THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th 2023 AT 10:30_{AM}



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

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 all of the wonderful offerings we have at All Saints Episcopal Church.

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ARTIST'S NOTE

As we come back together after the summer months – journeys here and there, new adventures, new places, new friends, and new faces – we are called back on this "Back to Church" Sunday to embrace one another in the joy of the Spirit.

The art seen above comes from a community mural in Philadelphia in collaboration with the Mural Arts Philadelphia. Depicted is a joyous community brought together with music. Today we celebrate several things: the "Back to Church Sunday" where we all gather again, the return of our All Saints Choir, the welcoming of new choral scholars, and the installation of our new Director of Music Ministry. All of which are reasons to rejoice! One of the many binding fabrics of society and us as a community at All Saints is a love and passion for music. Music speaks directly to the soul and speaks in emotion. Today, we hope to lift our voices in joy and love.

The music selected for today's service surrounds these themes carried throughout the readings and sermon: Gathering as one in joy and love to carry forth the light of Christ. From the hymns come the images of what it means to truly walk as a child of the light of Christ, for "When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus." A favored line in the communion hymn speaks to the essence of the message today, "The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends." The love that created you and I has knit us so deeply together, in spite of our differences so that we may gather as one.

"Gathered in God's Name" by Michael Burkhardt provides a wonderful message of gathering in love. When we gather, we come from different places, coming from different walks of life, stories, values, and perspectives. Typically, our choral anthem would happen at the Music at the Offertory, but to reflect this gathering from many places, we broke apart some of the verses of the piece to be interspersed throughout the service as a reminder of our uniqueness and though we may differ, we gather together as one in love.

As our scripture today says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20) Let us rejoice knowing that Christ is in the midst of us here today. Look into someone's eyes today and know that God is there in them, just as God is in you. Where there is God, there is love, so let us join together this morning in love and in joy and carry with us from this place the light of Christ as we gather together.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Ethan Neal

Improvisation on HOUSTON

OPENING HYMN

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I Want to Walk As A Child Of The Light

OPENING ACCLAMATION

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

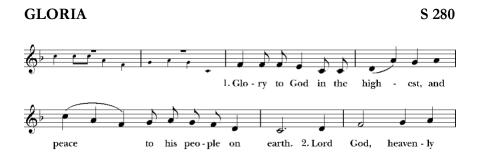
INTROIT

Michael Burkhardt

"Gathered in God's name 'round the table of grace. Gathered as one family in the name of love. Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place, gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace. Gathered in God's name 'round the living word. Gathered as one family in the name of love." From "Gathered in God's Name" by Michael Burkhardt

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ 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

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 149

Pray 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 SECOND LESSON

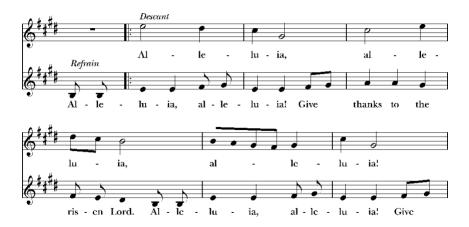
Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

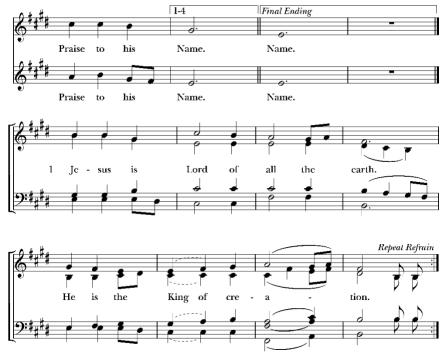
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

The people stand to sing the following. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn

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: God our Sustainer, you have promised that whenever two or three are gathered in your name, you are among us: Unite your church as we bring our prayers to you, saying: Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Litanist: Gracious One, you have gathered your Church under Christ's command that we love one another: Loose your people from all misunderstanding that leads to conflict and bind us with the ties of mutual regard for the sake of your Son Jesus. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; *sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.*

Mighty One, you call our nation and the leaders of the world to fulfill your law by loving our neighbor as our selves: Give courage to the powerful to lay aside the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, to protect our planet and its people, and to mediate your peace and love. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; *sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.*

Loving God, you bring the oppressed into freedom and you work for the liberation of all: Hear the cries of all who suffer and lead them to a place of feasting and celebration for the day of their deliverance. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; *sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.*

Uniting God, you call us to reconciliation and peace within our community, and you command us to love one another: Let your graciousness dwell in this city, that we may live honorably and generously. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; *sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.*

Compassionate One, you invite our neighbors into the circle of your divine love: Hear our prayers for those who are near and far, especially _____.

We sing our songs of thanksgiving to you for all the blessings of this life, especially for ____.

We remember before you those who have entered into your heavenly feast, especially ____.

Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; *sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the people and clergy of the Church of the Epiphany Nelsonville, All Saints New Albany, the Northern Miami Valley Episcopal Cluster in Mechanicsburg and Urbana, Trinity Newark, and postulants and candidates for the diaconate. We pray especially for our ongoing discernment and preparation for the next Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Ireland.

Celebrant: Open our eyes, dear God, to see that the night is far gone and the day is close, that your salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers: Clothe us with the armor of light, that we may put on the Lord Jesus Christ and live in his love through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

INSTALLATION OF DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Celebrant: Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Ethan Neal has been called to the ministry of music. *Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Name of God, we recognize and bless you, Ethan Neal, as our next Director of Music Ministry here at All Saints Episcopal Church. May God, who has called you to this work, give you every good gift to bring it to fruition. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Michael Burkhardt

"Gathered in God's name 'round the peace of the Lord, in the presence of Christ, in the name of love."

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

C.V. Stanford

When in our music God is glorified All Saints Choir

AT THE PRESENTATION



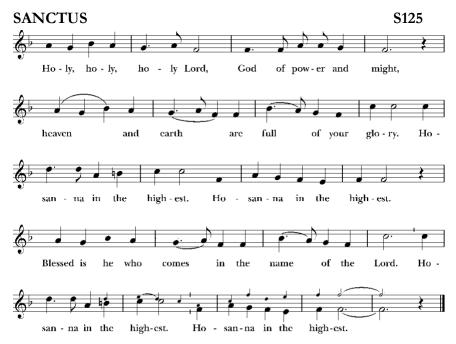
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

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.
Genebrant	Let us give manks to the Lord out Ood.

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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:



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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."

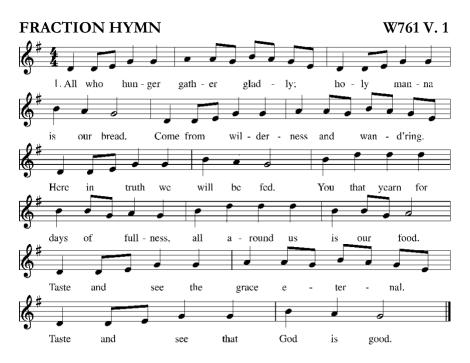
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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, & 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 has 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.



Celebrant: 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.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Standing; said by all.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

"Gathered in God's name, lives made brighter than snow, hearts renewed with joy, in the name of love."

THE BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those we make the journey with. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

HYMN AT THE CLOSE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Michael Burkhardt

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THE DISMISSAL

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Ethan Neal

Improvisation on HYDRYDOL

Serving Today 9/10

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn Musicians: Ethan Neal and All Saints Choir Readers: Dorothy Powell and Jan Kennedy Server: Tom Carter Usher: Jenna Mueller Altar Guild: Maggie Nelson Communion Bread: Karen Murphy Coffee Hour: Jenna Mueller

Serving Next Week 9/17

Celebrant: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn Preacher: The Rev. Mary Taflinger Musician: Ethan Neal Readers: Tony Nagygyor and Chris Denhart Server: Johnny Arguedas Usher: Mackenzie Hammel Altar Guild: Karen Murphy Communion Bread: Karen Murphy Coffee Hour: Ron and Karen Murphy

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEP. 10TH

Welcome Ethan!

We're thrilled this morning to welcome Ethan Neal, our new Director of Music Ministry. If you haven't already, check out the wonderful article Kathy Doane wrote about Ethan this past week in our newsletter. We'll also be offering a special welcome to Ethan with his favorite dessert during coffee hour. Get ready for the best pie in Cincinnati! We're so glad to have you, Ethan!

Welcome All Saints Choir!

We are thrilled to welcome back the All Saints Choir as we start this program year! We also welcome the Choral Scholars to the All Saints community as a part of our Music Ministry. If you are interested in joining the choir, please reach out the Ethan! The choir rehearses Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 pm in the church.

Bishop Nominees Meet and Greet Week Begins Tomorrow

On September 11th– 15th, the five candidates to become the next Bishop in the Diocese of Southern Ohio will be visiting southern Ohio and taking part in a number of public Meet and Greet events. Please mark your calendars for the two Cincinnati forums on September 11th at The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Hyde Park or September 12th at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Montgomery. Both events will be held from 7pm-9pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the Bishop Candidates so that you can let our All Saints voting delegates know your thoughts during coffee hour on September 17th.

Many of you know that Rev. Meredith is heavily involved in the Meet and Greet Week taking place with the Nominees for the next Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. She will be out of the office with limited email and phone availability the afternoon of September 10th through September 16th. The Rev. Mary Taflinger has graciously offered to be available for pastoral care emergencies

Coffee Hour Help

We are in need of support for our Coffee Hour hospitality this fall. Please sign up on the parish's Sign Up genius page or email Meredith+ to get involved!

Ways to Give

All Saints has several ways to give in addition to cash or checks in the offering plate. You can donate via text by texting GIVE to 513-540-4633 or you can give by credit card by scanning the QR code below.



Parish Prayer List

Join us in praying for Gary Slater, Jean McOsker and the McOsker family, L.B., Marek Wojtasinski, Danny Brown, Mary Kay Nagygyor, Rafael de Acha, Tim Slater, Devon Fults, Dory Sellers, Morgan Anderson, Phoebe Macaulay, 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 remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1st 3:00 pm – "Rhythm in the Ridge" Benefit Concert for Transform Cincy

October 12th 6:00 pm - Free Community Dinner

October 15th 5:00 pm - Blessing of the Pets

October 29th - All Saints Sunday

October 31st 6:00 pm - Halloween at All Saints

November 1st 6:00 pm – All Saints Day, 4 Way Quartet Concert



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Tony Nagygyor • Senior Warden Kathy Doane • Junior Warden Maggie Nelson, Class of 2024 John Spain, Class of 2024 Chris Denhart, Class of 2026 Ron Murphy, Class of 2026 Deneen Trombetti, Class of 2026

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