



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost
Youth Sunday
July 30, 2023

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: *Lamar Parsley (violin)*
Jayden Randolph (french horn)

Opening Hymn: “Here For You” (*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 686: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Come, Thou Fount of every 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 oh fix me on it
Mount of God’s unchanging love*

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

The First Reading: *Romans 8:26-39*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he

also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalms: 119:129-136 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
130 When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
131 I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.
132 Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name.
133 Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.
135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
136 My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

Sequence Hymn: "When Death Was Arrested"

(see insert)

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:31-33,44-52*

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

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

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

Witness Talks: *with Evelyn Spain*

Youth Creed

WE BELIEVE that Holy Cross is sacred ground and a safe place to be real; that here we can be open and honest without fear.

WE BELIEVE that the people of Holy Cross are incredible and that through their example and life experiences we see God in real ways.

WE BELIEVE that praising God comes in many shapes, forms and fashions; sometimes worship means sweaty t-shirts and dirty knees.

WE BELIEVE that ALL people have the same access to receiving God's love, no matter who they are or where they come from.

WE BELIEVE in equality and that God's promises and love are here for everyone.

WE BELIEVE that there is love and peace in the world, that there are way more good people than bad, and that nobody deserves to suffer.

WE BELIEVE in God and that He is with us all the time. We don't know how, but we believe it.

WE BELIEVE in Jesus, we believe that he is alive, and we trust in the power of prayer. We hope for happiness and we believe that each person is beautifully and wonderfully made in the eyes of our Creator.

Prayers of the People

Almighty God, we praise You as one body and one voice today: Be with us as we come and go daily.

Use us as vessels for your word.

We ask that You would be with the leaders of our government and to guide all those in positions of influence and power.

Help them to bring your light and justice into the world.

Teach us to care, protect and preserve this beautiful world that you have created.

And help us to be more mindful of our Earth.

Heavenly Father, we ask that you comfort all those who are hurt, in pain or suffering including all of those on our prayer list – *(Longer Silence)*.

Work miracles in their lives and bring them peace.

And we lift up all of the souls that have gone up from this world into your heavenly kingdom.

Receive them into paradise where there is no more sorrow or pain.

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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camera at this
Image.*

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: "My Jesus"
Evelyn Spain

Are you past the point of weary
Is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
Do you feel that empty feeling
'Cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

(Refrain) He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen (amen)

Who can wipe away the tears
From broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear
Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would
Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good
Let me tell you about my Jesus (Refrain)

Who would take my cross to Calvary
Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh (refrain)

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.

First Communion Hymn: "Open" see insert)

Second Communion Hymn: "Worthy Of It All"

All the saints and angels
They bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

(Chorus) You are worthy of it all
You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory

(Singing oh oh oh oh oh)

Day and night night and day
let incense arise (Repeat)(Chorus)

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: "The Blessing"

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you
And give you peace

Amen. Amen. Amen

Flower Dedications

In Loving Memory of Eric Charles Landis

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, Chloe, Chris G., Christopher, Cindy B, Cindy R., Connie, Crystal, Curt, David P., Diane P., Don, Ed D., Elaine, Fay, Francis, Gary, Hank, Herman, Ivy, Jack, Jan, Jean, Jim H., John H., Jonathan U., Joyce, Karen, Kathy B., Kathy M., Kathy S., Kathy W., Kelli, Kenneth, Kris, Laura, Lafe, Leslie, Linda, Lorrie, Mabel, Madeleine, Manuel, Marguerite, Marilyn, Mary, Martha, Melissa, Michelle, Nancy, Nell, Pamela, Paula, Phyllis, Rachel, Ralph, Richard, Sally, Seth, Sherry Jo, 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, 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

Dorothy Baisden (Mother-of Suzie Holzworth & Mother-in-law of Jerry Holzworth)
Hank Birkenkamp (Stepfather of Kahty Steenland)
Betty Dennis (Granddaughter of Jessica Smith)
Amy Walker (Cousin of Ed Shontz)

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