

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



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

*The Day of Pentecost*

**May 28, 2023**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows & 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.

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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:** “Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost” Johann M./Johann S. Bach

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**The Processional Hymn: #516** “Come Down, O Love Divine” *Down Ampney*

**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 Gloria:** #S-277

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.**

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

*All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.*

## The First Lesson:

**Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

**The Response:**

**Psalm 102:25-32**

**Refrain:**

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your / works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your / creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to / number, \*  
creatures both small and / great. (**Refrain**)
- 27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Le-/viathan, \*  
which you have made for the / sport of it.
- 28 All of them / look to you \*  
to give them their food in due / season. (**Refrain**)
- 29 You give it to them; they / gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with / good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are / terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their / dust. (**Refrain**)

*Continued...*

## The Response:

Psalm 102:25-32

### *Refrain:*



31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are cre-/ated; \*  
and so you renew the face of the / earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for / ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his / works. (*Refrain*)

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

## The Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

The Gradual Hymn: #512

“Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

*Mendon*

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon:

The Rev. James G. Reed

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

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows:** *(said by all standing)*

BCP 292

Priest: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People: I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness  
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness (†) of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

*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 continues 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 Extra-Provincial Churches.

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

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, for Allan, our Rector: 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 Nina-Jo & her students, Ahren & Stacey, \_\_\_\_\_.

We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion, especially “To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.”

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 Bill Rankin, Allan McCaslin, Bill Gaddy, Jakob Sjostrand, Stuart Tugman, Judy Bondi, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and for Steve & Denise Bentley, Alex & Susan Poorman, Ken & Niki Craig, Jim & Marilee Reed, and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries. *Continued...*

We give thanks for those who serve as *Acolytes*, 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 Scott Gahn, \_\_\_\_\_, 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.**

And on this Memorial Day Weekend, we most earnestly pray:

Almighty and merciful God, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women who, in the day of decision, ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy and especially for all those who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to those who are commemorated on this Memorial Day Weekend, and those written in our hearts, your mercy and the light of your presence. And give, O Lord, to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. We ask all this in your Holy Name.

**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 for receiving the consecrated Bread and Wine are now offered.*

*A reminder that all present are welcome to the Communion regardless of Christian denomination because:*

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord:  
it is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little.  
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;  
you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.

Come, not because we invite you.

Come because it is the Lord who invites us all;  
it is his will that those who wish to know him should meet him here.

### **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory Anthem:** “Come, O Come, O God of Heaven” Michael Bedford

**The Presentation Hymn:** “The Doxology” *Tallis canon*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

**The Sursum Corda:**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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-129***

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(All kneel as they are able)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Priest and People:* Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify (†) them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify (†) us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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:**

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-166**

*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:**

**#341 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”  
#510 “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”**

*An extended time for silent prayer and reflection precedes and follows each communion hymn.  
When all have communed, the hymn on the following page is sung.*

Kneeling Hymn: #712 “Dona Nobis Pacem, Pacem”

*Dona nobis pacem*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a simple melody with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem." The score includes first, second, and third endings, indicated by the numbers 1, 2, and 3 above the staves.

*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 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: #608**      “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

*Mellita*

**Postlude:**      “Canonic Toccata on ‘Down Ampney’”

Richard T. Gore

*We thank those who served this morning*

*At St. John’s*

*At Holy Cross*

*9:00 am*

*11:00 am*

*Greeters/Oblationers:* Stella Barbato & Stuart Tugman      Susan Howard

*Ushers:* Stella Barbato & Stuart Tugman      Susan Howard

*Lector:* Judy Bondi      Dawn Harris

*Prayers of the People:* Judy Bondi      Dawn Harris

*Chalice:* Edie Tugman      David Johnston & Andrea McDonough

*Acolytes:* Edie Tugman      David Johnston

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Father Jim’s Office Hours*

Tuesdays:      9 am – 12 noon

Wednesdays:      3 pm – 6 pm

Thursdays      9 am – 12 noon

In case of emergency, please call **(540) 785-4994**

***TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023***

***The Day of Pentecost***

**St. John’s Re-Opens for the Summer**

**9:00 am**      Holy Eucharist, Rite II, **at St. John’s** (*with music and hymnody*)

**10:00 am**      **Fellowship 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

***NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023***  
***The First Sunday After Pentecost – Trinity Sunday***

**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

**5:00 pm** **First Summer Concert at St. John's, featuring:**

***The Handbell & Vocal Choirs of Holy Cross & Banner Elk Presbyterian Church,***  
***guest musicians, and hymn sing.***

***A potluck supper follows.***

**The Parish Prayer List: May 28, 2023**

***Please keep the following in your prayers this week:***

**For Healing:** Our injured and disabled military personnel, our veterans, all civilians harmed in conflict, and for Jett T., Stuart T., Philip A., Dayton C., Lindsay W., Keely S., Laura B., Wendell S., Ted N., Brianna M., Gretchen M., Noyes L., Marilyn W., Gerry P., Shirley N., Kathryn M., Rebecca M., Barbara L., Sam Y., Al & Susan T., Emily B., Bill B., Roberta T., Rossi T., Elizabeth B., Claire M., Mason S., Gail T., Carrington T., Elizabeth Y., Tom & Jenise S., Ben C., Doris B., Elizabeth L., Dakota, Julia M., Charlie S., John B., Dennis B., Scott H., Branch A., Anna Jane R., Floyd T., Julia P., Bill G., Mike G., Rich, Lenny H., Katie H., Jim L., David T., Carla M., Walter B., Harold A., Todd V., Chris V., Randy M., Cheryl L., Patricia S., John H., Sally H., Nancy 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, Galena, and Brittany, and all health & relief workers throughout the world.

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