.]

Essentially, prayer for the faithful departed, as well as for the living, is really part of an eternal prayer chain.

As we go through the Church Year, we recognize and pray for various saints of the Church: the Apostles, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and many of those who have been specially recognized by the Church for their unique contributions to Christianity.

While these prayers for Saints are just for a limited few, or, more specifically, those canonized by the Church, we should and do offer our prayers for all the Saints in heaven; for, indeed, those who die steadfast in the Faith become Saints in heaven, as the final blessed state of the faithful.

This we affirm in the *Apostles Creed*, and find so eloquently expressed in the final paragraph of the *Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church*.

And, as we pray for the Saints in heaven, all those who have gone before us, they, in turn, also pray for us: mutually, we pray that we may grow in the knowledge and love of God; that we may receive the abundance of his Grace; that we may persevere in the Faith; and that we may all, in the end, be united in the life eternal.

We pray, during each celebration of the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, for the faithful departed of our Parish Family, as well as praying for the living in their time of need or adversity.

While Protestants in general are reluctant to invoke the prayers of the Saints, Catholic Christians — Anglican, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox — are more readily accepting of this aspect of the *Communion of the Saints*. It is Scripturally based, and sound practice.

However, we must always keep a distinction between asking for prayers and praying in a way showing worship, or adoration. We must keep in the forefront of our minds that, while invocation of the Saints is important, it also is subsidiary in our worship, and in the life of our Family in Christ.

In our prayer life, let us do pray for the Faithful Departed, just as we pray for those here and present with us. Though they have departed this life, they are still just as much in need of our prayers as when they were with us, here in the physical world.

Let us be mindful that it is through prayer that God's power and love, his blessings and succor, are sought and found, both for us in this world and in the world to come.

The Beauty of Our Liturgical Worship

As we have seen in our Easter celebration, our Anglican worship can hardly be surpassed in its beauty. It goes beyond the language itself to the dignity and actions of the clergy, the Altar, the candles, the vestments, the music, and the voices of the people.

This is all basic to Anglican worship. Yet, there is more in our heritage that dates back to the earliest days of Christianity; even from the beginning, Christian worship has included, in some form, the use of incense, bells, and the sign of the cross.

Though in the Church today, the use of incense, bells, even the sign of the cross, are often associated with what is often referred to as "high" church, that is an over-simplification.

Sign of the Cross: Asking God's Blessing. The Sign of the Cross was used by early Christians as a sign of recognition during the persecutions and from the early second century on as a sanctifying action, used in both Baptism and Confirmation.

Bells: A call to worship. The bells of the church tower ring out to call the people to worship. At the Altar they are used to announce the most sacred parts of the service. Their use is ancient, the church bell sounding so that the peasants in the field who could not attend the service would know when the most sacred parts of the service were taking place. They could then join with the congregation by offering private devotions.

Incense: Carrying our prayers to heaven. The smoke from the incense is considered symbolic of prayer rising to God (the odor of a sweet savor). At the Altar, its practice symbolizes the Grace of our Lord cleaning and sweetening our worship and our lives, a symbol of sanctification and purification, so that the offering may become acceptable to God.

Though not used in all parishes or in all services, incense and bells do remain a beautiful part of our Anglican heritage.

The language, the dignity and actions of the clergy, the Altar with its Cross, candles, vestments, music, the voices of the people; bring to this the sweet smell of incense and the clear ring of bells, and we have a beauty of worship unsurpassed in all of Christianity.



Schedule of Services

Easter Lessons & Carols — today at 4:00 pm

Followed by light reception with sherry & nibbles

This Week

Tuesday, April 16th. *Feria* — ACW Luncheon at 11:30 am. Men meet at 6:00 pm in the *Parish Hall*.

Wednesday, April 17th. *Patronage of St. Joseph* — Holy Communion at 5:30 pm.

Next Week

Diocesan Synod — Tuesday thru Friday

Wednesday, April 24th. *Feria* — Morning Prayer & Chrismal Mass at 8:30 am.

Thursday, April 25th. *St. Mark, Evangelist & Martyr* — Morning Prayer & Synod Mass at 7:45 am. Evening Prayer at 4:30 pm.

Friday, April 26th. *Feria* — Morning Prayer & Synod Closing Mass at 8:30 am.

Parishioners are invited to attend any of the Synod Service.

Note

If interested in attending the Synod Sessions on Thursday, please let Fr. Alexander or Dcn. Davis know so arrangements can be made. Observers may not have any of the meals provided for attendees, as those are paid for through Synod registration fees.

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