# THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

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The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

# THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

(Easter Sunday)

March 31, 2024

Festival Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 11:00 am

WELCOME HOME to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross! All who seek a deeper knowledge and love of God in Christ are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Eucharist.

Children are most welcome and encouraged to participate in all services.

Rocking chairs have been provided for caregivers with infants.

It is the custom of The Episcopal Church to prepare for worship by keeping reverent silence during the Prelude. Please be mindful of the devotional needs of others by silencing electronic devices and cell phones, and if you must speak, do so with a hushed voice.

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II According to the Book of Common Prayer

#### The Word of God

Musical Prelude:

"Prayer"

Richard Wagner

Offered by The ASU Brass Ensemble

Following the Prelude, the Priest enters from the south door, stands before the Altar, and kneels in silent prayer. The Priest then stands and proclaims with a loud voice (three times):

#### The Easter Proclamation:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

(All Stand) People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### The Easter Fanfare with Brass and the Ringing of Bells:

All are encouraged to continue to <u>ring bells</u> throughout the <u>first & final refrains only</u> of the following hymn.

The Processional Hymn: #175

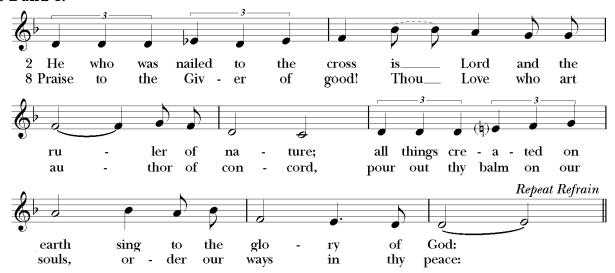
"Hail thee, Festival Day!"

Salve festa dies

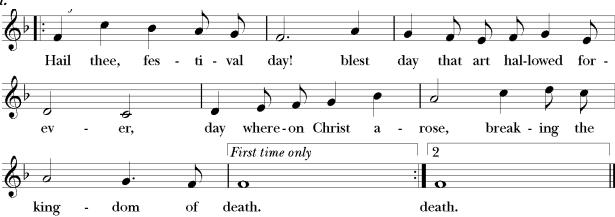
(Stanzas 1, 2, 5, and 8 only)



#### Stanzas 2 and 8:

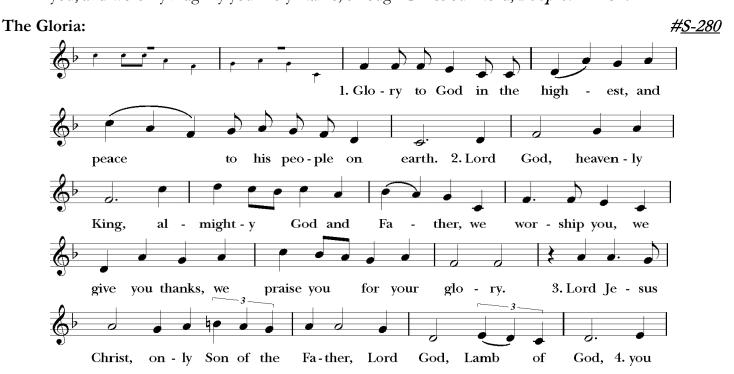


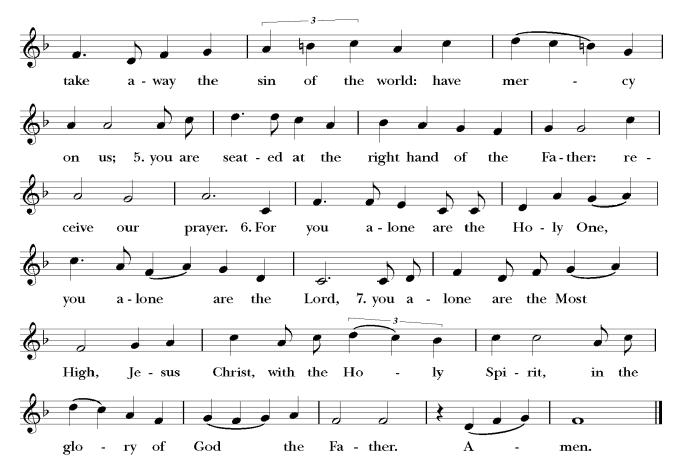
#### Refrain:



#### 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, *People:* Amen.





#### The Collect of the Day:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

# The congregation is seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

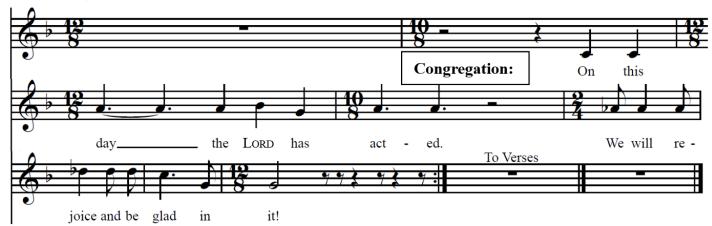
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

This unique and powerful setting of Psalm 118 by Phil Valera provides for the Choir to sing the verses and be joined by the Congregation on the Refrain as noted.

Refrain:



- The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

  There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous. (*Refrain*)
- The right hand of the LORD has triumphed.
  The right hand of the LORD is exalted.
  The right hand of the LORD has triumphed.
  I shall not die but live and declare the works of the LORD. (Refrain)
- The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

  This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. (*Refrain*)

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

The Gradual Hymn: #208



All remain standing for the Reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

A time for silent reflection follows the Sermon. Please remain seated until the Altar Ministers stand.

#### The Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

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The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin, Rector

Priest: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? People:

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.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,

and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return

to the Lord?

I will, with God's help. People:

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help. People:

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity

of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth

by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness (†) of sins,

keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Amen. The Priest introduces the prayers saying,

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

All kneel as they are able.

A period of silence is kept.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for Joseph our President, Roy our Governor, for our elected officials, and for all who

govern and hold authority in every nation throughout the world.

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the Five Marks of Mission of the

Anglican Communion, especially "To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence

of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation."

We give thanks for those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week

and pray God's continued blessing on their lives.

We pray for the diverse needs and ministries of this parish. Give us grace, O God, to do

your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: We pray for all who have requested our prayers, especially those who travel this week;

those who are in harm's way; and those in need of healing and comfort, especially in the

Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, and throughout the Middle East.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially those in whose memory Easter flowers

and memorials are given;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others either silently or aloud.

The People add their own petitions.

The Priest offers a concluding Collect saying,

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies,

look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious,

O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Peace: (All Stand)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

# Concerning The Holy Communion

Instructions for receiving the consecrated Bread and Wine are now offered.

A reminder that all present are welcome to the Communion regardless of Christian denomination because:

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord: it is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.

Come, not because I/we invite you.

Come because it is the Lord who invites us all; it is his will that those who wish to know him

# The Holy Communion

should meet him here.

The Offertory Anthem:

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

arr: Robert Benson

The Holy Cross Vocal Choir with The ASU Brass Ensemble

Text: Hymn #205 (Blue Hymnal)

(The Altar will be incensed during the singing of the Choir's Anthem)

At the conclusion of the Offertory Anthem, the Ushers present the offerings of God's people as all stand and sing,

The Presentation Hymn:

"The Doxology"

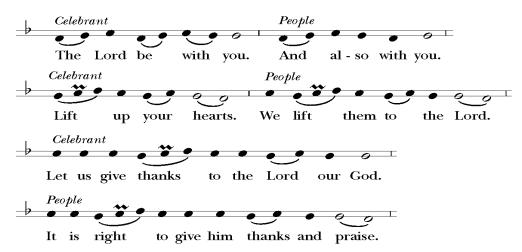
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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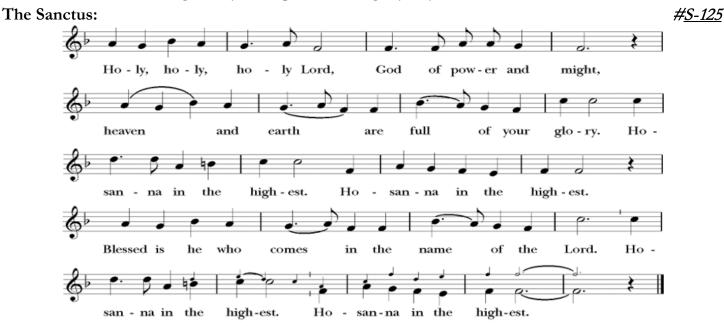
The Sursum Corda:



#### The Proper Preface:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of thDe world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



#### All kneel as they are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

# Priest and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify (†) them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify (†) us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By (†) him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: AMEN.

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.

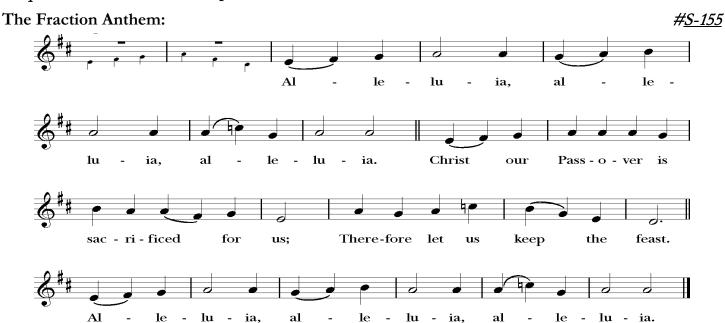
#### The Breaking of the Bread: (The Fraction)

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

#### A period of silence is kept.

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.



The Priest invites the people to Communion saying,

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them ... by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please come to the Altar to receive Communion. At the Altar Rail move toward either wall so that those in the center will kneel last. Please wait to be dismissed; those in the center depart first.

During the Communion, the following hymns are sung as needed:

#### Hymns during the Communion:

#174 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

#180 "He is Risen, He is Risen!"

#187 "Through the Red Sea Brought at Last"

#199 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

When all have communed, all kneel as they are able and sing the hymn on the following page.

(Sung three times in Language of Choice)



An extended time for silent thanksgiving and reflection precedes the following prayer.

#### **Post-communion Prayer:**

Priest:

Let us pray.

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.

## (All Stand)

## The Blessing for Easter:

Priest:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

And the blessing of God Almighty, (†) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

The Easter Proclamation: (Proclaimed three times)

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### The Dismissal:

Priest: Alleluia. Allelulia! Let us go forth in the Name of the risen Christ!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia!

with Brass Ensemble Introduction

All are welcome and encouraged to ring bells during the first and final stanzas only of the Hymn.



**Musical Postlude:** 

"Easter Carillon"

Robert J. Powell

# Thank you!

Our heart-felt thanks to all who offered their gifts, talents, and abilities to enhance every worship gathering and service of devotion throughout this Holy Week and especially, today's triumphant celebration of the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

We appreciate so very much the prayer ministry of our Daughters of the King, and the ministries of our Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Ushers and Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes, Vestry, Parish Administrator Ahren Koenig, our Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and all parishioners who provided and served today's Easter Brunch, and the generosity of all who offered funds and flowers as memorials and thanksgivings.

And we especially thank all those who enhanced our worship this day through their exceptional gifts of music, hours of rehearsal, prayers, and their willingness to serve, especially Elaine Kallestad, our Choir Director & Organist, our Vocal Choir, and our guest musicians:

## The Appalachian State University (ASU) Brass Ensemble;

Dr. Jim Stokes, Trumpet I Mr. Brent Bingham, Trumpet II Dr. Joe Brown, Trombone

But above all we thank everyone who worshipped in person and online here in this sacred place throughout this Holy Week and especially, today. We pray that your souls were nourished, your hearts inspired, and your faith in God's boundless mercy, grace, forgiveness, and love was strengthened this day and forever.

## We also thank those who served this morning:

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Greeters/Oblationers:	Derek Eggers & Randy McDonough	Jim & Darby Logan
Ushers:	Derek Eggers & Randy McDonough	Jim & Darby Logan
Lector:	Jane Blackburn	Katerina Whitley
Prayers of the People:	Jane Blackburn	Katerina Whitley
Chalice:	Sis Kinney & Karla Prudhomme	Kim Gauss & Nina-Jo Moore
Crucifer/Acolyte:	Sis Kinney	Nina-Jo Moore
Torches:		William & Henry McGuire

# NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 The Second Sunday of Easter with The Rev. Scott Oxford presiding and preaching

8:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (quiet service with no music)	
9:30 am	Fellowship time in Skiles Hall	
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (with music and hymnody)	
	(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)	
12:00 pm	Fellowship time in Skiles Hall	

# A Special Note to our Visitors today ...

The congregation and friends of The Church of the Holy Cross (*Episcopal*) wish you every blessing and grace as you continue your journey of faith. If we can be of any help to you in that journey, please let us know. We look forward to worshipping with you again in the future.

# Our Regular Worship Service schedule is as follows: (Labor Day through Memorial Day)

#### **Sundays:**

8:30 AM Quiet Holy Communion (no music)

9:45 AM Christian Education Hour for **all** ages in Skiles Hall

11:00 AM Holy Communion (with music). – This Service is Livestreamed via YouTube

#### **Current Weekday Services**

#### Monday & Thursday

8:00 PM Compline via "Zoom"

#### Wednesdays:

5:30 PM Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

# Summer Schedule of Worship Services (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

## **Sundays:**

9:00 AM St. John's Church: Holy Communion with "old-time Gospel style" hymns

11:00 AM Holy Cross: Traditional Holy Communion Service with hymns.

# Weekday Services as Announced

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

This Sacrament is offered at any time by appointment. Please contact the Rector directly at (828) 963-4609 ext. 22.

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