

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

The Sunday after Ascension Day

May 13, 2018

10:30 am

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Celebrant:

The Rev. Fr. George F. Alexander, Rector

Father, while I was with them in the world, I kept those that thou gavest me, alleluia: and now I come to thee. I pray thee not that thou shouldst take them out of the world: but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

Our Church

All Saints' Anglican Church was founded in 1977, as 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.

Our principal service is Holy Communion which we celebrate every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. We also observe major Holy Days from the Historic Church Calendar with the Holy Communion, as announced.

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)

Opening Prayer

Hymn (stand) (2nd Tune) Hymn 104

Collect for Purity (kneel or sit) p. 67

Introit

CONSIDER, O Lord, and hear me, when I cry unto thee, alleluia: unto thee my heart hath sought: thy face, Lord, have I sought; thy face, Lord, will I seek; O hide not thou thy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia. Psalm 27. The Lord is my light, and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? 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 p. 70

Collect(s) of the Day p. 179

Second

GRANT we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and dwelleth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle (sit) St. Peter iv: 7 p. 179

Gradual

Alleluia, alleluia. V. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat, alleluia. V. I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel (stand) St. John xv. 26 and part of Chap. xvi p. 179

The Nicene Creed (stand) p. 71

Sermon Hymn (stand) Hymn 106
Sermon Fr. Alexander

Commemoration of Mother's Day

Offertory

Missal

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, 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)*

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Invitation and General Confession

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Absolution

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Comfortable Words

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Sursum Corda

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Proper Preface *(Of Ascension)*

Missal

Sanctus

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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *(kneel or sit)*

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Lord's Prayer

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Agnus Dei

Hymn 706

Prayer of Humble Access

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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
And my soul shall be healed.*

(If you are a visitor and a communicant in your own church, then you are subject to the same invitation that we are. It is 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.)

Hymn (kneel or sit)

Hymn 210

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

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, grant that we may always devote our wills to thy service, and wait upon thy Majesty with singleness of heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty and most merciful God: that what we have received in visible mysteries may work in us its invisible effect. 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 352

Organist

Mrs. Elizabeth Blount

Acolytes: Alan Wingard, Mason Collins
Mitchell Collins
Layreader: Larry Byers
Altar Guild: Vicky Tussey &
Ann Zouck
Usher: Jack Swihart

Parish Intercessions

Birthdays: Linzee Whittaker

Those who are ill or have special needs:

<i>Parishioners</i>	Mary Overstreet	Bernice
Abby Schunter	Kate	Doretha Bates
Jack Stumpfig	Laura Greco	George Becker
Dora Stumpfig	Katherine	Beverly Thompson
Patricia Sharp	Shirley Collins	Betty Lattimore
Carol Sue Roberts	Ross	Ann Lattimore
Abby Zipfel	Cass	Kirby Family
Bobbie Graves	Treva Byers	John Clark
Muff Herbruck	Shannon Marshall	Richard
Jack Cannon	Carl St. George	Hal Cobb
Lee Larison	Cheyenne Price	Laura
Jo Cunningham	Richard Clark	Jacob Huff
John Cunningham	Dowdy Family	Gail & Family
Elise Lehman	Clark	Maria
Alan Wingard	Cecil Raborn	Art Kenner
Frederick Torrey	Alfred Merchant	<i>Clergy</i>
Patricia Franca	Elizabeth	Frank Martin, Pr.
<i>Family & Friends</i>	Jim Ricciuti	Garrett Clanton, Pr.
Evelyn Watkins	Betty Adair	Edward Keel, Pr.
Joanne Kimmel	John	Lawrence Wells, Pr.
	Christina	

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

In particular, Michael Alexander, Joshua Connor, Luke DeRienza, Kasci Hutchinson, Evan Kotti, and William Shepherd; those service members of our Diocese and Province; and all the ACC and ACA Chaplains.

For All the Faithful Departed

Remembering especially the families and friends of our Parish Family, and those who are laid to rest in our church yard.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Jean, sister of Fr. Rhae Kelley, departed this life this past week in Maryland.

Schedule of Services

Wednesday: *Of the Octave of the Ascension*
Holy Communion 5:30 pm

Announcements

Happy Mother's Day!

This Week

Monday (14th): *Vestry* meets at **5:00 pm** in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday (15th): *ACW* will have their monthly luncheon at **12:30 pm.** at the Willcox.

Wednesday (16th): Holy Communion at **5:30 pm**, followed by *Anglican Studies* at 6:15.

Sunday (20th): The *Feast of Pentecost*, or *Whitsunday* in Anglican Tradition, commonly referred to as the *Birthday of the Church*.

Next Week

Tuesday (22nd): *Men of All Saints'* meet at **6:00 pm** at the *Red Pepper*.

Coming Up in May

Thursday (24th): *Feast of Corpus Christi* will be celebrated with *Holy Communion* at **5:30 pm.**

Special Thank You

A special **Thank You** for those who provided an unexpected celebration of Fr. George's birthday during *Parish Night Out*. It was a wonderful, festive occasion! Thank you **Trina Crocker** for the Birthday Cake, with candles, and delicious cheesecake. Never a dull time at *Parish Night Out!*

Helping Our Overseas Parishes

So many **ACC** parishes around the world persist in the most *dire* of circumstances. Opportunities abound to aid our own in places such as South Sudan, the Congo, Kenya, Cameroon, Pakistan, Haiti, and Central America. Aid provided through the ACC incurs no administrative costs — 100% of funds donated go directly to where they have been designated or needed. The *Diocese of the South*, through the *Bishop's Benevolent Fund*, or through the *St. Paul Missionary Society*, transfers the funds and absorbs any fees associated with transferring financial aid. See Fr. Alexander for more information.

Saint of the Week

St. Paschal Baylon, Confessor (1540-1592)

Paschal was born in Torrehermosa in the Kingdom of Aragon (modern-day Spain) on the 24th of May, 1540. Martin Baylon and Elizabeth Jubera, his parents, were poor peasants. In his childhood, he was a shepherd, but already showed great devotion towards Christ.

When he was twenty-four, Paschal was received as a lay brother of the Franciscan Order of the Alcantarine Reform. He chose to live in poverty, and focus his efforts on the poor and afflicted in order to stay true to his roots.

Paschal was best known for his efforts in the devotion to Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. He was a mystic, and had frequent ecstatic visions before the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

A champion of the doctrine of the Real Presence, Paschal often defended it against the teachings of Huguenot radicals and others who would deny Christ's presence at the altar.

St. Paschal's influence was powerful. He died on the 15th of May, 1592, was beatified in 1618, and was canonized in 1690. His influence was particularly felt in Spain and Southern Italy. He is venerated on the anniversary of his death by the Roman Catholic Church and Anglo-Catholic traditions.



Prayer for Mother's Day

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we give thee thanks for all mothers, to whom thou hast entrusted the care of each precious life, and for all women to whom thou hast given the capacity of participating with thee in the creation of new life. Watch over, we beseech thee, all mothers who are with child, and those who have been blessed with the care of children: pour forth your grace abundantly upon them; inspire and strengthen them with thy Holy Spirit; and grant that they may ever follow the example of Blessed Mary, mother of thine only Begotten Son, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love; and finally share in the eternal joy of thy presence in the life to come. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen*

Please Take the Bulletin Home — It's a Mini-Newsletter

The Sunday bulletin is almost like a newsletter. It has a lot of information, in addition to the Order of Service. Please take your copy of the bulletin when you leave and enjoy the articles. Much time and effort has gone into producing it each week to fill it with news, information, and inspiration!

Reflections: A Birthday Celebration Plus 29 Years a Priest

What a surprise this past Wednesday when what was supposed to be Parish Night Out turned out to be more than that — an unexpected celebration of my birthday! What an honor; what a privilege.

I more than appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness but, truly, it is I who celebrates you, each of you. You are my Family in Christ and most dear to me. I thank you most heartily for the wonderful gift of your love, unworthy that I am.

Now, May is not only the month when I celebrate my birthday but, more importantly, my ordination as Priest in God's Church, and each year at this time I especially reflect on that momentous occasion in my life.

The path to priesthood was one I never expected to take, a path that led me to All Saints'.

Here, I have found the greatest joy and fulfillment in my service as a priest.

How I got to the priesthood is one of those divine mysteries; the only person I know who was certain that this was the path I would eventually take is Nancy Wilds.

When I was a young acolyte, about 14 years of age, Nancy told me I would one day be a priest. She said she knew it by the way I carried the cross in procession. She has since reminded me of this on more than one occasion!

Getting to this point in life was not the result of a sudden revelation or conversion experience; it developed over a long period of time. On occasion, the tug was greater than at other times, until it all came together in 1982, when I met the late Bishop Tillman Williams.

It was Fr. Williams at that time, and he was dean of Holyrood Seminary; he was attending a Diocesan Synod hosted by All Saints'.

He took the time to talk with me, and discovered I had an interest in the "ministry." He introduced me to the late Rt. Rev. Frank Knutti, Bishop of the Diocese of the South.

In a matter of minutes, it seems, it was determined that I would be a postulate for Holy Orders, and that was that!

From that time, I began the process of Reading for Holy Orders, as attending seminary was out of the question: I was on active duty in the army, and the army wasn't going to let me go anywhere!

Along with the late Fr. Norman Trimmier, I began the long and arduous process of study, assigned to various priests for different topics, and finally coming directly under the thumb of Bp. Williams, who put Norm and me through the wringer.

Finally, after six years of study, Norm and I were made deacons by Bp. Williams, and a year later ordained to the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Herman Nelson. Bp. Williams had succumbed to cancer about six months before we were to be ordained.

I am convinced that if God hadn't called both of us to this office, Norm and I would have given up. We met more than a few roadblocks along the way.

As I look back on the past 29 years, I wonder where did the time go! It seems like only yesterday, when we were ordained.

That moment is just as indelibly engraved in my mind as it is indelibly written on my soul: a mark that is eternal.

The words of the bishop as he placed the stole on my neck were our Lord's very words, and still I hear them today as well as then: "Take my yoke upon you...For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

And I remember so well when my hands were anointed with oil, blessed, and consecrated for the administration of the Sacraments of the Church.

I remember too well also just how terrible those first sermons were. There is nothing like a lot of confidence and no experience, with all that acquired knowledge just waiting to be shared.

And the patience of Fr. Frank Martin at Holy Cross in Augusta, under whose guidance I was placed. Patience well tried.

It would take quite a few years, and still there's a lot of room for improvement, and a lot of learning left.

One of the greatest opportunities was to have Fr. Clanton as a mentor. He has been foremost in my development as a priest and pastor.

And what is a priest without a congregation, without a Family in Christ?

Most certainly, I have found the very best Family in Christ right here: all the love and forbearance and acceptance and warmth.

Thanks be to God

While I have written about me, being a priest is not about me, but about you and the Church; about God's Love and Grace; about Jesus Christ; about eternal life guaranteed by our Lord and Saviour through His Life, Death, and Resurrection.

***Blessed, praised, worshipped and adored
be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory in
heaven, and in the most Holy Sacrament
of the Altar. Amen.***



Liturgically Speaking

The Ascension of our Lord

This past Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension in commemoration of our Lord's Ascent into Heaven to the Right Hand of God.

The Ascension is an historical event recounted by St. Luke in his Gospel, and in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. St. Luke himself did not witness the Ascension, but gives an account based on his interviews of those were witnesses.

To better understand the Ascension, we must come to understand that it was not a physical ascent into the sky, such as Jesus soaring off into the wild blue yonder as would an airplane, and certainly not an astronomical event. Rather, it was an event where Jesus, in His Resurrected Body, was taken up into a cloud, and passed out of time and space. It is the completion of the Incarnation, when our Lord entered into time and space.

And the question, of course, is why couldn't He have continued to be present? Why **did** He have to withdraw from His disciples, from the world?

First, He could not have used His full power while subject to the limitations of time and space. True, His body had been modified by the Resurrection; still He could not have been equally with His Apostles wherever they were, whether in Rome or in Antioch or elsewhere, at the same time.

Second, He could not have been mystically or sacramentally present if He were physically or materially present.

Third, He could not have sent the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, if He had remained in their presence. The Holy Spirit is His representative and the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. The Apostles had to learn to be on their own and to rely on the help of the Holy Spirit.

Christ, having ascended into Heaven, continues His work of redemption. An analogy is drawn from the Jewish high priest who passes through the veil into the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement and presents the blood of the lambs, sprinkling the mercy-seat.

Our Ascended Lord is the true high priest, who has entered into heaven itself, has passed through the veil, to present His sacrifice, and "to appear in the presence of God for us." (Heb. 9:24)

When Jesus ascended into heaven, He did not leave us to face the world alone. He sent the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, and to awaken in us the courage and desire to be witnesses of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In Heaven, our Lord continues His work of salvation, bearing the scars and tokens of His Passion, and we are joined to that heavenly intercession through a great mystical service ordained by Him for that very purpose. That service is the Holy Eucharist, the earthly counterpart of Christ's heavenly pleading.



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