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**All Saints' Episcopal Church**  
610 4th Street, Portsmouth, Ohio

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 11, 2021 • 11:00 a.m.

*The Rev. Paul Bennett, Priest in Residence*

**Welcome to All Saints' Parish Worship.**

*The service printed here is from The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer instead to receive a blessing, please come and signify this by crossing your arms over your chest.*

**11:00 - Holy Eucharist Rite II (BCP 355)**

**Hymn 195** sung by the cantor

"Jesus lives! Thy terrors now"

Mowsley

**The Word of God**

BCP 355 • **The Acclamation** *Standing*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

BCP 355 • **The Collect for Purity**

**Gloria in excelsis** *read by all*

**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.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons*

**The First Lesson** Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 133** *chanted by the cantor*

- 1 *Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \**  
*when brethren live together in unity!*
- 2 *It is like fine oil upon the head \**  
*that runs down upon the beard,*
- 3 *Upon the beard of Aaron, \**  
*and runs down upon the collar of his robe.*
- 4 *It is like the dew of Hermon \**  
*that falls upon the hills of Zion.*
- 5 *For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \**  
*life for evermore.*

**The Second Lesson** 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

**The Gospel Acclamation** *standing; chanted by the cantor*

*Alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe. Alleluia!*

*Please remain standing for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel** John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you

believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. Paul Bennett

BCP 358 • **The Nicene Creed** *Standing*

**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.**

BCP 383 • **Prayers of the People** *Form I, standing or kneeling*

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Leader: For ... let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Leader: In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: **To thee, O Lord, our God.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

BCP 360 • **The Peace** *Standing*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Please exchange a sign of God's peace with others.*

**Offertory Anthem**

"O sons and daughters, let us sing!"

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## **The Holy Communion**

*Please remain standing*

BCP 361 • **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues with a Proper Preface*

... 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.*

BCP 362 • **The Prayer of Consecration** *Standing or kneeling*

BCP 363 • **The Memorial Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Fraction Anthem** *Agnus Dei*

*Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.*

BCP 364 • **The Lord's Prayer** *Traditional*

**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. Then may be sung or said*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**The Communion of the People**

*If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion,  
please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

**Communion Anthem**

"Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

BCP 365 • **The Postcommunion Prayer**

**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.**

**The Blessing**

BCP 366 • **The Dismissal**

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 209**

"We walk by faith, and not by sight"

ST. BOTOLPH

**Mission Statement of All Saints' Church**

The purpose of All Saints Episcopal Church is to be an open, engaged and inclusive community, responding to God in our neighbors and ourselves with hope and service in Christ.