



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2023

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: *Andrew Gregg (piano)*

Opening Hymn: “We’ve Come This Far by Faith”
(see insert)

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 654: “Day by Day”

*Day by day, dear Lord,
Of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

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

The First Reading: *Romans 12:1-8*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the

grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Psalm: 138 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Sequence Hymn: “Who Say Say I Am” (see insert)

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:13-20*

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the

Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Sermon: “Behind Your Back”
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.*

Almighty Father, for the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Breathe your Holy Spirit into our families, our church, and our nation,
Help us to know you and to follow your ways.

Move your Spirit within our hearts and minds,
Enable us to live boldly for love, truth, justice, and peace.

Bless and sanctify our jobs, our work, and our leisure,
So that our entire lives will be a blessing to you, to us, and to our neighbor.

Embrace within your Spirit all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
Help us to answer your call to tend to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation – *Silence.* We pray especially for all who have died and for those who miss them. – *Silence.* We also pray for all those on our church’s prayer list;
Fill their lives with the healing power of your loving Spirit.

We will exalt you, O God our King - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *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. 367 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: “The Storm is Passing Over”
Holy Cross Chancel Choir

*Have courage my soul and let us journey on.
Though the night is dark, and I am far from home.
Thanks be to GOD. The morning light appears.*

*The storm is passing over.
The storm is passing over.
The storm is passing over Hallelu...*

Halelujah Ha-le-lu-jah Ha-le-lu-jah

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, according to his command, O Father.
People *We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.*

Communion Hymn: “Open” (*see insert*)

Communion Hymn: “Who You Say I Am” (*see insert*)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 366 BCP)

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
And for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our
Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 473: “Lift High the Cross”

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD:
Ambassadors: Jane Briscione
Chalice Bearers: Ed Austin
Readers: Hunter Walker, Nancy Gibbons

10:30am

DOD:
Acolytes: Ethan Winn, Stella Dixon,
& Ileya Sobodash
Ambassadors: Clay Coleman
Chalice Bearers: Janelle Berger, Wanda Reed
Readers: Stephen Bell, Eden Ridgeway

Flower Dedications

In Recognition of our Eight New Members Who are Joining Daughter's of the King

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, David P., Diane P., Don, Ed D., Elaine, Fay, Francis, Gary, Gretchen, Herman, Ivy, Jack, Jan, Jean, Jim H., John H., John J., Jonathan U., Joyce, Judy, Karen, Kathy B., Kathy M., Kathy S., Kelli, Kenneth, Laura, Linda, Lorrie, Mabel, Madeleine, Manuel, Marguerite, Marilyn, Mary, Martha, Melissa, Michelle, Mike, Nancy G., Nancy S., Nell, Pamela, Paula, Phyllis, Rachel H., Rachel I., Ralph, Richard, Sally, Seth, Sheri L., Sherry Jo, Stephanie, Sylvia, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, Thomas S., Tom L., Virginia, Wade, Walt, Wanda, Wendy, 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

Mary Mayes Cabe (Aunt of Margaret Mayes)
Eddie Duggan (Friend of Maureen O'Donnell)
Bob Rawson (Step-father of Rena Killam)

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