



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

VBS Sunday

July 19th, 2026

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: “Here I Am, Lord”

Opening Hymn 686: “Come Thou Fount”

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit!
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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: “Go Down Moses”

*When Israel was in Egypt’s land (Let my people go)
Oppressed so hard they could not stand (Let my people go)
(Refrain) Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land,
tell old Pharaoh, Let my people go.*

*The Lord told Moses what to do (Let my people go)
To lead the Hebrew children through (Let my people go)
(Refrain)*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: *Romans 8:12-25*

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the

creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 *(Responsively by whole verse)*

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**6 Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**8 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

**10 If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,”**

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Sequence Hymn: “King of Glory”

His name is Jesus, Precious Jesus.

Lord Almighty, King of my heart, King of glory!

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

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

People *Glory to you Lord Christ.*

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

Message

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 of impoverished and
war-torn areas of the world;
*Move every heart to yearn for peace, justice, and kindness
for all people.* (Silence)

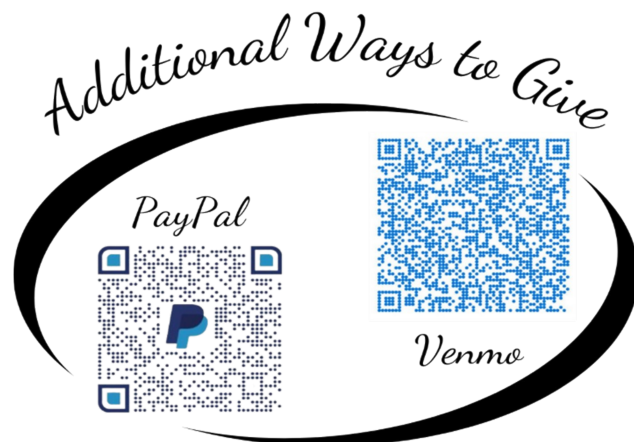
For our church's prayer list, and for the special needs and
concerns of this congregation. – *(Pray aloud or silently for
your own needs and concerns).* We pray especially for all
who have died and for those who miss them. – *Pause.*
Comfort and sustain us. *Help us to trust in you and in the
never-ending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





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 seeking God through Jesus 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 - VBS performance

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 (p. 361 BCP)

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 - S129

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.

The Lord's Prayer (p. 364 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn: "Lord I need You" (See insert)

Communion Hymn: "It is Well" (See insert)

Post Communion Prayer (St. Francis of Assisi)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 707: "Take my Life and Let it Be"

The Dismissal

NO ONE LEAVES HUNGRY FROM JESUS' TABLE



As an important extension of our worship, the Food Pantry is made available and we have a Community Hour following our 10:30 worship. Ask an usher or priest for more information.

Serving Today

8:00am: DOD: Kathy Bleecker

Readers: Chip Lands, Ed Austin

Chalice: Wendell Ray

10:30am: DOD: Kathy Meloche. Acolytes: Landree Williams, Israel Entrekin, Sierra Dixon. Chalice Bearers: Caroline Thompson, Laurie White. Readers: Stephen Bell, Wanda Reed.

Home Communion Volunteers:

Trista Miller & Hunter Walker

Your Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Marguerite Byrd, Susan Bell, Cindy Skeen, Robert Westbrook, Dustin Smith, Dennis and Sheila Holley, Anna Majors, and Isabelle Peterson.

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, David Boyer, Donald Gibbons, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Harlin Cade Wright, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James

Madden, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Matthew Ramirez-Hayes, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Crimaudo, Nicholas Pinkston, Patrick Resler, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Steven Bonello, and Taylor Knueven.

Repose of the Soul

Edward Simmons, Lisa Green, and Janie Thompson.

We would love to honor your marriage and ever lasting love with your late spouse on your anniversary. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

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