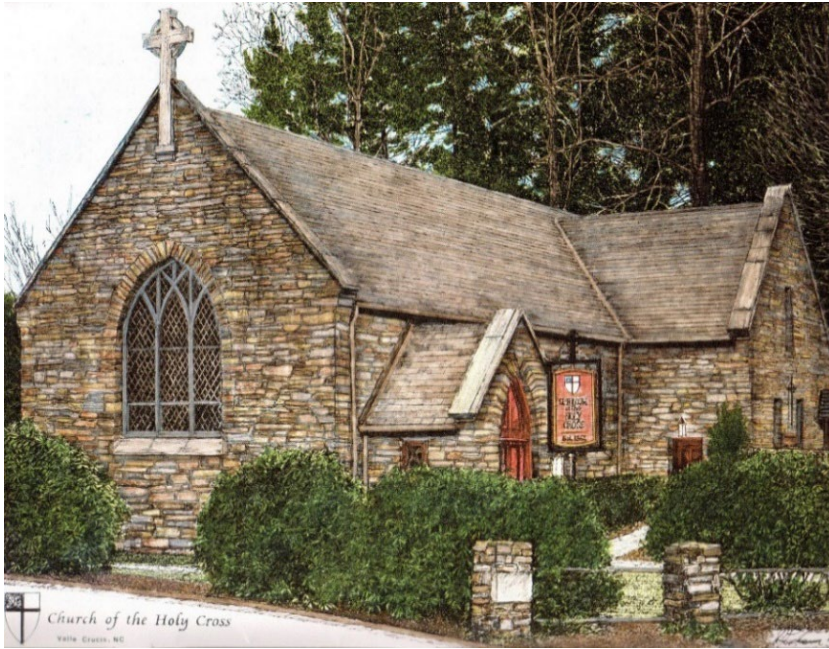


The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 5, 2023

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Masks are recommended for all attendees, especially if unvaccinated.

The Hymnody and Music noted in this leaflet is offered at the 11 AM service only.

Welcome Home to Holy Cross!

It is our privilege to worship with you this morning! Please know that all baptized Christians regardless of Church denomination, and all who seek a deeper knowledge and love of God in Christ are most welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist.

Children are most welcome and encouraged to participate in all services at Holy Cross. Rocking chairs have been provided for caregivers with infants.

If this is your first time at Holy Cross, please complete a *Visitor Card* and let us know about your visit, especially if you have a specific need or prayer request. Visitor Cards are found in the pew racks. If you would like additional information about our many ministries and activities, speak to one of our Ushers or Greeters, or stop by Skiles Hall during the fellowship hour that follows each service. We would be happy to speak with you in person.

If you would like to make a financial offering or contribution, you can do so by scanning this QR Code or via our website at www.holycrossvallecrucis.net



It is the custom in The Episcopal Church to prepare for worship by gathering in reverent silence and prayer, and during the worship service, stand for praise, sit for instruction, and, as you are able, kneel for prayer. Please respect the devotional needs of others by turning off cellular telephones and electronic devices, and by speaking with hushed voices.

Again, Welcome Home to Holy Cross! And may God's peace enfold you.

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude: “Give Me Jesus” Richard Billingham

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The Processional Hymn: #419 “Lord of All Being, Throned Afar” *Mendon*

Opening Acclamation: BCP 355

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity: BCP 355

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 Response: “The Gloria”

(Spoken at 8:30; Sung at 11:00 as #S-280)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

(The people are seated for the readings from Scripture.)

The First Lesson:

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones

strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Time for silent reflection follows the reading.)

The Response:

Psalm 112:1-9

Beatus vir

*(Prayed responsively at 8:30 as noted in **bold** type; Sung at 11:00)*



- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the / LORD *
and have great delight in his com-/mandments!
- 2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the / land; ***
the generation of the upright will be / blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their / house, *
and their righteousness will last for / ever.
- 4 **Light shines in the darkness for the / upright; ***
the righteous are merciful and full of com-/passion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in / lending *
and to manage their affairs with / justice.
- 6 **For they will never be / shaken; ***
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re-/membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil / rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the / LORD.
- 8 **Their heart is established and will not / shrink, ***
until they see their desire upon their / enemies.
- 9 ********They have given freely to the / poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with / honor.

(Time for silent reflection follows.)

The Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him."

These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Time for silent reflection follows the reading.)

The Gradual Hymn: #542 "Christ is the World's True Light"

St. Joan

The Holy Gospel:

Matthew 5:13-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin

A time of silence follows the Sermon. Please remain seated until the Altar Ministers stand.

The Nicene Creed:

BCP 358

All kneel for the prayers as they are able.

The Prayers of the People:

Form III

BCP 387

(The Leader and People pray responsively)

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 the nations of the world;

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

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

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

Leader: We pray for those who are in harm's way, for those who have asked for prayers, for those who are sick, in sorrow, need, or any adversity, and whom we name aloud at this time: The people speak the names of those on their hearts.

The Leader concludes saying.

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

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to _____, (and) all the departed eternal rest.

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.

I invite your prayers of intercession either silently or aloud.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all Seminarians, and all students, faculty & staff involved in Theological Education.

We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion, especially "To respond to human need by loving service."

We pray for those who travel this week, (especially) _____.

We give thanks for Paula Gray, Robert Brigham, Walter Browning, Betty Jo Coleman, and all who celebrate birthdays this week, and for Mike & Rebecca Alford, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for those who serve as *Pastoral Care & Healing Ministers*, and for all the ministries and activities of this parish, and pray that God will bless all who partake of, or serve in them.

The Priest offers a concluding Collect saying,

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Confession of Sin: *(Prayed by all present)*

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 Absolution:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive (†) you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. *People: Amen.*

All stand.

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

The people greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

The Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:

Watch over your child(ren) O Lord,
as *their* days increase.
Bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be.
Strengthen *them* when *they* stand.
Comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful.
Raise *them* up if *they* fall.
And in *their* heart(s) may your peace
which passes understanding,
abide with *them* all the days of *their* lives;
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Concerning The Holy Communion

Instructions on receiving Communion are now presented.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Patti Drennan

The Presentation Hymn: “All Things Are Thine”

William Gardiner

1. All things are Thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee;
And hence with grateful hearts to-day Thine own be-fore Thy feet we lay.

The musical score for the hymn "All Things Are Thine" is presented in two systems. The first system contains the first line of the hymn, and the second system contains the second line. Each system consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer D*

The Sursum Corda:

BCP 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Sursum Corda is a four-part musical setting. Each part is on a single line of music. The parts alternate between the Celebrant and the People. The lyrics are written below the notes. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The 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.

All kneel as they are able.

BCP 373

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***People:* We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend (†) upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, with Brother Skiles and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through (†) Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer:

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread: (The Fraction)

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem:

#S-169

The Priest invites the people to Communion saying,

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts 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.

Hymns during the Communion:

#316 “This is the Hour of Banquet and of Song”

#488 “Be Thou My Vision”

An extended time for silent prayer and reflection precedes and follows each communion hymn.

When all have communed, the following hymn is sung.

Kneeling Hymn:

“The Lord is My Light”

Taizé 36

(Sung five times)

Theme 1

1. The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in

2. God I trust, in God I trust.

Last time

An additional time for silent prayer and reflection precedes the following prayer.

The Post-communion Prayer:

BCP 365

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 Epiphany:

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world;

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 Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn: #497 “How Bright Appears the Morning Star” *Wie schon leuchtet (vs. 1 & 3 only)*

Postlude: “Partita on ‘How Brightly Shines the Morning Star’” Jan Bender

We thank those who served this morning

8:30 am

11:00 am

Greeters/Oblationers:

Stuart Tugman

Jim & Darby Logan

Ushers:

Stuart Tugman

Jim & Darby Logan

Lector:

Edie Tugman

Sibyl Pressly

Prayers of the People:

Edie Tugman

Jan Skopecek

Chalice:

Kim Gauss

Dawn Harris & Andrea McDonough

Acolytes:

Kim Gauss

Randy McDonough

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

8:30 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*quiet service with no music*)

9:30 am

Parish Breakfast (*Upper 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

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

- 8:30 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*quiet service with no music*)
9:30 am Fellowship time in Skiles Hall
9:45 am **Adult Christian Education Class** (*Upper Skiles*)
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

The Parish Prayer List: February 5, 2023

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

For Healing: Our injured and disabled military personnel, our veterans, all civilians harmed in conflict, and for Jett T., Stuart T., Philip A., Dayton C., Lindsay W., Keely S., Laura B., Wendell S., Ted N., Brianna M., Gretchen M., Noyes L., Marilyn W., Gerry P., Shirley N., Kathryn M., Rebecca M., Barbara L., Sam Y., Al & Susan T., Emily B., Bill B., Roberta T., Rossi T., Elizabeth B., Claire M., Fred K., Mason S., Gail T., Carrington T., Shelly T., Elizabeth Y., Tom & Jenise S., Ben C., Walt B., Doris B., Elizabeth L., Dakota, Julia M., Scott G., Charlie S., John B., Jim S., Bonnie R., Dennis B., Scott H., Branch A., Anna Jane R., Bob G., Floyd T., _____.

For those in Harm's Way: All who serve with the armed forces at home & abroad, all who serve in the Peace Corps, for Ruslan and Galena, and all health & relief workers throughout the world.

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Patty Dilley (2024)

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