

# Saint Patrick's Anglican Church Brevard, North Carolina

*"Biblical Faith and Morals, Traditional Anglican Worship"*

## The Fifth Sunday after Easter (Rogation Sunday) May 9, 2021



### **Zoom Invitation – All Services.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7981670560?pwd=c0xCeGxod2h1R0YyTzNEOG93MUJBUT09>

Click on this link, or copy/paste into your browser. (This link is only available during services.)

Easter IV service, in case you missed it:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintPatricksAnglicanChurch/videos/861783537881605>

(Or on the website Sermons page.)

## **From the Vicar**

The big news this week is we will begin having services without masks this coming Sunday. Given the changing guidance from the CDC and our local authorities, the time has come to do this. I know we will all enjoy our worship more without the masks. If this presents a problem for anyone, please let me know.

Please do pray for the safety and health of the people and clergy of our Sister Parish in India, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Jammalamadugu. India is suffering a terrible uptick in Covid cases, and we do want to ask the Lord's protection for them.

There will be a workday at the new property on Thursday, starting at 9:30 a.m. If you can make it, please do.

Do remember to send your continuations for the Prayer List to Melissa as soon as you can.

Yours in Christ,  
Nick+

### **Upcoming Events:**

<b>May 5, 2021</b>	12:15 St. Monicca (White)
<b>May 9, 2021</b>	10:30 Easter V (Rogation.)
<b>May 12, 2021</b>	12:15 The Ascension (White.)
<b>May 16, 2021</b>	Ascension I
<b>May 23, 2021</b>	10:30 Whitsunday, Mission Committee.
<b>May 30, 2021</b>	10:30 Trinity Sunday, Intake for Sharing House
<b>June 6, 2021</b>	10:30 Trinity I and VOM, Update Prayer List.

### **This week:**

**Committee Member of the Day:** Nancy Funston.

**Preacher:** The Very Rev. Nicholas Henderson.

**Lector:** Dr. Bray.

**Epistler:** Philip Sheppard.

**Server:** Philip Sheppard.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Bill Shank (5/12)

**Music:**

- 1 Prelude: *Danket dem Herrn*, Buxtehude
- 2 Processional: 102 *O Jesus crowned with all renown*
- 3 709 *Kyrie*
- 4 Sequence 249 *Thy Gospel Jesus*
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- 6 Sermon: 138 *We plough the fields*
- 7 Anthem: 276 *Now Thank We All Our God*
- 8 Doxology: (*Old 100th*)
- 9 711 *Sanctus*
- 10 712 *Agnus Die*
- 11 Communion: 195 *Father we thank thee who hast planted*
- 12 713 *Gloria*
- 13 Recessional: 301 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*
- 14 Postlude: *Komm, heiliger Geist*, Bach

**Saint Patrick's Anglican Church**



**MONICA**  
**MOTHER OF AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO**  
**(4 MAY 387)**

**Collect**

Deepen our devotion, O Lord, and use us in accordance with thy will, that inspired by the example of your servant Monica, we may bring others to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost lives and reigns, One God, forever and ever. *Amen*

**Epistle**

*1 Samuel 1:10–20*

And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his

life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli marked her mouth. Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad. And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the Lord remembered her. Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord.

## **Gospel**

*Luke 7:11-17*

And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.

*Preface of All Saints*

## **Biographical Sketch**

We know about Monnica almost entirely from the autobiography (the Confessions) of her son Augustine, a major Christian writer, theologian and philosopher (see 28 August). Monnica was born in North Africa, near Carthage, in what is now Tunisia, perhaps around 331, of Christian parents, and was a Christian throughout her life. Her name has usually been spelled "Monica," but recently her tomb in Ostia was discovered, and the burial inscription says "Monnica," a spelling which all AC (Archaeologically Correct) persons have hastened to adopt. (On the other hand, it may simply be that the artisan who carved the inscription was a bad speller.) As a girl, she was fond of wine, but on one occasion was taunted by a slave girl for drunkenness, and resolved not to drink thereafter. She was married to a pagan husband, Patricius, a man of hot temper, who was often unfaithful to her, but never insulted or struck her. It was her happiness to see both him and his son ultimately receive the Gospel.

Monnica soon recognized that her son was a man of extraordinary intellectual gifts, a brilliant thinker and a natural leader of men (as a youngster he was head of a local gang of juvenile delinquents), and she had strong ambitions and high hopes for his success in a secular career. Indeed, though we do not know all the circumstances, most Christians today would say that her efforts to steer him into a socially advantageous marriage were in every way a disaster. However, she grew in spiritual maturity through a life of prayer, and her ambitions for his worldly success were transformed into a desire for his conversion. He, as a youth, rejected her religion with scorn, and looked to various pagan philosophies for clues to the meaning of life. He undertook a career as an orator and teacher of the art of oratory (rhetoric), and moved from Africa to Rome and thence to Milan, at that time the seat of government in Italy. His mother followed him there a few years later. In Milan, Augustine met the bishop Ambrose, from whom he learned that Christianity could be intellectually respectable, and under whose preaching he was eventually converted and baptised on Easter Eve in 387, to the great joy of Monnica.

After his baptism, Augustine and a younger brother Navigius and Monnica planned to return to Africa together, but in Ostia, the port city of Rome, Monnica fell ill and said, "You will bury your mother here. All I ask of you is that, wherever you may be, you should remember me at the altar of the Lord. Do not fret because I am buried far from our home in Africa. Nothing is far from God, and I have no fear that he will not know where to find me, when he comes to raise me to life at the end of the world."

### **Proper Lessons for the Fifth Sunday after Easter**

## Collect

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:25

*(The lesson is written in the 34<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Ezekiel the prophet, beginning at the 25<sup>th</sup> verse.)*

And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more. Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD. And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.

*Here endeth the lesson.*

## Psalms

Psalm 65

- 1 THOU, O God, art praised in Sion; \* and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 Thou that hearest the prayer, \* unto thee shall all flesh come.
- 3 My misdeeds prevail against me: \* O be thou merciful unto our sins.
- 4 Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and receivest unto thee: \* he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation;  
\* thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, \* and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea, \* and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens,  
\* thou that makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; \* thou makest it very plenteous.

10 The river of God is full of water: \* thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; \* thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; \* and thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; \* and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep; \* the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

### Psalm 67

1 GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, \* and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, \* thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; \* yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad; \* for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; \* yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; \* and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us; \* and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

### Epistle

St. James i. 22.

*(The lesson is written in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Epistle of Saint James, beginning at the 22<sup>nd</sup> verse.)*

BE ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway

forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

*(Here endeth the Epistle.)*

## **Gospel**

St. John xvi. 23.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

### **Prayer List (Before changes.)**

For the Lord's guidance and protection for Saint Patrick's. For the Lord to give us the grace and the will to fill His house. For the residents and staff of Cedar Mountain and of all facilities which care for the elderly, Bread of Life, Sharing House, and for Holy Trinity Cathedral, Jammalamadugu. The residents and staff of Craggy Correctional. For the safety of our Armed Forces, first responders, and health care providers, for an end to the coronavirus, and for those afflicted, especially those who have died. For peace and safety of our nation. For all who suffer for their faith.

**Sweet Rest and Holy Progress** for the soul of Brian and comfort for his family.

**Healing for:** Brittany, Lorraine, Libby, Fr. Greg, Jeff, Toni, Bonnie, Jim, Tessie, Karen, Faye, Mildred, Dave, Baby McCartney.

**Special Intentions for:** Jim, Julie, Bob and Sally, Jameson, Brendan, Richard, John, Mathew and Jennifer, Patsy, Marie, Betty and Edwin, Jessica, Robin, the Hoak family.

**Fellowship Prayers for:** Fr. Nick Henderson

\*Changes to the prayer list call, text or email Melissa at 843-200-6443 or [drmpsheppard@gmail.com](mailto:drmpsheppard@gmail.com)