



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023

The Service of the Word

Opening Hymn 390: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

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"

We welcome You with praise

We welcome You with praise

Almighty God of love be welcome in this place

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

Almighty God of love, be welcome in this place

We welcome You with praise

We welcome You with praise

Almighty God of love, be welcome in this place

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: *Philippians 2:1-13*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on

a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Psalm: 25:1-8 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.

Sequence Hymn: "Have It All"

*You can have it all Lord
Ev'ry part of my world
Take this life and breathe on
This heart that is now Yours*

Chorus:
I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Sermon: "WANTED: Sameness"

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

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 in impoverished and war-torn areas; *Move every heart to yearn for peace, justice, and kindness for all people. (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. 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: “Speak, O Lord” (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.

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.

Communion Hymn: “Every Praise” (see insert)

Communion Hymn: “In Christ Alone”

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

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 420: “When in Our Music” (see insert)

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD: Lois Heffernan
Ambassadors: Mary Shontz
Chalice Bearers: Ed Austin
Readers: Chip Lands, DeAnne Amacker

10:30am

DOD: Susan Karl
Acolytes: Gabe Lukow, Elah Chau,
& Sierra Dixon
Ambassadors: Clay Coleman
Chalice Bearers: Angela Hinkle, Wanda Reed
Readers: Johnny Armstrong, Lucy Brabham

Flower Dedications

Flowers Donated by Tam Lee in Celebration of Life

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, Jimmy M., 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, 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

Christine Watt (Sister-in-law of Jane Briscione)
Bill Jones (Cousin of Mary Shontz)

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