



# Holy Cross

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 30, 2025

## The Service of the Word

**Prelude:** Sarah Brown (*piano*)

### The Confession *Altogether*

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.*

### Opening Hymn: "O God Beyond all Praising"

*O God beyond all praising we worship You today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay  
For we can only wonder at every gift You send  
At blessings without number and mercies without end  
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word  
We honour and adore You our great and mighty Lord*

*Then hear O gracious Saviour accept the love we bring  
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our kin  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You  
still To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* ***His mercy endures forever!***

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

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.

### Kyrie:

Ky-ri-e - e-le-i - son. Chri-ste  
e-le-i - son. Ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, e - le-i - son.

### The First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything

old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him

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

### Psalm: 32 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 **You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. **12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

**Sequence Hymn: "Reckless Love"**

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable:

There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we

had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

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

**Message:**

**XXXXXXXXXXXXXX**  
*The Rev. Rob Dixon*

**The Apostles' Creed** *(in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy \*catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen*  
(\*"catholic" means universal)

**Prayers of the People**

Have mercy on us, O God, and, in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all of God's people. Wash us through and through, *And cleanse us of our sin.*

In this season of Lent, we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent, be transformed, and grow closer to you, Lord Christ. Create in us clean hearts, *And renew a right spirit within us.*

of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Guide them to seek the common good and make just decisions, according to your will. Purge us from our sin, *And we shall be pure.*

We pray for those who hunger or thirst, for those who cry out for justice or live under the threat of terror, and for those who are without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of your joy and gladness, *That those who are broken may rejoice.*

We pray for those who are ill, in pain, under stress, and who are lonely. We pray for all who are on our church's prayer list – *silence*. Give them the joy of your saving help, *And sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.*

We pray for those who have died - *Silence* - and for all who have entered into the land of your abiding peace. We commend them to your loving presence, *And ask you to comfort all who mourn. Amen*

And, Lord, for all the blessings of our lives;



# 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:** “Somebody’s knocking at your door”

## 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

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

**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.*

## 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, forever and ever. Amen.*

## Communion Hymn 150: “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

## Communion Hymn: “Restless” (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 529:** “In Christ there is no East or West”

## 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.

## Additional Ways to Give



## Serving Today

### 8:00am

DOD: Mary Shontz  
Chalice Bearer:  
Readers:

### 10:30am

DOD: Martha Sparks  
Ambassador: Clay Coleman  
Chalice Bearers: Madeleine Hutchison, Eden Ridgeway  
Readers: Janelle Berger, Sarah Tarkus

# Your Sermon Notes

## Prayer List

### Requested Prayer

Chuck Collins, Cinda Barber, CJ Moffett, Derek Skuff,  
\*Diane Persell, Ed Dake, Eugene Peterson, Eula Lantrip,  
\*Fay Scordato, Helen Attem, Jaime Badilla, Jean Turner,  
Joe & his whole family, \*John Caljreas, Kay Morrow,  
\*Mabel Wilson, Marguerite Byrd, Marilyn Pruitt, Nancy  
Gibbons, Natalie Baxter, Richard Pena, Ron Burk, Sally  
Roberts & Family, Stephanie Lehrman, Steven Bell, Tabby  
Riley, Terri Miller, Terri Perry, Wallace Wilson, Walt &  
Gail Zimmer

### 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, Steven Bonello, Stephen del  
Risco, Taylor Knueven

### Repose of the Soul

Marilyn Love, Kenny Johnson, Ralph Roberts, Sue Beasy,  
Betty Summer

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