



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: “God Really Loves Us”:
by Crowder
Holy Cross Music Ministry

Opening Hymn: “You Are My All in All”

*You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all*

*Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
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Worthy is Your name*

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever! Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise 686: “Come Thou Fount”

*Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love*

The Collect of the Day - *prayed by the Celebrant*

The First Reading: *Romans 12:9-21*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm: 26:1-8 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

Sequence Hymn 675: "Take Up Your Cross"

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:21-28*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People ***Glory to you Lord Christ.***

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Sermon: "The True or False Decision"

The Rev. Rob Dixon

The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

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 & 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.*

(*"catholic" means universal)

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work; *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. (Silence)*

For this community, the nation, and the world; *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. (Silence)*

For the just and proper use of your creation; *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. (Silence)*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy. (Silence)*

We pray especially for the peoples in impoverished and war-torn areas; *Move every heart to yearn for peace, justice, and kindness for all people. (Silence)*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. – *(Pray aloud or silently for your own needs and concerns).* We pray especially for all who have died and for those who miss them. – *Pause.* Comfort and sustain us. Help us to trust in you and in the never-ending life you eternally offer all people.

We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

And now, Heavenly Father, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins. *Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements

**For Giving
Electronically**

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Thank You!





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory: “Put on Christ” (*see insert*)

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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

Sanctus S-129

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.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Communion Hymn: “Death Was Arrested” (*see insert*)

Communion Hymn: “Build My Life” (*see insert*)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

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

Closing Hymn: “Go Make a Difference” (*see insert*)

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD: Linda Bish

Ambassadors: Jane Briscione

Chalice Bearers: Ed Austin

Readers: Chip Lands, Deanne Amacker

10:30am

DOD: Susan Karl

Acolytes: Lamar Parsley, Elah Chau,
& Sierra Dixon

Ambassadors: Clay Coleman

Chalice Bearers: Angela Hinkle, Wanda Reed

Readers: Johnny Armstrong,
Brandi Love-Spain

Flower Dedications

In Honor of Stephen & Susan Bell's 33rd Wedding Anniversary & Susan's Birthday

Your Sermon Notes:

Prayer List

Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.

Requested Prayer

Angel, Ann, Anne M, Anne R., Arlie, Art, Axel, Barbara S., Bobby, Brad, Brenna, Byron, Carolyn, Casey, Chloe, Chris G., Christopher, Cindy B., Cindy R., Connie, Cory, Crystal, Curt, Dave W., David P., Diane P., Don, Ed D., Elaine, Fay, Francis, Gary, Gretchen, Hank, Herman, Ivy, Jack, Jan, Jerry, Jim H., John J., Jonathan U., Joyce Ba, Joyce Bu., Judy, Karen, Kathy B., Kathy M., Kathy S., Kelli, Kenneth, Laura, Linda, Lorrie, Mabel, Madeleine, Manuel, Marguerite, Marilyn, Mary, Martha, Melissa, Michelle, Mike, Nancy S., Pamela, Paula, Phyllis, Rachel I., Ralph, Richard, Sally, Sarah, Seth, Sheri L., Sherry Jo, Stephanie, Sylvia, The Longbrake Family, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, Thomas S., Tom L., Tony, Victor, Virginia, Wade, Walt, Wanda, William B., & William Z.

Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Bruce Gough,

Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., T. J. Bossa, Tyler Post

Prayers for Guidance & Peace

Leanne Beaumont
Ted Kirchharr

Rest of the Soul

Victims from Hurrican Idalia
Mary Mayes Cabe (Aunt of Margaret Mayes)
Eddie Duggan (Friend of Maureen O'Donnell)

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The Rev. Roger Hungerford, Associate Rector, Emeritus

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