

# Ministries of All Saints Anglican Church

## Sunday, August 21, 2022

### **Worship\***

The Holy Communion, commonly called the Lord's Supper or the Holy Eucharist, is a chief means of grace for sustained and nurtured life in Christ. It is normally the principal service of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and on other appointed Feasts and Holy Days. Mindful of the admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, participation in Holy Communion requires a penitent heart and lively faith. *2019 BCP, p7*

The entire Congregation participates in the conduct of public worship. Laity, Deacons, Presbyters and Bishops fulfill the functions of their respective orders. Because divine services should give the Lord the worship due his Name, the Church expects proper training of all who lead in the liturgies of the Church. *2019 BCP, p7*

### **Lay Opportunities to Serve:**

**Acolyte** – General term covering laity acting as, servers, torchbearers, crucifers, banner bearers and thurifers. Serving in this capacity follows training and commissioning. Acolytes have been part of the worship team since 252 in Antioch.

**Altar Guild** – A volunteer group of parish laity whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. This group prepares the sanctuary for services and cleans up afterwards.

**Choir** – A group of vocalists who provide musical leadership for congregational singing in the worship of the church. Their primary role is to lead and support the congregation's worship through singing, not to provide musical performance. Choirs often will offer an anthem or other special music to enhance the experience of worship.

**Flag Ministry** – Laity who process the American and Anglican flags ahead of the choir and altar party signifying our identity.

**Flower Guild** – A group of laity who supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers.

**Greeter** – Lay ministers who greet and welcome those entering the worship space and identify newcomers that they may guide them in our worship and parish life.

**Lay Readers (Lectors)** – A lay person trained in reading scripture appointed by the clergy in charge of the congregation to read lessons and/or lead the prayers of the people. The term “lector” is from the Latin, “to read”. While there is no license required, lectors are required to be trained and commissioned by the clergy.

**Praise Band** – Musicians who lead the congregation and choir in more contemporary forms of worship music.

**Sound Ministry** – Key to the broadcast of Sunday School and our Worship services is the sound ministry whose members ensure all aspects of the video and audio systems function well. Since the Covid our sound ministry has been instrumental in reaching many who would have not initially visited ASAC and provided inclusion in worship for those shut-in.

**Ushers** – A lay person who greets and assists people as they enter the church. Ushers hand out bulletins, answer questions of newcomers and count the number in attendance, collect and present the offering, assist parishioners during the administration of communion, and clean the pews and church building after the service.

**Community Prayer** – A service held during the week, usually on Tuesday, that is purposed to lift up in prayer the needs of the congregation and their families.

\*Armentrout and Slocumb (1999). *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*. New York:Church Publishing.