



# Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Annual Vision Sunday

January 26, 2025

## The Service of the Word

**Prelude:** *Isabelle Areola (piano)*

**Opening Hymn:** "In Christ Alone"

*In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, & 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*

**Song of Praise:** "Who You Say I Am"

*Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am  
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.*

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

**The First Reading:** *Acts 2: 42-47*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and

signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.."

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

**Psalm:** *19*(read responsively by whole verse)

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from resumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Sequence Hymn:** "Take O Take Me as I Am"

*Take, O take me as I am;  
Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

**The Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23*

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

"Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

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

**Message:** "The Foundational Miracle"  
*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)

### **The Prayers and Presentation**

#### **NEW VESTRY MEMBERS**

- Hunter Walker
  
- Steve Bell
  
- Kaki Chambers
  
- Donovan Chau
  
- Carla Hardin

*Additional Ways to Give*



*Venmo*

# The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 370 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

**The Communion.** *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to 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:** “Great is Thy Faithfulness” - arr. I. Peterson

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.*

*(Refrain) Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, springtime, and harvest  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above.  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love (Refrain)*

For this portion of the service you will need your Book of Common Prayer (The red book in your pew). P. 370

**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.*

**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.*

**The Lord’s Prayer** (p. 336 BCP)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Communion Hymn:** “Spirit of the Living God” (*see insert*)

**Communion Hymn:** “Spirit Song”

*Oh, let the Son of God enfold you,  
with His Spirit and His love.*

*Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His spirit like a dove.  
will descend upon your life, and make you whole.*

*(Refrain) Jesus, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Oh, come and sing this song with gladness, as your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name*

*Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain  
And you’ll enter into life in Jesus name! (Refrain)*

**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:** “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.*

*(Refrain) And they’ll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land  
(Refrain)*

## Serving Today

### 8:00am

DOD: Pam Walker  
Chalice Bearers: Ed Austin  
Readers: Ed Austin, Isabelle Peterson

### 10:30am

DOD: Susan Karl  
Acolytes: Evelyn Spain, Gregory Rider,  
Grace Andrews  
Chalice Bearers: Jack Lichlyter and Miya May  
Readers: Rachel Holder

## 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.*

\*Diane Persell, Eula Lantrup \*Fay Scordato, Jean Turner  
John Cologrides, Kathy Bleeker, Kathy Meloche, Lance  
Amato, Longbrake Family, \*Mabel Wilson, Natalie Baxter  
Richard Pena, Stephanie Lehrmann, Tabby Riley Terri  
Miller

#### Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony  
Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather,  
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, Jose Hernandez,  
Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen  
Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas  
Pinkston, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Taylor  
Knueven, Tyler Post

#### Rest of the Soul

Helen Carnes, Mark Longbrake, Harriet Kerr

#### Clergy

The Rev. Rob Dixon, Rector  
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The Rev. Matt Dollhausen, Part-time Worship Assistant  
The Rev. Roger Hungerford,(Emeritus) Associate Rector

#### Vestry

Steve Lukow (Sr. Warden), Warrem Jerrems (Jr. Warden), Tam  
Lee (Jr. Warden), Britt Landrum, Hunter Walker, Ron Burk, Sarah  
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