

## *Schedule of Services*

### *This Week*

**Wednesday, May 1:** *Sts. Philip & James, Apostles & Martyrs* — Deacon's Mass w/ Holy Communion at 5:30 pm.

**Friday, May 3:** *Invention of the Holy Cross* — Deacon's Mass w/ Holy Communion at 5:30 pm.

### *Next Week*

**Monday, May 6:** *Rogation Monday* — Litany and Deacon's Mass w/ Holy Communion at 5:30 pm.

**Wednesday, May 8:** *Vigil of the Ascension* — Deacon's Mass w/ Holy Communion at 5:30 pm.

**Thursday, May 9:** *ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST* — Deacon's Mass (with music) w/ Holy Communion at 5:30 pm.

## **All Saints' Anglican Church**

A Parish of the Diocese of the South

### ***Anglican Catholic Church***

The Most Rev. Mark Haverland, Ph.D., Primate and Diocesan

#### **Clergy**

The Rev. Fr. George F. Alexander, Rector

The Rev. Dcn. C. Lance Davis, Assistant

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

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*Commemorating St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor*

***April 28, 2024***

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### *Celebrant*

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### *Choir*

Dr. Anthony Harris, Cantor

Larry Byers, Christopher Roberts, Dominique Corbett,

David Nunnelly, Noah Bartel

### *Usher*

Don Michelinie

### *Lector*

Chris Roberts

### *Altar Guild:*

Dominique Corbett & Betty Alexander

### *Acolytes:*

Alan Wingard, Carl Bottomley, Mitchell Collins,

David Nunnelly, Bob Sukovich

### 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.]

Let us recall one of the most beautiful prayers in our Prayer Book: "We do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord ... we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs ... but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy ... grant us so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body, and our souls washed through His Most Precious Blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us."

We must humbly accept that we are now preparing to receive the Lord in a way the centurion couldn't even begin to imagine: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the very roof of our mouths, into our bodies, the abode of the soul. This recognition of unworthiness and our acceptance of the Divine healing that makes intimate union with Christ possible are essential, because when this is lost we run the risk of losing our sense of the sacred Mystery in our midst. Worse still, we might even begin to grow a bit casual in our approach to the Eucharist before which even the angels tremble in awe. We need to be reminded at every Holy Mass—as this response does for those who consider its meaning well—that in Holy Communion we enter into a reality far more incredible than even an impromptu visit from the King: we enter into the presence of the *King of kings*.

So let us take time before Mass to prepare ourselves to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We should arrive early to make our prayers, and we should remain quiet in the church out of respect both for Our Lord's presence in the Tabernacle, as well as for our neighbours who have come to pray. After we receive Holy Communion, let us kneel in quiet prayer—not watching other people in their intimate moments of encounter with Our Lord (the Eucharist is most certainly not a spectator sport!), but rather keeping our eyes closed and our hearts focused on the great gift we have received. Let us make an act of thanksgiving for having been graced to know the true Faith, for being admitted to the Lord's Altar, and for all the many benefits he has done unto us, unworthy as we are.



thority belongs. In describing how his own underlings obey his word, the centurion is essentially saying, “If those under me do what I command at my word, surely You who have ultimate authority can command anything—including something as incredible as the miracle of healing—by your very word alone.” The end result? “And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.”

“And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.” Matt. 8:5-8

Now let’s see if we can make these words our very own. Imagine your telephone rings one day and a voice on the other end says, “His Majesty The King is coming to your house for a visit; he will be walking through the front door in five minutes.” How would you feel? In addition to being excited and thrilled at the prospect, you’d probably think, “Oh no! Not me! Not now! I’m not prepared! The house isn’t clean enough, the furniture isn’t good enough, I’m not properly dressed, etc.”

So when we are preparing to approach our Lord Jesus Christ in an infinitely more profound way in the Most Holy Eucharist, it is absolutely right that we should take on similar sentiments, filled with anticipation and desire at the very thought, yet also with a sense that we are utterly unprepared for such a privileged encounter; the interior of our abode—our bodies—is not quite clean, our holiness is not yet perfected. In the words of the centurion, we simply are not worthy.

As we prepare to receive Christ in the Eucharist, the time is truly fitting to express the degree to which we are awed by the very thought of such intimate union with our Lord. We should feel a bit of uncomfortable distance. He is, after all, the One through whom all things were made and we are but His creatures. It is fitting, therefore, that we tell Jesus, just as the centurion did, that we recognize Him as Lord, and that we really are not worthy of having Him so abide with us.

# 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: See Hymn Board**

## Collect for Purity *(kneel or sit)*

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### *Introit*

O SING unto the Lord a new song, alleluia: for the Lord hath done marvelous things, alleluia: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. With his own right hand and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. *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)*

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## Collect(s) of the Day

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### *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)*

St. James i.17

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### *Alleluia*

Missal

Alleluia, alleluia. The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth might things to pass. Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. Alleluia.

**The Holy Gospel** *(stand)* St. John xvi. 5 p. 175

**The Nicene Creed** *(stand)* p. 71

**Sermon Hymn** *(stand)* **Hymn: See Hymn Board**

**Sermon** Fr. Alexander

**Offertory** Missal

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, sing praises unto the honour of his Name: O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what the Lord hath done for my soul. 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

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**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 shouldest  
Come under my roof, but speak the word only  
And my soul shall be healed.*

## Liturgically Speaking

### Lord, I am not worthy

*“And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. [...] When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.”* Matt. 8:5-8, 10

At Holy Mass, when the Priest turns to show us the consecrated Host before Holy Communion, he says (echoing the words of St. John the Baptist) “Behold the Lamb of God.” Our response, said thrice, is: “Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.” This response calls to mind the words that were spoken by the Roman centurion to Jesus when he begged the Lord to heal his sick servant in Matthew 8. In this instance we are asking the Lord to heal not our servant, but our very soul, our inmost being. We are acknowledging that we’re about to receive Him under the “roof” of our mouths and thus to welcome Him into our physical abode; into our bodies, the dwelling place of the soul. While this unusual language may feel uncomfortably distant as compared to the incredible intimacy of Holy Communion, it’s important for us to realize that these words are spoken in preparation for the Divine encounter; this is not the moment of intimacy itself. Our response, in other words, is intended to orient our thoughts in such way as to help us embrace the breathtaking reality of what is about to take place. This is important! Let’s now take a closer look at the Scriptural roots of this response as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew to discover how we might make the centurion’s words and sentiments our very own; inspiring the kind of awe that should accompany our union with Christ in the Eucharist.

What is the centurion saying? In comparing himself to his own servant as “a man under authority,” the centurion is suggesting a few very important things. First, he realizes that in Jesus’ presence he is really no more than a servant himself. Second, his words also suggest that he recognizes in Jesus far more than just an ordinary man; rather, he indicates an awareness that Jesus is one to whom true au-

## Saint of the Week

### *St. Monica, Widow (AD 331 - 387)*

Monica was twice over the mother of St. Augustine, for, under God, he owed to her both earth and heaven. When her husband was very old she made him a friend of Jesus Christ, and after his death she lived a widow in all purity and constantly occupied in works of mercy. Her son Augustine had fallen into the heresy of the Manichaeans, and for his conversion she earnestly pleaded with God for years, with strong crying and tears. She followed Augustine to Milan, and tenderly and constantly besought him to confer with Ambrose the Bishop. This he consented to do, and at last, through the public sermons and private conversations of Ambrose, his eyes were opened to see the truth of the Catholic Religion, and he received baptism at the Bishop's hands.

The mother and son set out to return to their home in Africa, but after they had reached Ostia at the mouth of the Tiber, she was stricken down by a fever. One day as she lay sick, she came to herself after her mind had been long wandering, and said: "Where am I?" Then she saw who were standing by, and said "Let your mother lie here only, remember me at the altar of the Lord." On the ninth day this blessed lady surrendered her spirit to God. Her body was buried there at Ostia in the Church of St. Aurea, but, long after, in the papacy of Martin V, it was carried to Rome and honourably buried again in the Church of St. Augustine.

Augustine added these words after describing his mother's death: "We did not think that hers was a death which it was seemly to mark with repining, or tears, or lamentations, seeing that she died not sorrowfully, nor at all as touching her best and noblest part. This we knew, because we knew what her life had been, her faith unfeigned, her sure and certain hope. And then, nevertheless, I remembered again what thine handmaid was used to be, her walk with thee, how godly and holy it was, and with us so gentle and long-suffering and that it was all, gone away from me now. And I wept, over her and for her. And if any man will make it blame to me that I wept for a little while, when I saw lying dead before my eyes my mother, who had wept over me so many years, that she might see me live, I say, if any man will make it blame to me, I pray him not to sneer at me, but rather (if his charity be so great) himself to weep over my sins before thee, Who art a Father to all them to whom thy Christ is a Brother."

**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: See Hymn Board**

### **Communion Verse.**

When the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement, alleluia, alleluia.

**Post Communion Thanksgiving** (*kneel or sit*)

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**Gloria in excelsis** (*stand*) (*Hymn 739*)

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

Missal

WE beseech thee, O Lord: that this Sacrament which we have received may both strengthen our bodies and quicken our souls. Through 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 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*)

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**Processional Hymn** (*stand*)

**Hymn: See Hymn Board**

**Postlude**

## Parish Intercessions

**Birthdays:** Sylvia Riggins, Ken Connor, Marion Terrell, Michelle Rabon  
**Anniversaries:** Jeff & Susie Kern

***Those who are ill or have special needs:***

### ***Parishioners***

Carl Bottomley  
 Sharon Riordan  
 Judi Storey  
 Trina Crocker  
 Pixie Keating  
 David Merriam  
 Tamara Cannon  
 Patricia Sharp  
 Paul Sharp  
 David Twigg  
 Carol Twigg  
 Sylvia Riggins  
 Marian Sortore  
 Bob Holladay  
 Dot Holladay  
 Donna Burns  
 Amy Connor  
 Linzee Whittaker  
 Pat Franca  
 Harry Long  
 Onesta Hodges  
 Barney Lamar

### ***Family***

Kathryn DiPietro  
 John Dowdy  
 Mike Cope  
 Kevin Foley  
 Ann-Ray Crocker  
 Everett Rabon  
 John Eubanks  
 Keating-Rottier Family  
 Julia Alexander  
 Maks Chirich  
 Beverly Dodd  
 Ida Williams  
 Jody Wheeler  
 Carol Roberts  
 Clayton Gordon  
 Tom Delk  
 Ben Newman  
 Jack Cannon  
 Shannon Marshall  
 Phoenix Cain  
 Mindy Cain  
 Ellie

### ***Friends***

Allie Bush  
 Sukie Low  
 Laura Cupp  
 Scott Hayes  
 Andrew Copolla  
 Pat Brady  
 Penney Powell  
 Jessica Gagnon  
 Lauren Rise Bennett  
 George Brown  
 Carolyn Knehan  
 Betty Adair  
 Mark Capley  
 Floyd Seay  
 Kathy McFarland  
 Michael Meyer  
 Jeremiah Slinde  
 Blankenship Family  
 Curry Family  
 Lou Montani  
 Raylene Hendrix

### ***Clergy***

Janet Reed  
 Lindsey Sargent  
 Catherine Connor  
 Chuck Buck  
 Laura Greco  
 Cecil Raborn  
 Beverly Thompson  
 Jacob Huff  
 Art Kenner  
 Jack Wetzel  
 Garrett Clanton, Pr.  
 Jean Bien-aime, Pr.

### ***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

### **Banns of Marriage - Bartel/Key**

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Mr. Noah Bartel of Augusta, GA, and Miss Jeslyn Key of Augusta, GA. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the first time of asking.

### **Wheelchair needed**

The parish is in need of a wheelchair to be kept on site in case a parishioner or guest may have need of it. If anyone has a chair in good condition and would be willing to donate it, please speak with Kathy Clark or Dcn. Davis.

### **ACW Luncheon for May**

In May, the ACW Lunch will be on the second Tuesday, May 14th, at 11:30 am at Anshu Asian Cafe. Contact Clare Michelinie if you plan to attend.

### **Men of All Saints' May Meeting**

Please note that the May meeting of the Men of All Saints' will be on the last Monday, the 27th, at 6:00 om in the Parish Hall. The meeting features another cookoff between the rector and the deacon, this time an Italian flavor.

### **Rector's Vacation**

Please note that Fr. Alexander and Betty will be away for a vacation April 30th thru May 23rd. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Dcn. Davis.

### ***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***

As a result of having to change vendors for our Altar Flowers, the cost will be increasing but the arrangements should last longer, offsetting the increased cost. 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.

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

***Join us for Coffee Hour following today's Service!***