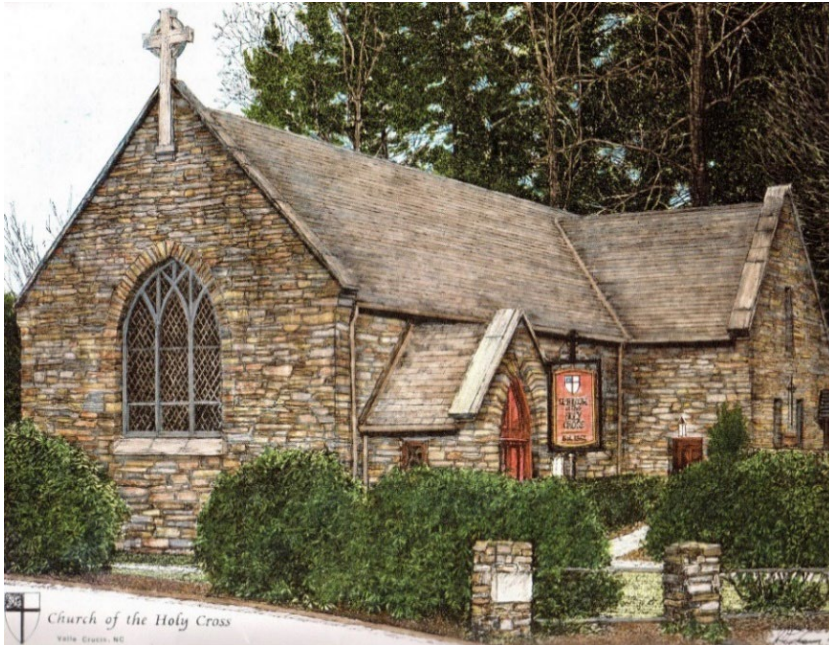


The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

July 28, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:00 AM

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: “Let All Things Now Living” Robert A. Hobby

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The Processional Hymn: #51 “We the Lord’s People” Decatur Place

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 Gloria: #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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.

The First Lesson:

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Response:

Psalm 14

Dixit insipiens



- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no / God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any / good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us / all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after / God.

- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned / bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not / one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evil-/doers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the / LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with / fear, *
because God is in the company of the / righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the af-/flicted, *
but the LORD is their / refuge.
- 7 *****Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of / Zion! *
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be / glad.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Second Lesson:

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Gradual Hymn: WLP #761 "All Who Hunger Gather Gladly" Holy Manna
(Green Hymnal)

The Gospel reading follows as printed on the next page.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."

So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. Dr. Scott A. Oxford

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.

(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.

The People add their own petitions.

Leader: We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for an end to the war and human suffering throughout the Middle East, Gaza, and the Ukraine.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Churches of St. James at Black Mountain, Hendersonville, and Lenoir.

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 Joyce Forsythe, Ann Gerber, Pan McCaslin, Angela Williams, Pat Underwood, Kim Grater, Sarah Jordan, Carol Smith, and all who celebrate birthdays this week, and for Randy & Andrea McDonough, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for those who serve on the *Worship Committee*, 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, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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: “Draw Me Nearer, Blessed Lord” Susan Naylor Callaway

The Holy Cross Vocal Quartet

Presentation Hymn: “Let All Things Now Living” *Ash Grove*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

to God our Creator triumphantly raise;

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:

Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

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.

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

The Lord's Prayer:

Traditional Version

BCP 364

**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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem:

#S-152

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Hymns during the Communion:

#304 "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

#321 "My God, Thy Table Now is Spread"

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: LEVAS #251 "Lead Me, Lord" (Sung twice) Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous - ness, ...
Make thy way plain be - fore my face. A - men.

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:

The Priest offers a blessing concluding with,

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

People: Amen.

The Processional Hymn: #559 “Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us” *Dulce carmen*

The Dismissal:

Priest: Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: “Fugue in C Major” (the “Jig”) Dietrich Buxtehude

We are delighted to Welcome Home to Holy Cross, the Rev. Dr. Scott Oxford.

Fr. Scott, our former Rector, is currently Scholar in Residence at App State, researching the early years of the Valle Crucis Mission. We appreciate him preaching and presiding at today's worship services, and for all our services throughout the month of July.

Gracious thanks are given to our Vocal Quartet for providing our beautiful Offertory today!

They are: Dawn Harris (soprano), Kim Baker (alto), Dan Shepherd (tenor), and John Goodrich (bass). Thank you all for sharing your talents and commitment!

We also thank those who served this morning

At St. John's

At Holy Cross

9:00 am

11:00 am

Greeters/Oblationers:

Stella Barbato & Mary Pietan

Katie Hall

Ushers:

Stella Barbato & Mary Pietan

Katie Hall

Lector:

Edie Tugman

Sibyl Pressly

Prayers of the People:

Nancy McInnes

Mary Watson

Chalice:

Sis Kinney

Rebecca Alford

Acolytes:

Sis Kinney

Nina-Jo Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Scott A. Oxford is an eighth generation Appalachian and a lifelong Episcopalian. A graduate of Appalachian State, Father Scott earned his Masters of Divinity at Sewanee in 1987, and his Doctor of Ministry from Drew. He retired from active ministry after 30 years of service, which included Ascension, Hickory (1987-1988), St. Mary's and St. Paul's Missions in his native Burke County (1988-1993), Holy Cross, Valle Crucis (1993-1999) and St. James, Black Mountain (2003-2017). He also served as Canon to the Ordinary to Bishop Robert Johnson (2001-2003). He is currently Scholar in Residence, Appalachian Collection at ASU where he is researching and writing about the early years of the Valle Crucis Mission, and reminiscences of ministry amongst the mountain folk of this region. He is father of Caroline and Will, and 'PopPop' of Will and wife Heidi's daughter, Selma. Scott and Julia live in Boone.

TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024 *The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*

- 9:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at St. John's (*with music and hymnody*)
10:00 am Fellowship time on the Lawn at St. John's
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

2024 SUMMER FOOD MINISTRY PROGRAM

Holy Cross has partnered with Valle Crucis United Methodist Church in support of the 2024 summer food ministry program. Our combined efforts will supply meals for six families over the summer months when school meals are not available.

The ***Volunteer Sign Up*** link and instructions for the next delivery will be sent out directly via email in the coming weeks.

Our summer ministry team welcomes your donations! **For questions, please contact Jeff or Angela Williams and Darby Logan.**

JAMS AND JELLIES FOR VCF

The blueberries are ripening, the strawberries are so juicy and the peaches, my oh, oh my the peaches abound this year. What does all this mean? It means Dedy Traver needs you to begin putting up jams, jellies, chutneys, pepper sauce, pickles or whatever is your specialty. The Valle Country Fair is right around the corner and it's time for the Welcome Center in Skiles Hall to start filling up with full jars of goodies.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 *The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*

- 9:00 am** Morning Prayer, Rite II, at St. John's (*with music and hymnody*)
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LISTENING POST MINISTRY RETURNS

The Listening Post is seeking 4-5 volunteers to serve on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at the Plemmons Student Union or the new Leon Levine Health Science Hall, as well as at Park Place Cafe in Trivette Hall. Contact **Ms. Jinx Miller, Listening Post Coordinator** by email at jinxmiller@gmail.com or phone at 828-355-9639 for additional information, or visit www.facebook.com/listenappstate. Please consider joining this rewarding ministry!

The Parish Prayer List: July 28, 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 Dayton C., Laura B., Wendell S., Noyes L., Marilyn W., Gerry P., Rebecca M., Sam Y., Bill B., Roberta T., Gail T., Julia M., Walter B., Randy M., John M., Shane B., Claire M., Sara P., Tav G., Bill M., Andrea M., Charles III, Mack G., Janis B., Anna Jane R., Steve S., Nick H., Pat & Linda H., Kate M., John N., Floyd T., Catherine R., Molly H., Ray L., Leslie S., Hope L., David S., Drew C., Terry & Jean M., Suzie L., Pam C., Jaimie R., Mary M., Cornelia S., Mary B., Ann G., Clint I., Mary Jane M., Nancy W., Dave P., Pat P., Jan H., Kathy C., _____.

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

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