



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023

The Service of the Word

Opening Hymn 559: “Lead Us Heavenly Father,
Lead Us”

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”

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

The First Reading: *Exodus 32:1-14*

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for

themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”

The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm: 23 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Sequence Hymn: "When Death Was Arrested"

(see insert)

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:1-14*

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon: "Heaven Has a Dress Code"

The Rev. Matt Dollhausen

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 who are in war-torn areas and especially for the victims of the recent massacres in Israel and for all people in Israel and Gaza - *A Moment of Silence* - Defend our hearts, and the hearts of all who fight against evil, from the destructive powers of hatred; prevent evil from spreading, Lord, and let it be cast out; *Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.* (*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*)

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. 369 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: “Open” (*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.

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 383: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Communion Hymn: “Jesus We Love You” (*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 343: “Shepherd of Souls”

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD: Paula Kemmeling
Ambassadors: Jane Briscione
Chalice Bearers: Ed Austin
Readers: Isabelle Peterson, Lorrie Wilkinson

10:30am

DOD: Susan Bell
Acolytes: Evelyn Spain, Grace Andrew,
Stella Dixon
Ambassadors: Clay Coleman
Chalice Bearers: Miya May, Madeleine Hutchison
Readers: John Holder, Rachel Holder

Flower Dedications

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., Arlie, Art H., Art O., Barbara S., Bobby, Brad, Brenna, Byron, Carolyn, Chloe, Cindy B., Cindy R., Connie, Cory, Crystal, Curt, Della, David P., Diane P., Don, Elaine, Evelyn, Fay, Francis, Gary, Gretchen, Herman, Ivy, Jack, Jan, Jean, Jeff, Jim W., John H., John J., Jonathan U., Joyce Ba., Joyce Bu., Judy, Karen, Kathy B., Kathy M., Kathy S., Keith, Kelli, Kelly, Kenneth, Kenny, Linda, Mabel, Mallory, Manuel L., Manuel S., Marguerite, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Martha, Melissa, Michelle, Mike, Nancy S., Phyllis, Rachel I., Ralph, Richard, Sally, Sarah, Seth, Sheri L., Sherry Jo, Tammy, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, Thomas S., Tom L., Tonya, Victor, Virginia, Wade, Walt, 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, & Tyler Post

Prayers for Guidance & Peace

Leanne Beaumont
Ted Kirchharr

Repose of the Soul

Rick Hardcastle (Beloved Church Family Member)
Jimmy Maddox (Father of Jim Maddox)

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