All Saints' Memorial Church

First Sunday in Lent 8am and 10am Sunday Service

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Welcome to All Saints' Memorial Church!

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:

• Face masks/Face coverings are needed for everyone over the age of 2.

They must be worn at all times, except when receiving communion. We have extra adult masks if needed. Lectors and the Celebrant may remove their face mask if they are about 20 feet from the congregation.

- Please sit only in open/marked pews for services, and honor the seating capacity.
- Please use hand sanitizer on your way in before seating., there is also sanitizer in the pews.
- There will be no opening procession in the church due to the width of the aisle.
- You will notice that the kneelers have been removed so that we do not have to sanitize them. We will stand (as one is able) instead for the confession, Eucharistic prayer, and for the post communion prayer.
- While some music will be played during the service, there is no congregational singing inside.
- The Sign of the Peace is to be exchanged from your own place or pew by waving, bowing, or giving the peace sign. Handshakes, hugs, etc. are only to be exchanged among household family members.
- There will be no offertory procession, or passing of the plate. Please place your offering in the plate on the back table on your way in or your way out. A basket will be left out for outside services.
- Communion:
 - —Only the bread will be distributed, and given in the hand.
 - -For outside services, follow distribution directions given at the service.
 - —In Church, please stand to receive communion to limit cross contamination of the altar rail.
 - -Only one person/household in the aisle at a time, which may mean one person receiving communion at a time.
 - —Please use the hand sanitizer provided on your way to communion.
 - —After receiving please return to your seat. If you wish, you can sanitize your hands on the way back.
- In Church, after dismissal is pronounced, please leave beginning with the back pews to limit people passing one another on the way out.
- Please take your bulletin with you .

We know that these guidelines make for a very different worship experience. We pray for a swift end to this pandemic; but until then, we follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe.

This is how we love one another.

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Prelude

Praeludium en e. BWV 555

J. S. Bach

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Great Litany will take the place of the opening liturgy until the Collect

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People	His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may read

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark* 12:29-31

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. 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 stands and 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*

Lord, have mercy *Christ, have mercy* Lord, have mercy.

The Celebrant says to the people The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.*

Please be seated.

READINGS

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

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 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.

Psalm 25:1-9

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.		
8 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 *		

Second Reading

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.

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

Please stand as you are able

1 Peter 3:18-22

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Holy Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. *People* Praise to you, Lord Christ

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

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, Mother Debbie

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

On the First Sunday in Lent, use of the Great Litany replaces the Prayers of the People

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Thanksgivings and prayers for special intentions

Offertory Music

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit. BWV 672

Bach, 1739

Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer C

The people 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.

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:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

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 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, Isaac, and Jacob; 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*.

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

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.

Communion Music

Erbarm' dich, O Herre Gott. BWV 721 Bach, c 1704

Please be seated until you can come forward to receive. All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion; come forward one pew at a time. Please use hand sanitizer before approaching altar. You may remove mask to receive communion; please put it back on after receiving communion.

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.

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and all those you love and whose lives you touch now and always. *Amen*.

Dismissal

Celebrant	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Please exit the Worship space/Church, with rear pews exiting first, and transepts pews last .

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.

Liturgy in Lent

Beginning today, there will be a few changes to embrace the themes of Lent: repentance and self-examination as well as a renewal of right relationship between us and our Lord. It is the practice of All Saints' and many Episcopal churches to change music and liturgy to reflect the season, to instill in us focus of the season. Some of these changes are:

- The primary liturgical change most are aware of is dropping the use of 'Alleluia' or certain songs of praise. This expression of joy will return at our Easter Vigil service on April 3rd.
- On the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, both of our services will open with the Great Litany, the first set of prayers or liturgy translated from the Latin into English during the time of Henry VIII.
- The remaining Sundays of Lent, except for Palm Sunday, we will begin the service with the Penitential Rite, which precedes the opening Eucharist. In using the Penitential Rite, we open the service with Confession, which means that we are moving it to the front of the service as we enter into worship.
- We will be using Eucharistic Prayer C, which begins on page 369 of the Book of Common Prayer. Please note that there is a series of congregational responses woven throughout the Prayer.
- We will be using the Post-communion Prayer found on page 366 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The season of Lent is an ancient practice and a key season for us all; and our worship helps remind us of that.

For all services needing reservations, please know that we will accommodate persons as best as we can; we ask that you be flexible in moving to a different worship time. You are requested to make a separate reservation for each week. If you need to cancel your reservation, please let us know as soon as possible so we can offer a seat to someone else. If a service is filled before the cut-off time, we will send out an email and/or text to let everyone know.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Reservations open Mondays for the following Sunday.Please call or text Linda Graybill at 973-202-0807. You willneed to provide your name, a phone number, and the number ofpersons in your pew. Reservations for a Sunday will close bynoon on the day before (Saturday noon). Availability isfirstcome, first served; there will be up to 30 open slots,de-pending on the number of persons in a pew. Your seat will be
Sunday, 10 a.m.	 held until the start of the service. One pew will be left open for potential guest(s). Reservations open Mondays for the following Sunday. Please call or text Valerie Barradale at 732-673-2607. You will need to provide your name, a phone number, and the number of personality of the second start for a Sunday will share.
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If you are coming to indoor worship, please make a reservation, or you may come to the door and be turned away due to a lack of seats. We will not do this lightly, but we are subject to a legal and social distancing limit of the number of persons in the building.

If you have **traveled** out of state, particularly to any of the states on the NJ Advisory list, you are requested by state advisory to quarantine for 14 days after your return. Additionally, **if you have been directly exposed** to anyone who has Covid-19, you are recommended to quarantine for 14 days. **To keep everyone safe, please refrain from attend-ing in-person worship if either of these apply to you.**

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 re-

Calendar

Sunday, February 21st

Reservations needed for worship

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church (live streamed)

Tuesday, February 23rd

9:00 pm Compline on Facebook Live Wednesday, February 24th

10:00 am Healing Service on Facebook Live

Thursday, February 25th

7:00-9:00pm Landmark Trust Meeting (online)

9:00pm Compline on Facebook Live

Sunday, February 28th

Reservations needed for worship

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church

10:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church (live streamed)

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