THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH 2024 AT 10:30 AM



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II All Saints Episcopal Church 6301 Parkman Place Cincinnati, Oh 45213



If you are joining us for the first time, we are so glad you are with us today! Know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to sign our guest book as you exit or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack in front of you and return it to the offering plate. We'd love to stay connected with you and tell you about the wonderful offerings and community here at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Please feel free to find out more about us on our website at allsaintscincinnati.org

ARTISTS NOTE

In Our Hands

by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman Inspired by Genesis 9:8-17 Hand-carved block printed with oil-based ink on paper

In the beginning God filled the formless void with color, texture, light, flavor, time, and life. God scooped the clay and carefully molded it, breathing life into the nostrils of humanity. These are the images of a tender, imaginative God who loves Creation limitlessly.

Following the Creation narrative. humanity quickly spirals into violence, corruption, and power-hunger toward the total destruction of Creation. God becomes deeply aggrieved and even regrets creating humanity (Gen 6:6). God decides it best to return all of Creation to the chaotic void, though God



finds hope in Noah's family. I've struggled with this narrative, but I find myself feeling a tremendous amount of compassion. I can only imagine how painful it is to watch the work of your hands devolve into brutality.

God offers Noah, his descendants, and every living creature an allencompassing promise, vowing never to flood the earth again. Despite humanity's destructive role, God limits God's self and alone is held accountable in this covenant. God requires nothing of humanity or the entirety of Creation in return. God gives humanity a chance to start fresh, and the opportunity to choose a different path. If we model our actions after God's, then we would humble and limit ourselves in order to better love God and care for Creation. Sacrifice and selflessness pave the new way.

In this image, God's hands hold various animals and plant life, and are surrounded by the bands of the rainbow, shielding Creation from the swirling waters of chaotic destruction. I chose not to image humanity because the hands are at once God's and ours. We must respond to God's covenant by protecting and keeping the earth.

It is our responsibility; it is our calling. God meets us where we are utterly dependent and bound toward self- destruction—with a promise sealed with a bow bursting with the endless spectrum of colors light holds.

-Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

Remember When

God never begins letters with the words, "I hope this finds you well," For those words imply distance.

Instead, God begins God's letters to you with the words, "Remember when?"

Beloved child, Remember when we dipped our toes into the water? Remember when we dove right in? Remember when the ice cream dripped down our hands And the cicadas sang their song, And the seasons changed, And the days were long? Remember when we fell in love and the world was new? Remember when our heart was broken? Remember the tears? Remember the long nights? Remember when we laughed again and the sound surprised us? Remember when we marched in the street? Remember when we cast our vote? Remember when we believed in hope? Remember when? I do.

That's what God's letters say. So on this day, and every day to come, Remember: God is meeting you. If you look back, you might remember when.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

John Ireland

Elegy



Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood collection of Negro Spirituals.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

CelebrantBless the Lord who forgives all our sins;PeopleHis mercy endures forever.

THE CONFESSION

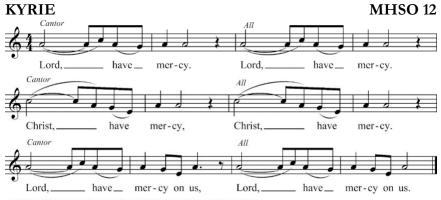
Celebrant: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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.*



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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, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature

Genesis 9:8-17

that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 25:1-9

Read responsively by whole verse.

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated. nor let my enemies triumph over me. 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, * and teach me your paths. 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting. 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way. s He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

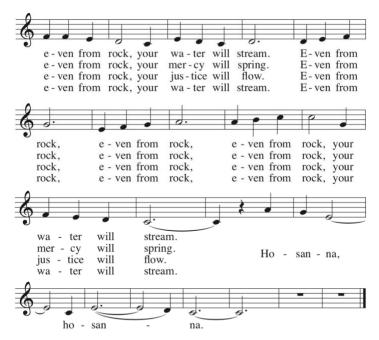
9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. THE SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand to sing the following. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary Taflinger

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Come quickly to help us, O Merciful One, for we are assaulted by many temptations and your people suffer from so many ills. Hear our prayer as we cry out: We put our trust in you, O God; let none who look to you be put to shame.

Litanist: Our Gracious God, visit your Church in mercy and compassion as we enter these forty days of Lent, and grant us a renewal of your Spirit and a rekindling of your light. We put our trust in you, O God; *let none who look to you be put to shame.*

You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. Show your ways to all in authority, that they may follow your paths of love and faithfulness. We put our trust in you, O God; *let none who look to you be put to shame.*

Let the risen Christ who has suffered for all bring your divine power and hope to everyone who lives in wildernesses of violence, poverty, disease, oppression or injustice, that your angels may deliver them from their distress and comfort them with your everlasting love. We put our trust in you, O God; *let none who look to you be put to shame.*

You established your covenant with Noah and gave us the rainbow as a sign of your protective care. Let your providence extend over us in our day, to protect your creation and to inspire us to be responsible stewards of the Earth you have given us. We put our trust in you, O God; *let none who look to you be put to shame.*

Descend upon this community with your gracious Spirit, O God, that we and all our neighbors may embrace the good news of your kingdom and live as beloved children in your new creation. We put our trust in you, O God; *let none who look to you be put to shame.* Remember your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting; we bring to you our intercession on behalf of those for whom we pray, especially _____. *All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently.*

We come to you in grateful thanksgiving for all the blessings of this day, especially for _____. *All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently.*

Let those who have died be made alive in the spirit to dwell with Christ at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. We remember especially _____. *All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently.*

We put our trust in you, O God; *let none who look to you be put to shame.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the people of Church of the Advent Walnut Hills, All Saints Pleasant Ridge, Calvary Clifton, and Episcopal Community Ministries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Celebrant: Send your angels to uphold us, O God, whenever the wild beasts of oppression or the inner beasts of temptation assault your people, that we may be your beloved ones, living faithfully in the kingdom given to us through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, in the power of Holy Spirit, for you are one God, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

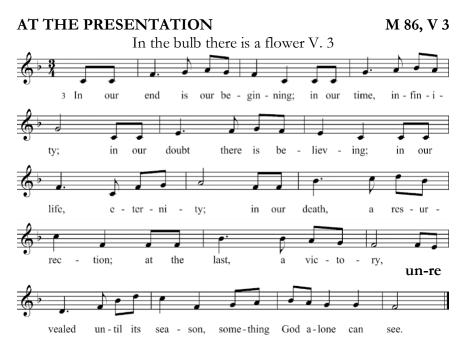
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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Again and Again



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

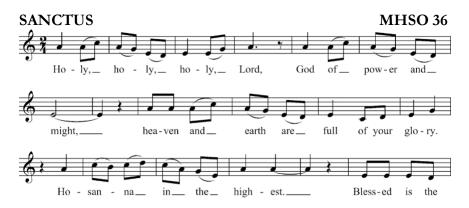
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

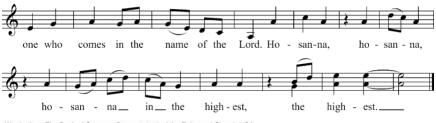
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:





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The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.CelebrantChrist our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast.CelebrantThe 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.

A Note About Communion: All are Welcome.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest so that the priest may give you a blessing. If you would like to receive but mobility is a concern, the priest will come serve you at your seat.



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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Standing; said by all.

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 adapted from Frederick Buechner

Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

HYMN AT THE CLOSE

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THE DISMISSAL

CelebrantLet us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Marianne Kim

Meditation Suite: I

Serving Today 2/18

Celebrant: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn Preacher: The Rev. Mary Taflinger Musicians: Ethan Neal and the All Saints Choir Lectors: Jackson Hearn and Suzanne Kammer Server: The Rev. Mary Taflinger Usher: Amanda Almaguer Altar Guild: Darryn Edwards Communion Bread: Karen Murphy Coffee Hour: Tony and Amanda Almaguer

Serving Next Week 2/25

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn Musicians: Ethan Neal and the All Saints Choir Lectors: Ethan Neal and Kathy Doane Server: Johnny Arguedas Usher: Mackenzie Hammel Altar Guild: Karen Murphy **Communion Bread:** Kara Baumhardt **Coffee Hour:** Jesse and Lindsay Kramer

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 18TH

Lenten Formation Class

Our Wednesday night formation class is starting up again in a few short weeks! We will meet as two classes: Walking in Love (Episcopal 101) and Living Well Through Lent: Forgiveness. We'll gather all together at the beginning and end of class, before and after breaking off into two groups. We will meet **Wednesdays Feb. 21, Feb. 28, and March 6**. We'll break for one week on March 13 for our regular monthly Saints and Sinners Club before resuming on **Wednesdays March 20, March 27, and April 3.** Class will run from 7:00-8:30pm in the Vestry Room. Questions? Email Meredith+ at <u>clergy@allsaintscincinnati.org</u>

Episcopal 101 – Especially for those new to the church but for anyone who would like to know more about the Episcopal Church and its rich traditions. The class will look at liturgical seasons, spiritual practices, gifts for ministry, and how the church approaches contemporary issues. This is a continuation of our fall class but even if you weren't in the fall class, you are welcomed to join us! We'll be using the book, <u>Walk in Love</u> by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe.

Living Well Through Lent: Forgiveness – This gathering will focus on practicing forgiveness, using the daily meditation booklet, Living Well Through Lent available at the back of the church. We'll explore what our faith has to teach us about forgiveness, the relationship between forgiveness and letting go, and forgiving ourselves and others. The meditations are also available in a pdf or via email by signing up at livingcompass.org. Can't be with us on Wednesdays? Pick up a copy of the meditation books for at home reading or take a Life Transformed calendar and follow it throughout Lent.

Divine! Youth Group

Starting February 21st, Calvary Episcopal Church in Clifton is

hosting a program for LGBTQ+ youth and their families looking for a safe space to receive support while exploring their faith. All Saints is one of 6 other parishes supporting their work. Meetings will be Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm Feb. 21, 28, and March 6, 13, and 20. For more information, contact Deneen Trombetti.

All Saints Goes to Tikkun Farm

Imagine Cincinnati has invited All Saints to attend a Winter Family Celebration on February 24th at 4:00pm. Come learn what the farm has to offer in winter and get to know the programming of Imagine Cincinnati, which hosts spaces and events for parents & caregivers to build rhythms, create family rituals, and cultivate spirituality. Families of all ages and abilities are welcome. Grandparents and solo adults are also welcome. Please note: a vegetarian dinner will be served, and we'll be outdoors for half of the event (so dress accordingly!) For questions and registrations, email Julie at children@allsaintscincinnati.org

Digital Visitor's Card



If you are new among us, we offer you a special word of welcome at worship this morning and invite you to join us after the service in the Parish Hall for coffee, treats, and fellowship. We'd love to greet you and answer any

questions you might have. Whether you're a first-time visitor or have been around All Saints for a while, please scan the QR code above. We'd love to learn more about you and add you to our weekly email newsletter list.

Ways to Give



All Saints has several ways to give in addition to cash/checks in the offering plate. You can also donate by texting GIVE to 513-540-4633 or you can give online by scanning the QR code.

Parish Prayer List

Join us in praying for Emily and Andy Burton, Jonathan Hornschemeier, Adam Buckley, Kyla, Ron and Karen Murphy, The McOsker Family, the Family of Ed Nare, Danny Brown, Gary Slater, Mary Kay Nagygyor, Allison Rosenberg, and Makayla Conder. If you

would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the parish office or add the name to the list at the back of the church. Names will remain on the list for 30 days unless otherwise requested.



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