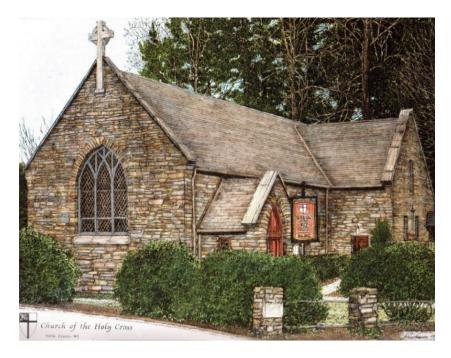
# The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

# The Second Sunday After the Epiphany January 14, 2024

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

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: "Alleluia and Chorale" Richard Warner

Greetings and Announcements

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The Processional Hymn: #7 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

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**Opening Acclamation:** 

**BCP 355** 

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
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: (Canticle 13) "A Song of Praise"

BCP 90

(Spoken at 8:30 am. Sung at 11:00 am as #<u>S-236</u>)

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.

Continued...

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

#### People: Amen.

(The people are <u>seated</u> for the readings from Scripture.)

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

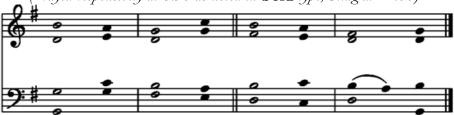
At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

(Time for silent reflection follows the reading.)

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



- LORD, you have searched me out and / known me; \* you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from a-/far.
- You trace my journeys and my / resting-places \* and are acquainted with all my / ways.
- Indeed, there is not a word on my / lips, \* but you, O LORD, know it alto-/gether.
- You press upon me behind and be-/fore \* and lay your hand up-/on me.
- \*\*\*\*Such knowledge is too wonderful for / me; \* it is so high that I cannot at-/tain to it.
- For you yourself created my inmost / parts; \* you knit me together in my mother's / womb.
- I will thank you because I am marvelously / made; \* your works are wonderful, and I know it / well.
- My body was not hidden from / you, \* while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the / earth.
- Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your / book; \* they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was / none of them.
- How deep I find your thoughts, O / God! \* how great is the / sum of them!
- If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the / sand; \* to count them all, my life span would need to be like / yours.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

(Time for silent reflection follows the reading.)

The Gradual Hymn: WLP #812 (Green Hymnal) "Here I Am, Lord" Here I am

The Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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 VI

BCP 392

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

South East Asia.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all Episcopal Church Women and

Daughters of the King.

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 the peace of Jerusalem and for an end to the war and human

suffering throughout the Middle East and the Ukraine.

Continued...

We pray for those who travel this week, especially Keith & his students,

We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion, especially "To teach, baptise 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 Sandy Barber, Ernie Armstrong, Keith Martin, Seth Powell,

Bryce Furr, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and for Bill & Eileen

Gaddy, and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for those who serve with the *Towel Ministry*, 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 <u>Kate Millett, John Lawrence Watson</u>, 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)

BCP 393

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:** "O God, You Search Me and You Know Me"

B. Farrell

Presentation Hymn: #43 "All Praise to Thee, My God"

Tallis' Canon

(vs. 4 <u>only</u>)

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.

#### The Sursum Corda:

Priest: The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you. Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar

space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our

island home.

*People:* By your will they were created and have their being.

Priest: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us

with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one

another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Priest: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you

revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom

and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Priest: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,

apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked

to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus: #<u>S-124</u>

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 <u>kneel</u> as they are able)

Continued...

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify (†) them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

# *People:* We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

#### People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People: AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer: Traditional Version

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!

BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem: #<u>S-154</u>

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:

#324 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

#126 "The People Who in Darkness Walked"

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

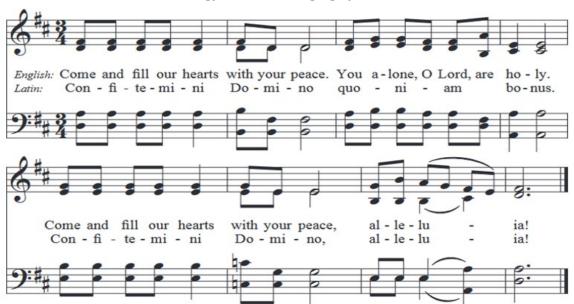
When all have communed, the following hymn is sung.

#### **Kneeling Hymn:**

#### "Confitemini Domino"

Taizé 28

Sung four times in language of choice



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

#### 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 in the Season of the Epiphany:

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

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:

Priest: Alleluia. Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn: #599 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Lift Every Voice

**Postlude:** "Postlude on 'Picardy" Kenneth T. Kosche

#### We thank those who served this morning

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Greeters/Oblationers:	Stella Barbato	Jim & Darby Logan
Ushers:	Stella Barbato	Jim & Darby Logan
Lector:	Nancy McInnes	Jan Skopecek
Prayers of the People:	Jane Blackburn	Jan Skopecek
Chalice:	Ted Ponko	Pan McCaslin & Andrea McDonough
Acolytes:	Ted Ponko	Randy McDonough

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 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
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education: Ecclesiastes Bible Study (details below)
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

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES (ACE) Sunday Mornings at 9:45 am (Upper Skiles Hall) January 14, 21, and 28, 2024

This month's *ACE* program offers a 3-part series of ongoing Christian Formation for adults <u>and</u> youth alike as Ron McInnes presents an in-depth study of the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Part 1 (January 14) offers an overview of Ecclesiastes: its History, Authorship, Time period, etc. Parts 2 and 3 (January 21 & 28) will explore its message and conclusion, and how such applies to our lives today. All are encouraged to bring their preferred translation of the Bible with them to these sessions.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023 Coffee's On – 10am via Zoom

For over three years, Coffee's On has been offered by Zoom to welcome folks from several states for a time of sharing our life journey's, anxieties, joys, and experiences of God's loving presence. Join us on January 20th. Dress is casual and the hour speeds by. See you then. Link at: <a href="https://holycrossyallecrucis.net/parish-news">https://holycrossyallecrucis.net/parish-news</a>.

#### MEN'S NIGHT OUT REMINDER

Please note that Men's Night Out is taking two months off during the winter season, but will resume gatherings in March 2024. However, if you are interested in hosting one of our gatherings this year, please send an email to <a href="mailto:KeithTMartin@gmail.com">KeithTMartin@gmail.com</a>.

#### OUR PARISH OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED

In an effort to better meet the overall needs of the Parish as well as those of our staff, the Parish Office Hours have undergone a slight change from their former 9:00 am - 5:00 pm schedule. Offices will <u>continue to be open Sunday through Thursday</u>. <u>However</u>, <u>Office Hours are now from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm</u>. Please make note of this change.

Thank you.

### NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

8:30 am	Holy Eucharist	, Rite II, at Holy	Cross (quiet	service with no mu	(sic)
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**9:30** am Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

9:45 am Adult Christian Education: Ecclesiastes Bible Study

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

#### LOST AND STILL NOT YET FOUND

At times one may borrow something from the church and have "meant" to return it, but it's still sitting on a counter waiting to come back to Holy Cross. Have you, or someone you might know, borrowed our money counter for an event and not yet returned the counter? When it was time for the Valle Country Fair this year, the counter was nowhere to be found, which slowed the final count. Please help us return the counter and "anything" else that might need to return to the church. *Thanks in advance*.

### Note: Last Call for Prayer Changes.

As announced, the Parish Prayer list displayed in the weekly service leaflet and on the Church website is being updated. If you wish for someone to remain on, or be added to the list, please email the Parish Office at holy\_cross@skybest.com and do so this week! Be sure to include the person's full name, nature of prayer request, and other pertinent information. While we do not publish last names nor the nature of the prayer request, this information is needed for pastoral care purposes. *Please do not call the Office with these updates*.

Thank you.

# The Parish Prayer List: January 14, 2024

## 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., Dayton C., Lindsay W., Keely S., Laura B., Wendell S., Ted N., Brianna M., Noyes L., Marilyn W., Gerry P., Shirley N., Rebecca M., Barbara L., Sam Y., Al & Susan T., Emily B., Bill B., Roberta T., Elizabeth B., Gail T., Tom & Jenise S., Julia M., Charlie S., Scott H., Branch A., Anna Jane R., Julia P., Bill G., Lenny H., Carla M., Walter B., Randy M., Rachel M., John M., Dawn A., Shane B., Terry S., Claire M., Joe H., Seth Y., Sara P., Tav G., Terry W., Jody V., Patty D., \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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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