

All Saints' Anglican Church



A Parish of the Diocese of the South
Anglican Catholic Church

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Sexagesima

Commemorating St. Gilbert of Sempringham, Abbot

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10:30 am

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Holy Communion

Healing Service at 11:45

Celebrant:

The Rev. Fr. George F. Alexander, Rector

Assisting:

The Rev. Canon Rhae Kelley (ACA)

*I will go unto the altar of God:
Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.*

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

Processional Hymn (*stand*)

Hymn 315

Collect for Purity (*kneel or sit*)

p. 67

Introit

ARISE, O Lord, wherefore sleepest thou? awaken, and cast us not away for ever: wherefore hidest thou thy countenance, and forgettest our adversity and misery? our belly cleaveth unto the ground; arise, and save us, O Lord, our helper, and our deliverer. *Psalm 44.* O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have told us. *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.*

Decalogue

p. 68

Collect

p. 70

Collect(s) of the Day

p. 120

Additional Collects

WE beseech thee, O Lord, let the intercession of blessed Gilbert, thine Abbot, obtain for us thy favour: that those things which we are not able to attain by our own merits, we may gain at his petition.

O GOD, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary hast bestowed upon mankind the reward of eternal salvation: grant we beseech thee, that we may know the help of her intercession, through whom we have been accounted worthy to receive the Author of life, Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord.

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*)

2 Corinthians xi. 19

p. 120

Gradual

Let the nations know that thou, whose Name is Jehovah: art only the Most Highest over all the earth. *V.* O my God, make them like unto a wheel: and as the stubble before the wind.

Thou hast moved the land, O Lord: and divided it. *V.* Heal the sores thereof: for it shaketh. *V.* That they may triumph because of the truth: that thy beloved may be delivered.

The Holy Gospel (stand) St. Luke viii. 4 p. 121

The Nicene Creed (stand) p. 71

Sermon Hymn (stand) Hymn 401

Sermon Fr. Alexander

Offertory Missal

O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not; incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words: show thy marvelous loving-kindness, O Lord, thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

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 Trinity*) p. 79

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 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 195

Post Communion Thanksgiving (kneel or sit) p. 83

Post Communion Hymn (kneel) (*2nd Tune*) Hymn 209

Post Communion Collect(s) (kneel) Missal

WE humbly beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, whom thou dost refresh with thy holy Sacraments, may continually serve thee in all virtuous and godly living. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MAY the reception of thy Sacrament protect us, O Lord: and by the intercession of the blessed Abbot Gilbert, may we follow the example of his virtue. and experience the benefit of his prayers

MAY this Communion, O Lord, cleanse us from all stain of sin: and at the intercession of blessed Mary make us partakers of her everlasting salvation.

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: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Blessing (kneel) p. 84

Processional Hymn (stand) Hymn 287

Healing Service follows at 11:45

Organist & Choir Director

Mrs. Elizabeth Blount

Acolytes: Alan Wingard,
Mason Collins

Layreader: Chris Roberts
Altar Guild: Kirsten Collins &

Usher: .Dr. Ray Vaughters

Judi Hammond

Parish Intercessions

Birthdays: Tamara Cannon, Andrew King

Those who are ill or have special needs:

Parishioners

Carol Sue Roberts
Abby Zipfel
David Beveridge
Linzee Whittaker
Bobbie Graves
Muff Herbruck
Jack Cannon
Lee Larison
Jo Cunningham
Kirsten Collins
John Cunningham
Elise Lehman
Alan Wingard
Frederick Torrey

Shirley Collins
Ross
Cass
Trevia Byers
Shannon Marshall
Cheyenne Price
Richard Clark
Dowdy Family
Clark
Judy McConnell
Onesta Hodges
Cecil Raborn
Alfred Merchant
Elizabeth
Jim Ricciuti
Betty Adair

John
Christina
Bernice
Doretha Bates
Beverly Thompson

Betty Lattimore
Ann Lattimore
Kirby Family
Howk Family
John Clark
Charles Logan
Richard
Hal Cobb
Laura
Jacob Huff
Gail & Family
Maria
Art Kenner
Sudie Lea O'Connor
Danielle Falk
Bryan Karr

Clergy

Frank Martin, Pr.
Garrett Clanton, Pr.
Edward Keel, Pr.
Lawrence Wells, Pr.

Family & Friends

Mary Overstreet
Kate
Laura Greco
Katherine

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.

Schedule of Services for Christmas Week

Wednesday: *St. Romuald, Abbot*
Holy Communion 5:30 pm
Anglican Studies 6:15 pm

Announcements

Shrove Tuesday Spaghetti Supper

Shrove Tuesday will be on the 13th, with our traditional *Spaghetti Supper* at 6:00 pm. For those who miss the old *Pancake Suppers*, how about a dessert or two based on pancakes? Just a thought!

Ash Wednesday

Services will be as usual at 5:30 pm, with the Imposition of Ashes, followed by Holy Communion.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will begin **Friday the 16th** at 5:30 pm, and continue weekly throughout **Lent**.

This Week

Anglican Studies continues on **Wednesday the 7th** following the **5:30 Service**.

Next Week

Monday: Vestry meets at 5:00 pm.

Tuesday: Our traditional *Shrove Tuesday Spaghetti Supper* at 6:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Services will be as usual at 5:30 pm with the *Imposition of Ashes*, followed by Holy Communion.

Friday: Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm,

Coming Up in February

Lenten Supper Program will begin on **Wednesday February 21st** following the 5:30 pm service.

Parish Directory

A new **Parish Directory** is now available. Check it over when you receive one, and let Fr. Alexander know of any errors or omissions. This is a good time to correct and update information. Of course, some errors have already been discovered!

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! See Fr. Alexander for more information.

Join us for Coffee Hour following today's Service!

Saint of the Week

St. Gilbert of Sempringham, (1083 - 1190)

Founder of the Gilbertine Order, and the only Englishman to found a conventual order, St. Gilbert was born in 1083 at Sempringham, near Bourne in Lincolnshire, the son of Jocelin, an Anglo-Norman lord of the manor, who actively prevented his son from becoming a knight, possibly because of some physical deformity making him unfit for military service, and, instead, sent him to the University of Paris to study theology.

Upon his return in 1120, he became a clerk in the household of Robert Bloet, Bishop of Lincoln, where he started a school for boys and girls. He was finally ordained by Robert's successor, Alexander.

When his father died in 1130, he became lord of the manor of Sempringham, and during that same period, began acting as adviser for a group of young women living in enclosure with lay sisters and brothers. He decided the community should be incorporated into an established religious order, and in 1148, went to Citeaux to ask the Cisterians to take over the small community.

Rebuffed because of the inclusion of women in the order, he founded a double monastery of canons regular and nuns, with the approval of Pope Eugene III, the Canons Regular as its spiritual directors, and Gilbert as Master General.

The Community, to which he devoted his wealth, became known as the Gilbertine Order, which grew to twenty-six monasteries, and continued in existence until King Henry VIII suppressed monasteries in England.

In 1165, he was imprisoned, but exonerated on a false charge of aiding Thomas of Canterbury during the latter's exile.

St. Gilbert resigned his office late in life, because of blindness, and died at Sempringham in 1190 at the age of 106.



Liturgically Speaking

Solemnity Not Without Joy

As we approach Lent in the solemn tradition of the Church, there seems also to be a pressing gloominess awaiting us.

This need not be. That we are entering a solemn, penitential period in the Life of the Church, and in our lives as members of that Body, is not a reason to lay aside the joy of being a Christian.

Certainly, during Pre-Lent and Lent, we want to focus on our sinful nature, those sins committed by thought, word, and deed, and by negligence as well. This is a time to review our lives in the context of true repentance with prayer and supplication. It is a time to acknowledge that we have transgressed God's Commandments, failing both him and ourselves.

However, we should remember the words of our Lord found in the Gospel of St. Matthew, in the passage appointed for Ash Wednesday:

“But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.”

It is with a joyful heart that we serve God, whatever that service may be. We may solemnly approach God in repentance, seeking forgiveness, but not without the joy of his Love, and knowing that he is more ready to forgive than we to repent.

Our hearts should always be bursting with joy over the ever present love that God bestows upon us, and the comfort of acknowledging our *sins and wickedness*, so that we may receive his forgiveness as adopted children in the Family of Christ.

Season of Preparation

As we prepare during Lent to celebrate the glorious Resurrection on Easter, we, at All Saints', have a number of helps, with the Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays, the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, and the Litany and Holy Eucharist on Sundays. There are also the Lenten Suppers and Programs following the 5:30 service.

Still, there are the *Morning and Evening Offices* we refer to as **Morning and Evening Prayer**, that can be said each day. The Lectionary at the beginning of the Prayer Book will guide you through reading the Psalms and Holy Scripture. Reading either of the Offices only takes about 15 or 20 minutes but provides a wonderful spiritual experience. It is part of a Lenten Discipline that can be practiced throughout the year.

For those who have not participated in the **Stations of the Cross**, it can be a most meaningful experience. Imagine following spiritually in the footsteps of our Lord on His way to the Cross, witnessing His Crucifixion, and watching with His Mother, the blessed Virgin Mary, as Jesus is laid in the tomb.

There are many opportunities, here at All Saints', to assist each of us in our spiritual development during Lent.

Our Human Duty and Responsibility

Regardless of the season of the year, everywhere one looks, there is beauty and tranquility, and the wonder of all of God's Creation. Here it is for us to enjoy and to preserve. And we are one of the great wonders of his Creation.

We are, creatures of God, creatures in His Image, set apart from the rest of living things because we are created in God's Image, endowed with a soul, a conscience, a will.

With our creation came also a responsibility and a duty: to worship our Creator, for He is the source of all that we are. Indeed, we were created for that purpose out of love.

While as human beings, our purpose in life is to worship God, even so as Christians we have been given all the tools needed to carry out that duty and responsibility.

God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, revealed Himself to us in a way that we could see Him through His Son. And through that revelation, we can see God's presence more clearly in all of His Creation.

At the same time, It becomes more and more clear that we live in a sacramental world.

This clarity comes through the Sacrifice of His Son to rescue us from our rebellious nature, redeem us, and make us whole again as children of God, adopted by and joined to our Heavenly Father through infinite love.

The sacraments left to the Church are reflections, in a real sense, of all of God's Creation: the "outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace."

God used the familiar to bring to us the invisible, unfamiliar, and, in particular, His Grace through the operation of the Holy Spirit.

The familiar: just as the leaves and blooms of trees in the spring are an outward sign of the life within, so it is that the outward signs of the sacraments of the Church, as in the water of baptism, the bread and wine of the Eucharist, the Laying-On of Hands of Confirmation, and so forth, signify that "inward and spiritual Grace given unto us; ordained

by Jesus Christ Himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof."

Of all God's creatures, we are set apart as rational beings, capable of discerning good from evil, and capable of truly loving and caring. We are even capable of accepting or denying our own Creator.

Thus, accepting God as our Creator, we come face-to-face with our duty and responsibility to worship Him, and to offer ourselves to Him in the spirit of that love by which we were created and are sustained.

In His Church, we come together in communion with all the Saints, joining together with the Angels and Archangels, and the whole company of Heaven to worship and glorify God in the form and manner given to us, wherein, we are fed and nourished with the Bread of Heaven, the Body and Blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

To worship God: our human duty and responsibility from which all else flows.

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester:

Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly.
Amen.

Announcements for Bulletin

If you have information you would like to put in the **Sunday Bulletin** or need to share with the Parish, please provide it to Fr. Alexander by Thursday of the week. Help us keep the Parish informed!

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!



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