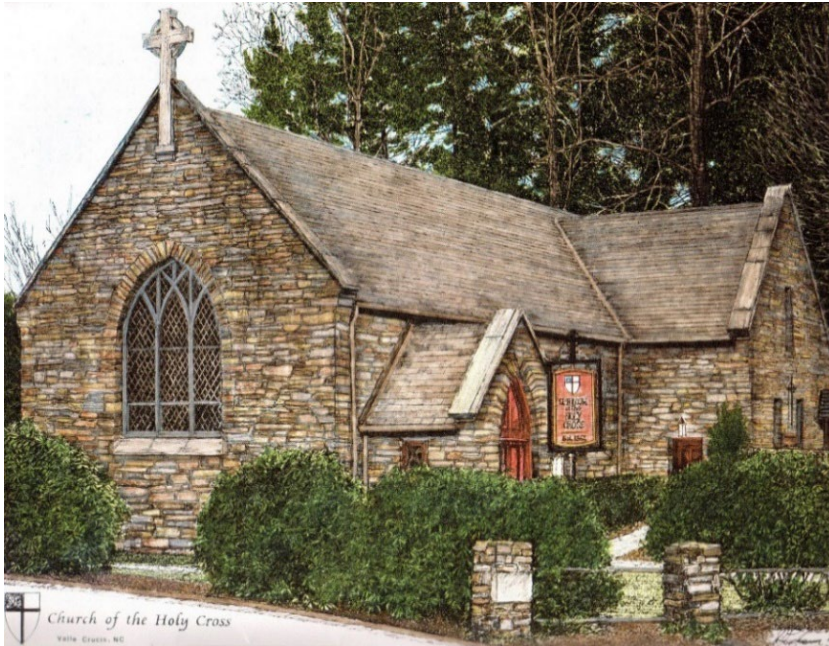


The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 10, 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: “Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness” Johannes Brahms

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The Processional Hymn: #609 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” Gardiner

Opening Acclamation: EOW I 50

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and 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: “The Gloria” #S-280

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.

The Lesson from the Old Testament:

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Response:

Psalm 127

Nisi Dominus



- 1 Unless the LORD builds the / house, *
their labor is in vain who / build it.
- 2 Unless the LORD watches over the / city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his / vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so / late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved / sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the / LORD, *
and the fruit of the womb is a / gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a / warrior *
are the children of one's / youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver / full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the / gate.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Children's Homily: "The Ark and the Flood" The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans

All children are most welcome to come forward for the children's homily.

After the story all are invited to rejoin their parents or to join Patty and Mary for activities in Skiles Hall.

Children will return at the Passing of the Peace.

The Gradual Hymn: #705 "As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought" Forest Green

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 12:38-44

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." *Cont.*

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans

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

The Prayers of the People:

Priest: Let us pray for each other, for those whose lives are linked with ours,
for those we love, and for those we love and see no more.

All stand or kneel for the prayers as they are able.

Leader: I invite your prayers and hopes for the mission of the church.
How do you ask God to direct the church?

The people are invited to offer prayers and hopes either in their heart or by saying out loud:

“My prayer is: _____. This is my prayer.”

The people will respond:

People: This is our prayer.

Leader: I invite your prayers for the world in which we live.
What would you like God to do in our world?

The people are invited to offer prayers and hopes either in their heart or by saying out loud:

“My prayer is: _____. This is my prayer.”

The people will respond:

People: This is our prayer.

Leader: I invite your prayers on behalf of those who suffer.
Who do you pray for?

The people are invited to offer prayers and hopes either in their heart or by saying out loud:

“My prayer is: _____. This is my prayer.”

The people will respond:

People: This is our prayer.

Leader: I invite you to pray with me as I name those who are in need of healing in this community.

The people are invited to offer prayers and hopes either in their heart or by saying out loud:

“My prayer is: _____. This is my prayer.”

The people will respond:

People: This is our prayer.

Leader: I invite you to praise God for the blessings of your life.

The people are invited to offer thanksgivings either in their heart or by saying out loud:

“My thanksgiving is: _____. This is my thanksgiving.”

The people will respond:

People: This is our thanksgiving.

Leader: We pray 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, Gaza, and the Ukraine.

We pray for those who travel this week.

We pray for those who have died in your faith and fear, and for those who have died outside the faith.

The people are invited to offer names either in their heart or out loud.

Priest: Most loving God, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, which you have manifested to us in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: Now let us confess those sins that weigh heavy on our hearts.

The Confession of Sin:

Adapted from Psalm 51

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God.

People: According to your lovingkindness.

Priest: For I know my transgressions,

People: And my sin is ever before me.

Continued...

Priest: You desire truth in our innermost being,

People: Teach wisdom to my secret heart.

The Absolution:

Adapted from Psalm 51

Priest: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

People: And renew a right spirit within me.

Priest: God has delivered us.

People: God of our salvation.

All may be seated.

The Farewell Blessing for the Kallestad Family:

The Kallestad Family is invited to join the priest in front of the altar for a blessing.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, we have been blessed by the ministry and companionship of Elaine, Scott, Adam, and Marie in our journey of faith.

Now their time with us has drawn to a close, and so we send them forth to continue their journey.

Choir: God said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.”

People: May you go with the God who calls us to new adventures!

Celebrant: When Rachel departed from her home and family to make her home with Jacob, she took with her the teraphim, the household gods of her childhood.

People: May you carry with you what has been good, holy, and true from our time in this place.

Choir: Miriam led the people in singing and dancing as they journeyed away from Egypt.

People: May you go with the holy music of this place in your hearts!

Celebrant: Jesus sent the disciples out to preach the Good News to all creation.

People: May you be inspired and imbued with purpose and joy.

Choir: Jesus told the disciples, “If anyone will not welcome you, shake off the dust from your feet.

People: May you leave behind all bitterness and disillusionment.

Celebrant: Paul wrote to the Philippians, “I thank my God every time I remember you.”

People: May we thank God every time we remember your love of our community.

Choir: Go forth to be God's church in this time and place, as the Holy Spirit may direct.

People: In the name of the One who creates, redeems and sustains us all. 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 Welcome:

The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans

Concerning The Holy Communion

A reminder that all present are welcome to the Communion regardless of Christian denomination.

We consider it an honor and privilege to commune with all present as one united body of Christ.

To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive the bread and wine together via intinction, place your right hand over your left shoulder. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, cross your arms across your chest.

If you have a gluten allergy, simply inform the priest when you come to the rail.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: "God Be in My Head"

Arlen Clarke

Presentation Hymn: #380 vs. 3 "The Doxology"

Old 100th

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. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 God thanks and praise.

Continued...

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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-130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

(All may kneel or stand as they are able.)

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

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,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread: (The Fraction)

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem:

#S-164

The Invitation: *The Priest invites the people to Communion.*

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:

#339 “Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness”

#292 “O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown”

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: 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 Almighty God: (†) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be among you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn: #397 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun danket alle Gott

The Dismissal:

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude:

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major” (BWV 557)

J.S. Bach

We are delighted to Welcome Home to Holy Cross, Elaine Kallestad.
Thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us today!

We also thank those who served this morning

<i>Greeters/Oblationers:</i>	Susan Howard & Stuart Tugman
<i>Ushers:</i>	Susan Howard & Stuart Tugman
<i>Lector:</i>	Jane Blackburn
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Jane Blackburn
<i>Chalice:</i>	Nina-Jo Moore & Edie Tugman
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Nina-Jo Moore
<i>Linen Fairies:</i>	Edie Tugman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers on the Altar today are given
to the greater Glory of God
and in honor of Elaine Kallestad
for her 17 years of music ministry
at the Church of the Holy Cross**

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:00 am** Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service
- 10:00 am** Joint Christian Formation (*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*)
- 12:30 pm** ***Reception in Skiles Hall*** in honor of Elaine Kallestad & her family

November Adult Christian Education Classes
Sundays at 10:15 am – Upper Skiles Hall

Gather in Skiles Hall as Rev. Robert and Pastor Mike present a joint Christian Formation offering on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am. For the month of November, we will be examining the life and ministry of the Wesley Brothers, who are a common ancestor for both the Methodist and Anglican Tradition.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024
Elaine Kallestad's Farewell Reception

You've heard of Hurricane Parties - well, Holy Cross Church will be having an "After Hurricane Party"! This will be to celebrate the music ministry of Elaine Kallestad who was our choir director and organist for 17 years. We had planned a celebration lunch for September 29th but as we know, Hurricane Helene had other ideas! Please come join us on Sunday November 10th for a reception following our 11:00 am worship service. Elaine will be back that day to provide music for worship and then join us at the reception where we can properly thank her for the many years of service. Please bring finger foods (cookies, sandwiches, cheeses, dips, etc.) for the reception. The choir has a presentation, so you don't want to miss that! We look forward to seeing you.

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM
**Daily Office prayers, Scripture, and centering prayer
in the Church Chancel**

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:00 am** Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service
- 10:00 am** Joint Christian Formation (*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)
- 12:30 pm** Fellowship time in Skiles Hall
- 12:45 pm** **Worship Team Meeting** (*Choir Room*)

BOOK GROUP SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Bookies, a book group organized 20-plus years ago, would love to have new members. We meet in Skiles Hall at 3:00 on the second Monday of each month. Call or email Judy Bondi for information.

2025 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

A limited supply of 2025 Churchman's Ordo Calendars are available for purchase for \$5 in the Parish Office. This calendar offers a full listing of the traditional feasts and devotional days which are frequently celebrated throughout the Anglican Communion.

The Parish Prayer List: November 10, 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., 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., Ray L., Leslie S., Hope L., David S., Terry & Jean M., Suzie L., Pam C., Mary M., Cornelia S., Ann G., Mary Jane M., Dave & Pat P., Jan H., Kelly C., Jesse H., Joe U., Rosalie G.,
_____.

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

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Terry Fulton (2026), Co-Senior Warden
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