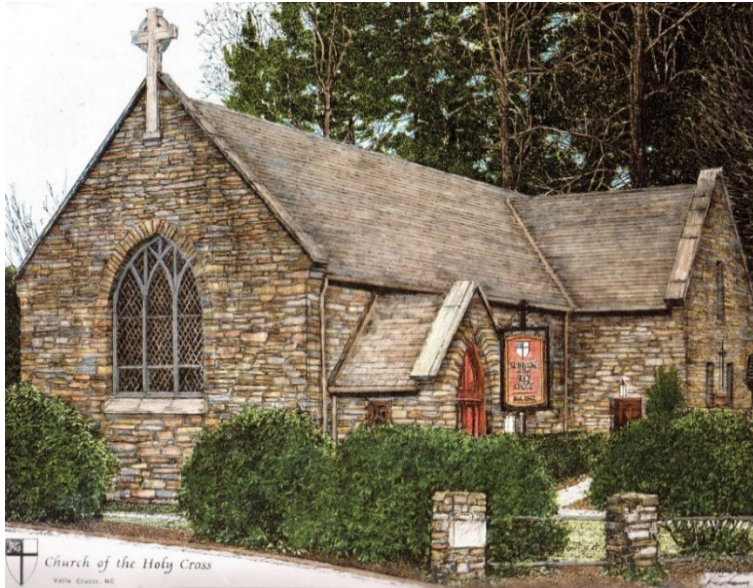


# The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

## *The First Sunday After the Epiphany* **The Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 8, 2023**

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

WELCOME to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross.  
All those 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 to participate in all services.  
Rocking chairs have been provided for caregivers with infants.*

***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.)

*It is the custom of The Episcopal Church to prepare for worship by gathering in reverent silence and prayer.*

## Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### The Word of God

**Prelude:** “As With Gladness” Earl Roland Larson

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**Processional Hymn: #116 “I Come, the Great Redeemer Cries”** *This Endris Nyght*

**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 Gloria:** “A Song of Praise”

*(Spoken at 8:30; Sung at 11:00 as #S-236)*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

## The Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

**People: Amen.**

*The people are seated for the readings from Scripture.*

## The First Lesson:

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Time for silent reflection follows.*

The Response: Psalm 29 (Prayed responsively at 8:30 as noted in **bold** type; Sung at 11:00)



- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you / gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and / strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his / Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of / holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory / thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty / waters.
- 4 **The voice of the LORD is a powerful / voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of / splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of / Lebanon;
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a / calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild / ox.**
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the / wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of / Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees / writhe \*  
and strips the forests / bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the / LORD \*  
all are crying, / “Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the / flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever-/more.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his / people; \*  
**the LORD shall give his people the blessing of / peace.**

*Time for silent reflection follows.*

## The Second Lesson:

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “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.**

*Time for silent reflection follows.*

**The Gradual Hymn: #121 “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”** *Caithness*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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.*

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 and 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.

*All kneel for the prayers as they are able.*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence is kept.*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

**People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For Joseph, our President; for Roy, our Governor; for all elected officials; for this community, the nation, and the world;

**People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

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

*The Leader concludes saying,*

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Epiphany, Newton.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, José, our Bishop: and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those who travel this week, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion, especially "To teach, baptize and nurture new believers."

I invite your prayers of intercession either silently or aloud.

*The people add their own petitions.*

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

**People: For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Leader: We give thanks for Zeke Jordan, Steve Loflin, Joe Dyer, Stella Barbato, Rick LeVarge, Barbara Armstrong, Sandy Barber, Ben Covington, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and for all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for those who lead our *Boy Scout Program*, and for all the ministries and activities of this parish, and pray God's continued blessing on all who partake of, or serve in them.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving either silently or aloud.

*The People add their own thanksgivings.*

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for Bill Gatie, \_\_\_\_\_, and all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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

**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 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:** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Leonhart Schroeter

**Presentation Hymn: #119 “As With Gladness Men of Old”** Dix

*(Stanzas 1 & 3 only)*

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.
3. As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
*Eucharistic Prayer B*

BCP 367

**The Sursum Corda:**

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. There are decorative flourishes above the notes in several places.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

**The Sanctus:**

*#S-125*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*(The people remain standing.)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*(The people now kneel as they are able.)*

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***Priest and People:* We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit (†) upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified (†) by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brother Skiles, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**The Lord's Prayer:** *(Traditional Language Version)*

**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-155

*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:

**#321 “My God, Thy Table Now is Spread”**

**#341 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”**

*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: #499 “Lord God, You Now Have Set Your Servant Free”** *Song 1*

*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 God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit upon you who have come to the waters of new birth.

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

***People: Amen.***

## The Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #448    “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”    *Deus tourum militum*

Postlude:                    “Now Praise We Christ the Holy One”                    Georg Bohm

### *We thank those who served this morning*

*8:30 am*

*11:00 am*

*Greeters/Oblationers:* Stella Barbato & Sis Kinney

Susan Howard & Maria Morton

*Ushers:* Stella Barbato & Sis Kinney

Susan Howard & Maria Morton

*Lector:* Jane Blackburn

Ann Gerber

*Prayers of the People:* Jane Blackburn

Carolyn Shepherd

*Chalice:* Ted Ponko

Chuck Canady & John Goodrich

*Acolytes:* Ted Ponko

John Goodrich

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023*

*The First Sunday After the Epiphany  
and The Baptism of Our Lord*

**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

### *2023 CALENDARS AVAILABLE*

A limited supply of 2023 Churchman’s Ordo Calendars are available for purchase for \$5 in the Parish Office. This calendar offers a full listing of the traditional feasts and devotional days which are frequently celebrated throughout the Anglican Communion.

*NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023*  
*The Second 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
- 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

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## The Parish Prayer List: January 8, 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, Stuart, Philip, Dayton, Luke, Bernie & Joan, Lindsay, Keely, Mary S., Smut S., Scotty, Ray G., Lisa, Laura B., Gini H., Wendell, Ted N., Brianna M., Gretchen M., Noyes & Suzie L., Marilyn W., Rick & Pat L., Pam C., Gerry P., Shirley N., Kathryn M., Rebecca M., Barbara L., Judy & Phil B., Bill R., Babette M., Anita, Sam Y., Jim P., Al & Susan T., Emily, Dave L., Frances S., Bill B., Greg M., Laura S., Laura B., Roberta T., Rossi T., Barbara A., Cindy M., Elizabeth B., Claire M., Fred K., Mason S., Parry L., Gail T., Carrington T., Shelly T., Elizabeth Y., Tom & Jenise S., Christine Z., Ben C., Walt B., Doris B., Randy M., Sandy J., Elizabeth L., Dakota, Karen L., Julia M., Paula H. & family, Jan S., Dee O., Keith M., Scott G., \_\_\_\_\_.

**For those in Harm's Way:** Hayley, Brittany, Harrison, Ian, Galena, Ruslan, all Peace Corps workers & volunteers, all who serve in the armed forces, and all health & relief workers at home and abroad.

***Note: We will be Updating our Prayer List this week.***

If you wish for someone to remain on the current list, or to add someone new, please email the Parish Office at [holy\\_cross@skybest.com](mailto:holy_cross@skybest.com). Be sure to include the person's full name, nature of prayer request, and any other pertinent information. Please do not call the Office with these updates. ***Thank you.***

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