



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025

The Service of the Word

Prelude: Isabelle Areola (*piano*)

Opening Hymn 8: “Morning Has Broken”

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: “Here for You”

(Refrain) We welcome You with praise

We welcome You with praise

Almighty God of love be welcome in this place (x2)

Let ev’ry heart adore, let ev’ry soul awake

Almighty God of love, be welcome in this place (Refrain)

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Paul, Silas’ and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by

the Holy Spirit. and so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

The Lord’s message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Lamentations 3:19-26 (read responsively by half verse)

19 The thought of my affliction and my homelessness

is wormwood and gall!

20 My soul continually thinks of it

and is bowed down within me.

21 But this I call to mind,

and therefore I have hope:

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

his mercies never come to an end;

23 They are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

24 ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,

‘therefore I will hope in him.’

25 The Lord is good to those who wait for him,

to the soul that seeks him.

26 It is good that one should wait quietly

for the salvation of the Lord.

Sequence Hymn: “Greater things”



You nev-er fail, You nev-er will; I'll trust Your



name, for great-er things. You will come through, You



al-ways do; I'll trust Your name for great-er things!

The Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Message: *Living Brightly in a Darkening World* (Part 1)
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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word
and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

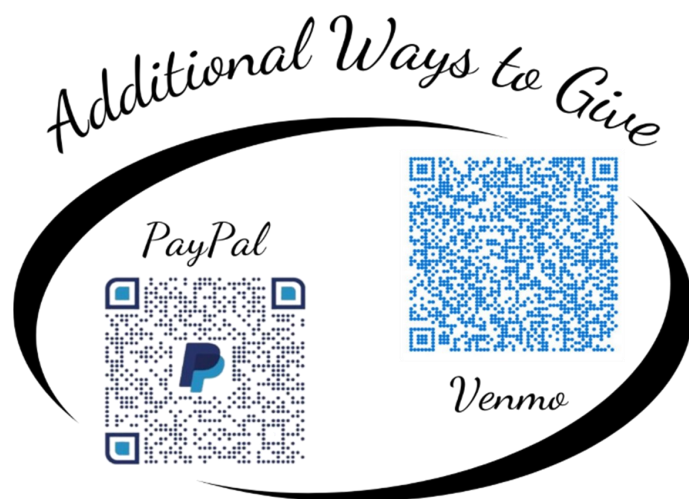
We pray for all those on our church's prayer list (*silence*)

Let us pray for our additional needs and those of others
(*silence*)

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





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 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 Hymn: “The Storm is Passing Over”

*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, hallelu
Hallelujah. Ha-le-lu-jah
The storm is passing over Hallelu...*

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.

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 325: “New Every Morning” (See
insert)

Communion Hymn: “Bread for the Broken” (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.*

Closing Hymn 473: “Lift High The Cross”

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: Mary Shontz. Readers: Ed Austin, Isabelle
Peterson.

10:30am: DOD: Susan Karl. Acolytes: Gregory Rider,
Sierra Dixon. Ambassador: Clay Coleman. Chalice Bearers:
Madeleine Hutchison, Angela Hinkle. Readers: Eden
Ridgeway, John Holder

Home Communion Volunteers:

Jacemine Ray & Hunter Walker



Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Marilyn Pruitt, Fay Scordato, Melinda Turner, Barbara Coats, Marguerite Byrd, Robbie Bay, Wallace Wilson, Shontz Family, Newton Family, Newbill Family, Clay Lirotte

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, David Boyer, 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, Steven Bonello, Stephen del Risco, Taylor Knueven, Patrick Resler, Nicholas Crimauto

Repose of the Soul

John D. C. Newton II, Mary Lee Newbill, Chris Futral, Stephen Marshall

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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