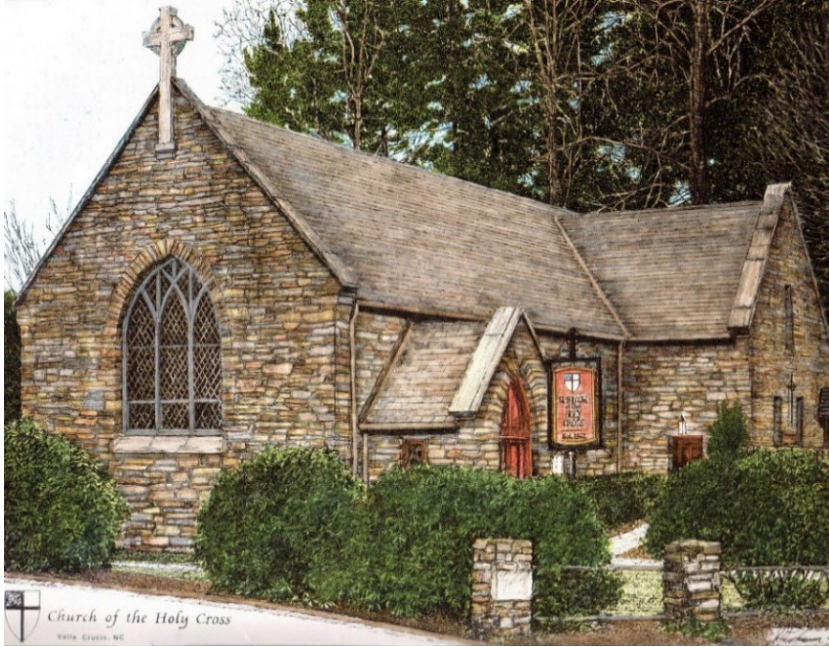


The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Seventh Sunday of Easter *The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

May 12, 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: "Fantasy in A Minor" J.S. Bach

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The Processional Hymn: #214 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" *Llanfair*

Opening Acclamation: BCP 355

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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-278)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: Amen.

(All are seated for the readings from Scripture.)

The First Lesson:

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Time for silent reflection follows the reading.)

The Response: Psalm 47 (Prayed responsively at 8:30 as noted in **bold** type; Sung at 11:00)



- 1 Clap your hands, all you / peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of / joy.
- 2 **For the LORD Most High is to be / feared; ***
he is the great King over all the / earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples / under us, *
and the nations under our / feet.
- 4 **He chooses our inheritance / for us, ***
the pride of Jacob whom he / loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a / shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the / ram's-horn.
- 6 **Sing praises to God, sing / praises; ***
sing praises to our King, sing / praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the / earth; *
sing praises with all your / skill.
- 8 **God reigns over the / nations; ***
God sits upon his holy / throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered to-/gether *
with the people of the God of / Abraham.
- 10 **The rulers of the earth belong to / God, ***
and he is highly ex-/alted.

(Time for silent reflection follows.)

The Second Lesson:

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

Continued...

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Time for silent reflection follows the reading.)

The Gradual Hymn: #215 “See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph” *In Babilone*

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 24:44-53

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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.

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 Anglican Church of Burundi.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Ascension, Hickory.

Continued...

We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion, especially “To proclaim the Good News of God’s Kingdom.”

We pray for those who travel this week, especially Keith, Terry, _____.

We give thanks for Hunter Martin, Susan Devine, and all who celebrate birthdays this week, and for Steve & Carol Smith, Walter & Jennifer Browning, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for those who provide *Hospitality & Refreshments*, and for all the ministries and activities of this parish, and pray that God will bless all who partake of, or serve in them.

And on this Mother’s Day, we give thanks and pray for all mothers, and those who have mothered us: who cared for us when we were helpless; who comforted us when we were hurt; and whose love and care we often took for granted. We pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother; for those who have never known their biological mother, and now yearn for her; for those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother’s love; and for those who feel separated from or neglected by their mothers. Lord God, give us grace to follow the good example of the Blessed Virgin Mary and lead our children, and those entrusted to our care, to know and do what is honorable and good in your sight, living and loving not for ourselves alone, but for you and others.

People: Amen.

The Priest offers a concluding Collect saying,

BCP 395

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

All stand.

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All 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 Unseen”

Osler/Schweitzer

O God, unseen yet ever near, thy presence may we feel;
And thus inspired with holy fear, before thine altar kneel.

Here may the faithful people know the blessings of thy love,
The streams that through the desert flow, the manna from above.

Thus may we all thy word obey, for we, O God, are thine;
And go rejoicing on our way, renewed with strength divine.

The Presentation Hymn:

“All Things Are Thine”

William Gardiner



1. All things are Thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to of - fer Thee;

And hence with grate-ful hearts to - day Thine own be - fore Thy feet we lay.

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

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-154

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:

#307 “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

#467 “Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love”

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: #508 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Nova Vita

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are provided below the vocal line for three parts: 1. "Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new," 2. "Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure," 3. "Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine," The second system continues the lyrics: "that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do. un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure. till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine."

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 for Eastertide:

Priest: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his grace;
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:

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

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Processional Hymn: #494 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Diademata

Postlude: “Intrada on ‘Diademata’”

Christopher Tambling

We thank those who served this morning

8:30 am

11:00 am

Greeters/Oblationers: Stella Barbato

Randy McDonough

Ushers: Stella Barbato

Randy McDonough

Lector: Edie Tugman

Sibyl Pressly

Prayers of the People: Edie Tugman

Judy Bondi

Chalice: Sis Kinney

Chuck Canady

Acolytes: Sis Kinney

Nina-Jo Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- 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** with Father Allan (*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
- 12:45 pm **ECW Monthly Meeting** in Skiles Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

The Day of Pentecost

- 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** with Father Allan (*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

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

Men's Night Out – 5:45-7:30 pm

The next **Men's Night Out** gathering is "on the beach" pavilion at Grandfather Country Club, near the home of host David Johnston, from **5:45 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024**. David is taking another stab at preparing one of his specialties, traditional Spanish paella! The suggested donation is \$10 per person. Please advise us of any dietary restrictions so that all may be accommodated.

The address is 2120 NC-105, Linville, NC 28646, on the way to Linville from Valle Crucis, just south of Tynecastle. There is a center turn lane and ample room for parking. When you get to the gate, tell them you're here for Men's Night Out and they will tell you where to park. **Please RSVP no later than noon on Monday, May 20** by text or phone to (704) 608-2755 or to KeithTMartin@gmail.com so that David may prepare accordingly.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

Coffee's On – 10:00-12:00

May 25th from 10-12, ***on the porch at the Rectory***, drop in for coffee or tea as we celebrate Spring and each other. Parking is limited, so park at the church and carpool up 194 S. The second driveway after the church is 5198 and the coffee pot will be on. Questions or need a ride? Call Pan at 828-963-5198.

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

Daughters of the King Quiet Day – 8:30-3:00

Our St. Helena chapter of the Daughters of the King is hosting a Quiet Day on **Tuesday May 28 at the Valle Crucis Conference Center**. The Rev. Karla Woggon, Rector of the Church of the Ascension in Hickory NC, will be leading the day. Using the spiritual practices of forest bathing, centering prayer, and creative expressions, we will sink into silence and connect with the Holy within and without.

We have ***10-15 open spots*** for this event and would like to invite any interested woman of the church to join us. We will meet in Johnson Hall; the day is scheduled for 8:30-3:00; the cost (to cover lunch in the Conference Center Dining Hall) is \$14. Please pay in cash or check for the lunch payment on or before the day of the event.

Interested attendees should contact Jane Blackburn by phone or text to (252) 469-0294 or by email at jblackburn0294@gmail.com.

The Parish Prayer List: May 12, 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., Shirley N., Rebecca M., Sam Y., Bill B., Roberta T., Gail T., Julia M., Walter B., Randy M., John M., Shane B., Terry S., Claire M., Sara P., Tav G., Patty D., Bill M., Lynn V., Andrea M., Sheila W., Betty H., Charles III, Mack G., Janis B., Anna Jane R., Joe H., Tony W., Steve S., Nick H., Pat & Linda H., Kate M., John N., Dawn A., Floyd T., Kimberly M., Catherine R., Molly H., Ray L., Leslie S., Hope L., David S., Dale E., _____.

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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