All Saints' Memorial Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday Service September 26th, 2021



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Welcome to All Saints' Memorial Church for worship!

Welcome to All Saints' Memorial Church for worship today! Thank you for joining us. So that we can all worship together as safely as possible, the Diocese of New Jersey along with All Saints' ask you to remember the following guidelines (updated July 27th, 2021):

All are welcome—always!

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall (the building closest to the parking lot).

Face masks/Face coverings are not required **outside** for those fully vaccinated. <u>They are requested for everyone over the age of 2 for inside services or meetings.</u> We have extra adult masks if needed.

Lectors, Eucharistic ministers and the Celebrant may remove their face masks when speaking and if they are fully vaccinated and socially distanced.

All pews are now open for seating. For those wishing to practice social distancing, seating is available in the transepts (the sides), and the two front pews.

The entire order of service with readings, except for the hymns, is contained in the bulletin.

Congregational singing has resumed. The music listed is for our 10 a.m. service. Our hymns and service music are located in the *blue 1982 Hymnal*. Service music is indicated by an 'S' in the front, and is located in the front part of the Hymnal. Hymns are indicated by their number in the Hymnal.

The Sign of the Peace is to be exchanged from your own pew by elbow or fist bumps, waving, bowing, or giving the peace sign to those in the pews surrounding you. Handshakes, hugs, etc. are only to be exchanged among household family members.

Communion: Only the bread will be distributed, and given in the hand. The common cup has not been authorized for use.

Please take your bulletin home or leave it in the marked container.

Coffee Hour has resumed, when we can staff it. We will let you know if there is a coffee hour that day. Please wear your mask when not eating or drinking, or gather outside.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you have any questions about All Saints' or The Episcopal Church, please feel free to speak to Mother Debbie after the service.

If you have been directly exposed to anyone who has Covid-19 and are not fully vaccinated, you are recommended to quarantine for 7 days.

If you have any symptoms known to Covid 19 (fever, muscle aches, headache, loss of smell or taste, nausea or vomiting, cough, trouble breathing, among others), please refrain from attending.

Face coverings/masks must be worn by all persons for indoor services or meetings, except for very young children.

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 20th, 2021

Prelude OL46
Louis Couperin, 1654

Please stand as able

Opening Hymn # 688

A mighty fortress is our God Ein feste Burg

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.*

Remain standing (said/sun g together)

S277

(sung at 10 am)

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

READINGS

First Reading

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

Nisi quia Dominus

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, * let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, * when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive * in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us * and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
 he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

Sequence Hymn #609

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner

The Holy Gospel Mark 9:38-50

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark People:: Glory to you, Lord Christ

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon Mother Debbie

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People (remain standing)

Leader: Jesus, you remind us of the cost of discipleship. That we may be empowered to bear the name of Christ, let us pray for ourselves and for the whole world, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer*.

The Church of God is fragmented; we need the healing of the Holy Spirit. We pray for our leaders, ordained and lay; for all those who minister on behalf of the Church. Let us pray for the church, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer*.

The world cries out for an increase of justice and for an end to war and violence. Let us pray for the world, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer*.

Our country is too often divided and challenged by a lack of cooperation. May your Spirit guide all of us, especially our leaders, and give us the courage to reach out to one another to work on solutions for the good of all. Let us pray for our nation, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Our parish community seeks your guidance and revelation in discerning its gifts and how to better serve the greater Bayshore community. Let us pray for our parish community, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer*.

We know many people who are sick and suffering, who have public hurt or private pain. We remember this day all those on our parish prayer list, particularly Dina,Lee, Mike, Suki, Joyce, Tina, Polly, James, Pam, Chris, Eric, Kathleen, Rose, Chandler, Laura, Kyla, Senna Mer, Mason, Valerie, George, Gail, Stephanie, Iain, Will and Miriam, Sue, Dorisann, Clara, Joan, Marilyn, Maureen, Cathy, Valerie, Felix, 'G', Thomas, Tom & family, Alice Marie and Nicola, and we also lift up prayers of protection and strength for those who serve, particularly service members, first responders and health care workers: Neema, Sonia, Larry, Anthony, Pat, Chris, Bonnie, Jessie, Trent, Candy, Cass, Erin, Nick, Phil, Andrew and Jeremy. Let us pray for all in need, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer*.

Our lives have been enriched by the lives of those disciples who have preceded us in faith, particularly Amy Liss, Let us honor them as we ask for the grace to be disciples. May those who mourn, particularly the Liss Family know the comfort and peace of your love, and trust in your promise of eternal life. Let us pray, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer*.

We invite your own prayers of intercession or thanksgiving at this time, either silently or aloud....

Celebrant: We are thirsty, O merciful God; give us a cup of living water to drink. Hear our prayers and answer our cries of need through your Son, Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Please kneel or remain standing for the Confession:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister 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.

The Priest says

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*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Sign of the Peace is to be exchanged from your own pew by elbow or fist bumps, waving, bowing, or giving the peace sign to those in the pews surrounding you. Handshakes, hugs, etc. are only to be exchanged among household family members.

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Thanksgivings and prayers for special intentions.

Offertory Fantaisie OL70

Couperin, 1656

Doxology Hymn #380, Vs. 3

Old Hundreth

Eucharistic Prayer A

(please stand as able)

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.

Celebrant:

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 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand as able or kneel

The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 has taught us, we are bold to say:

(Together)

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread; A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem (sung by all at 10 am)

S154

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

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

Communion Music

Pastourelle et Sarabande en Canon

Couperin, 1660

Please be seated until you can come forward to receive; usher will guide you. All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. At this time, we are distributing the bread only. For those worshipping with us online, you are invited to use the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

After Communion, all stand for the final prayer and blessing.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn #556 vv. 1-5

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Marion

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Rigaudon

Couperin

For those worshipping with us online

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you.

May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

PARISH MEETING NOTICE TODAY

Sunday, September 26th 11:30 a.m. In Church & on Zoom

Bishop Stokes has announced a call for the election of the next Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey in 2023, and this means the Diocese needs to form an Episcopal Search/Nominating Committee. This Committee is compromised of two persons (1 clergy, 1 Lay person) from each Convocation (region) of the Diocese.

To begin, each congregation will elect six (6) persons to a special convocation meeting which will be held on Sunday October 24th. All the Congregation meetings will take place on Sunday, September 26th. All Saints will hold theirs just after the 10 am service. Those who wish to attend in person can remain in the church, or come to the church to join the meeting. Others can join via Zoom. That Zoom link will go out a few days before the meeting. This is very much like the setup for our most recent Annual Meeting (January 2021). We will nominate and elect six members to attend the October 24th Convocation meeting (which will be virtual, on Zoom). This will be the only order of business, and so (God willing) this meeting should be brief.

The six persons elected from All Saints' will attend a virtual meeting on October 24th, joining all the other delegates and clergy from the Monmouth Convocation. At that virtual gathering, we will nominate and elect two persons to serve on the Diocesan Search/Nominating Committee.

If you are willing to be one of All Saints' six delegates, please see Mother Debbie.

All Saints' Anniversary Super Raffle Three Fabulous prizes! Only 100 Tickets being sold, \$100 each Final Days!

While we couldn't have our Annual Auction in May, we are offering up a chance to win one of three great prizes in our Anniversary Super Raffle: 4 nights at a 3 bedroom top-rated Airbnb in the Hudson Valley valued at \$1300; a collection of French wines worth over \$550; and a basket of gift cards to local restaurants worth at least \$300. Buy a ticket for yourself, or share the ticket cost (and prize) with a friend.

Why is this an anniversary? Well, the drawing of this terrific raffle is Saturday October 16th--which is the day that Fr. Dunnell of Trinity Church, Red Bank began services here in Navesink back in 1861

Contact Beth Polonsky (bethpolonsky@yahoo.com) or Bonnie Roberts at (robfam13@verizon.net) for more information.

ECW Woman of Honor Celebration

Every three years, an Episcopal church woman can be nominated by their local ECW chapter as a 'Woman of Honor' at a Diocesan Luncheon. Due to the pandemic, the luncheon is not being held, but the Celebration will be held on Zoom, and the ECW members will gather to participate in this Zoom presentation at the Parish Hall on Saturday October 16th at 10 a.m. This year's Woman of Honor is Valerie Schauer—many congratulations!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 26th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church 10:00 am Sunday School (in sheds)

10:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Church (livestreamed)
11:30 am Parish Meeting to elect delegates (church & Zoom)

Tuesday, September 28th

9:00 pm Compline on Facebook Live

Wednesday, September 29th

10:00 am Healing Service in church (livestreamed)
11:00 am Adult Ed (Parish House)

Thursday, September 30th
9:00 pm Compline on Facebook Live

Sunday, October 3rd

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church
10:00 am Sunday school (in sheds)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Church (livestreamed)
2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals (Parking Area/Grounds)

ON LINE GIVING OPTIONS

Text to Give:

- Text the word GIVE to 732-400-5774;
- If this is your first time, it will direct you to a screen to setup a giving method—either via credit card or using ACH (from your bank account). Whatever method you pick will be the method Text-to-give continues to use for subsequent donations.
- Enter the information and pick your amount.
- For future donations, text GIVE to the same number, answer the prompt for the amount, and the donation will be processed.

Rather do this from the web? Go to:

https://allsaintsnavesink.breezechms.com/give/online