



FAQs

About the Episcopal Church & All Saints, Pasadena



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What is the Episcopal Church?

The Episcopal Church is the American "branch" of the Anglican Communion: a worldwide communion of churches that share the common bond of having their roots in the Church of England.

An important things to know about the Church of England is that it emerged from the 16th century Reformation Era as a Christian church committed to being both protestant and catholic.

Historically it has prioritized corporate worship and common prayer and emphasized Jesus' teachings and his example of loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

The church is the place where the people gather for public worship, prayer, singing and celebration of sacraments (certain rites and symbols indicating God's gracious presence among us) together. The church is also the people themselves, participating in worship, praying, singing and celebrating.

Each individual congregation belongs to a larger governing area called a "diocese," which is overseen by an elected bishop. All Saints Church is part of the Diocese of Los Angeles, which is overseen by Bishop John Taylor.

At the national level, the dioceses across the country elect a "Presiding Bishop" who serves as chief pastor and spokesperson for the Episcopal Church: currently Bishop Michael Curry. However, all of the people of the church -- lay people, clergy and bishops -- participate in the running of the business of the Episcopal Church family.

What is distinctive about All Saints Church?

Worship at All Saints Church combines the beauty and tradition of Episcopal liturgy with bold engagements of the issues facing us in our contemporary world. We believe that the spirit of God resides in every human being and that we are called to inclusively seek out that which unites us while at the same time celebrating the glorious diversity of God's creations.



At All Saints we sum up our identity in this Vision Statement: *"Following our prophetic call, we seek to embody the inclusive love of God in Christ through Spirituality, Community, and Peace & Justice."*

What does it mean to be an Episcopalian?

On a more day-to-day level, to be an Episcopalian means to think critically about issues through the lens of "loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves." The Episcopal Church is quite diverse, and welcomes people of all backgrounds, encouraging them to take on a wide range of responsibilities.

You will find a wide range of theological opinions coming together during worship in the traditional rituals common to the Christian Church since its inception, enlivened by expansive language and enhanced by diverse music.

For a more thorough introduction to the Episcopal Church, we recommend Christopher Webber's *Welcome to the Episcopal Church*— or a visit to www.episcopalchurch.org.

The Holy Eucharist or "Communion"

The most powerful symbol of the inclusive love of God is the table where we receive the bread and wine made holy. At this table, we find the two most important elements in life: belonging and meaning.

This is why we say at each and every service that whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome here.

What do you offer for children and families?

Staff and volunteers live out All Saints' commitment to be a sanctuary for children and youth in our parish, our community and our world through care and advocacy.

Volunteer and professional child care workers welcome our youngest children, providing comfort, safety and community in a spiritual environment from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Sunday in Scott Hall.

Parents may also feed and change small babies while listening to the service in the Small Lounge or take advantage of our child-friendly worship space in the chapel.

How can I learn more and get involved?

All Saints Church is also home to a wonderful variety of ministries. These ministries reflect both the calling of God's spirit to this community and the particular passions and gifts of its members.

- Start with the red "Welcome Table" on the lawn.
- Attend a Welcome Coffee — held every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.
- Sign up for New Member Class — an 8 week class exploring membership at All Saints Church
- Visit our website at www.allsaints-pas.org.

For information on new member classes, contact info@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2765



All Saints is a place where people are encouraged in community to strive for health and wholeness in their lives and in the lives of their brothers and sisters everywhere. It is a place of healing and comfort; of inspiration and challenge. It is a launching platform for the healing and caring of the world and for partnering with God in the work of turning the human race into the human family.

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith you are welcome to come to the center of life at All Saints Church.

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