

Grace Episcopal Church

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
November 2, 2025
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:30 a.m.

BCP PRELUDE

Prelude on "Consolator" - F. D. Ashdown

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #287 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8) (*In the Blue Hymnal*)

For all the saints

- 1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia!

- 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, alleluia!

355 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA (Sung by all)



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Lector A reading from the Prophet Daniel.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

- The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149 (responsively by whole verse)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- ² Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- ³ Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- ⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

- ⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- ⁷ To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;
- ⁸ To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;
- ⁹ To inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 1:11-23

Lector A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**



THE GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

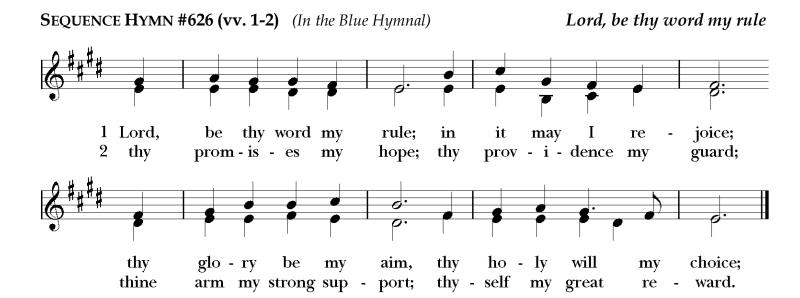
"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

-- The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



THE HOMILY

The Reverend Warren Pittman

The Rev. Warren Pittman has served as priest in The Episcopal Church since 1975; initially "back west" in the Diocese of Los Angeles, and here in North Carolina since 1995, retiring in 2015 as rector of All Saints, Greensboro. In the time between Bishop Curry and Bishop Rodman, he served as a Pastoral Deputy to Bishop Hodges-Copple. He and his wife, Ayliffe Mumford, (also retired from the Bishop's staff) reside in Greensboro. His continued service includes being a part of the Diocesan Pastoral Response Team and as a member of our Diocesan Link with the Anglican Church in Botswana.

358 THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

387 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III AND CONFESSION OF SIN

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest,

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, especially

Dale Anderson Marie Goings Nancy Phillips Ava Jay Chappell Joyce Inabinett Pauline Schueler Tom Cook Nicholas Melomo Louise Snyder

Becky Jo Davis Dan Moore

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, **Josey** Parker, and **Brianna** Cantrall.

and those with special needs:

Ed Kelaher, Lou Adkins, Mark Adkins, Ella Asebes, Jeannie Belk, Louise Billings, Sissy Bolstad, Judy Boyd, Mike Bralkowski, Alice Brandon, Lynne Broch, Jack Buckheit, Gayle Burke, Seraphina Byers, Lynne Cleckley, Joan Clodfelter, Bob Cook, Susan Dixon, Renee Ewbank, Cathy Farley, Jenny Gallen, Shana Garland, Angie Gowen, Jane Grimes, Jimmy Hall, George Hanna, Semi Harne, Nancy Hinkle, Jennifer & Michael Hinton, Chris Hodges, Bob Holcomb, Brittany Hudson, Nancy Hutchins, Andrew Jones, Marlene Jones, Ray Kent, Cara Lee, Lisa Lightfoot, Lloyd Lohr, Warren MacKinstry, Debbie Mason, Kate McKenzie, Charles McNeair, Arnold Miller, Angela Mott, Debbie Painter, Walker Peoples, Gabby Plott, Ellen Rickert, Jacklyn Rojas, Melissa Routh, Lucas Sanabria, Lynn Santolla, Suzy Sheets, Lisa Shepherd, Carol Sills, Talmadge Silversides, Morgan Simmons, Clyde Smith, Martha Ellen Smith, Jenny Hedrick Stilwell, Sean Sullivan, Jackie Touchton, Brenda Tyndall, Perry Grimes Van Dyke, Sandy Wallace, Flynn Williams, Paul Wylie, Charlotte Young, and Edward.

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus

Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep

you in eternal life. Amen.

Please stand if you are able

360 THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

[&]quot;Are there others?"

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Give Us the Wings of Faith to Rise - D. Williams, arr. W. Stalls

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

-Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

361 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

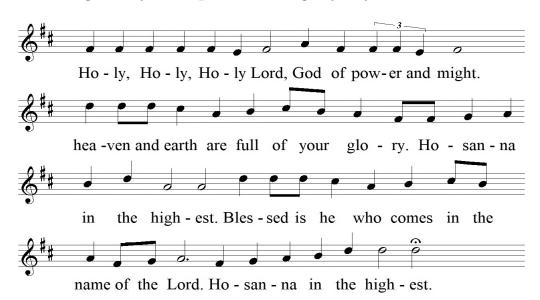
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (Sung by All)



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The people may stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

364 THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine.

Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally.

If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.

During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

366 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the God of all the saints strengthen you in faith and surround you with love. May Christ light your path and guide you in grace. And the blessing of God Almighty, ★ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL HYMN #556 (in the Blue Hymnal)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

(See Page 11 for music)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God - S. Karg-Elert

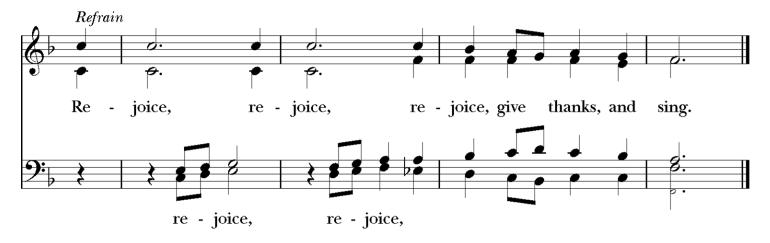
The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Columbarium Committee in honor of saints past and present.



Re - joice, give thanks, and Re joice, heart! sing! Your 1 pure in ye 2 With the an - gel with all the saints earth, pour all choirs, \mathbf{of} 3 Your clear ho al - le - lu - ias loud; while san - nas raise, and Yes, on through life's long path, still chant-ing from4 ye go, as 5 Still march in lift your stand-ard high, still ar firm ray, as wear - ied 6 At last the march shall end; the ones shall rest; the 7 Then pure in heart! Re joice, give thanks, and sing! Your on, ye



Christ your high, the glo - rious \mathbf{of} King. 1 ban - ner oncross wave 2 strains bliss, true no - blest out the \mathbf{of} joy and rap - ture, mirth. an - swering 3 ech - oes ward float, like wreaths in - cense cloud. up of night youth age, by and day, inglad - ness and in woe. 4 to 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns gold - en the day. 6 pil - grims find their Fa ther's house, Je - ru sa lem the blest. 7 glor - ious ban - ner wave onhigh the cross ofChrist your King.



WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today, and we would welcome the opportunity to get acquainted. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex and join us immediately following the service in the Parish Hall (in the building next door) for refreshments and conversation. Today our hosts are members of the Columbarium Committee.

Infants and young children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary. The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper-changing stations are provided in both rooms.

During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Lector: Tere Wagner Intercessor: Elizabeth Purdy

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Miles Cleckley, Kathie Goodman Greeter: Mary Cameron Welborn

Ushers: Sims Riggan, Richard Wolfe **Acolytes:** Anderson Carter

Merritt Carter Analise Petruzzi

Today we welcome as our guest priest The Reverend Warren Pittman.



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THE VESTRY

2026	2027	2028
Karl Bolstad	Dan Briggs	Kristi Allred
Bright Carter	Elizabeth Purdy	Lynn Meeks Treasurer
Sally Dodd	Mary Matthews Clerk of Vestry	Neil Shepherd
Henry Duquette Junior Warden	Leslie Sheets Senior Warden	Chuck Taylor

Vestry Person of the Month for November is Karl Bolstad.