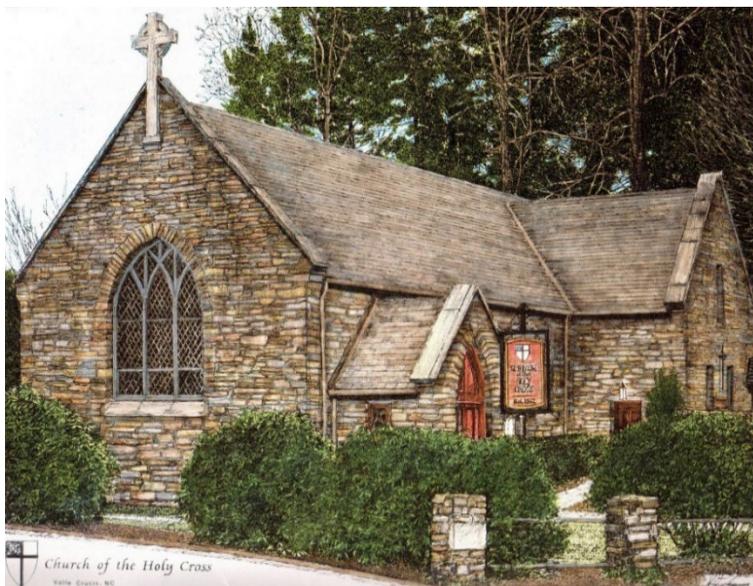


The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 13, 2022

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

WELCOME to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross.
All those who seek a deeper knowledge and love of God in Christ
are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Eucharist.

Children are most welcome to participate in all services.

Rocking chairs have been provided for caregivers with infants.

Masks are recommended for all attendees, especially if unvaccinated.

(The Hymnody and Music noted in this leaflet is offered at the 11 AM service only.)

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Word of God

Prelude: “For the Beauty of the Earth” J. Dasher/L.H. Pedersen

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Processional Hymn: #290 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” *St. George’s, Windsor*

Opening Acclamation: BCP 355

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

People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. 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”

(Spoken at 8:30; Sung at 11:00 as #S-236)

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

The Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The people are seated for the readings from Scripture.

The First Lesson:

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent--its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Time for silent reflection follows the reading.

The Response: Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12:2-6) *Ecce Deus*
(Prayed responsively at 8:30 as noted in **bold type**; Congregation sings Refrain at 11:00)



Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior. (*Refrain*)

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; (*Refrain*)

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world. (*Refrain*)

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. (*Refrain*)

Time for silent reflection follows.

The Second Lesson:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in

idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Time for silent reflection follows the reading.

The Gradual Hymn: #551 “Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!”

Festal Song

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 21:5-19

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin

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

The Nicene Creed:

BCP 358

All kneel for the prayers as they are able.

The Prayers of the People:

Form VI

BCP 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence is kept.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For Joseph, our President; for Roy, our Governor; for all elected officials; for this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: We pray for those who have asked for prayers, for those in harm's way, for the unemployed, the lonely, for those who are sick, or in need, and those whom we name aloud at this time:

The people speak the names of those on their hearts.

The Leader concludes saying,

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church at Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Western North Carolina Convention and all Delegates.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, José, our Bishop: and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those who travel this week, especially Chuck & Kathy, Bob & Julie, Brady, _____.

We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion, especially “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.”

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 Meagan Ford, Morgan Ford, Terry Marshall, Jeremy Ringler, Niki Craig, Jim Brown, Matthew McGuire, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and for all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for those who serve on the *Vocal Choir*, 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 _____, (and) all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The Confession of Sin: *(Prayed by all present)*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Absolution:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive (†) you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

All stand.

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

The Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:

**Watch over your child(ren) O Lord,
as *their* days increase.**

Bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be.

Strengthen *them* when *they* stand.

Comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful.

Raise *them* up if *they* fall.

And in *their* heart(s) may your peace

which passes understanding,

abide with *them* all the days of *their* lives;

through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,

Amen.

Concerning The Holy Communion

Instructions on receiving Communion are now presented.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem:

“We Gather Together”

arr: Katherine K. Davis

Presentation Hymn:

“The Doxology”

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***People:* We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend (†) upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, with Brother Skiles and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through (†) Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

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-166

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:

#309 “O Food to Pilgrims Given”

#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: “Bless the Lord, My Soul” (*sung twice*) **WLP #825**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Bless the Lord, My Soul". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has the lyrics: "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system has the lyrics: "Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands, with some dynamics markings like (b) and accents.

Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

An extended time for silent thanksgiving 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 peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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:

BCP 366

Let us bless the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn: #632 “O Christ, the Word Incarnate”

Munich

Postlude:

“We Gather Together”

Matthew H. Corl

We thank those who served this morning

8:30 am

11:00 am

Greeters/Oblationers:

Ed & Beth Beck

Stella Barbato & Karla Prudhomme

Ushers:

Ed & Beth Beck

Stella Barbato & Karla Prudhomme

Lector:

Jane Blackburn

Ann Iles

Prayers of the People:

Jane Blackburn

Jan Skopecek

Chalice:

Sis Kinney

John Goodrich & Nina-Jo Moore

Acolytes:

Sis Kinney

Nina-Jo Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022
The Twenty-Third Sunday After 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 Ron McInnes (*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

November Adult Christian Ed Classes
Sundays at 9:45 am – Upper Skiles Hall

Gather in Skiles Hall on **Sunday November 13, 20, and 27** as Ron McInnes provides an overview and group discussion on the Epistle of James. James provides us with numerous practical examples and challenges to living a life of faith in Christ impacting every area of our lives and driving us to truly engage in the lives of other people in the world.

Men's Night Out
Tuesday, November 15

The **FINAL Men's Night Out** gathering for 2022 will be held in the Dining Hall at the Valle Crucis Conference Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15. Our gracious host is Walter Browning, VCCC Board Chair and HC Vestry Member, and he is working with Chef Abby Tetterton to plan a feast to kick-off the upcoming holiday season and celebrate another successful year of MNO. The suggested donation for the meal is \$20 per person but remember to bring your favorite beverage to enjoy, and feel free to include a friend... or two.

Please **RSVP** by noon on Monday, November 14 via email to KeithTMartin@gmail.com or by text or phone to **704-608-2755** so that Chef Abby knows how much food to prepare. PLEASE NOTE that we'll be taking three months off during the winter season, but will resume our MNO gatherings in March 2023.

It's Angel Tree Time!

There are several children at Valle Crucis school and several residents of The Life Care Center in Banner Elk for whom Holy Cross Church is their only Santa Claus. We are helping out our Valle Crucis Teachers with gift cards this year as well. Thank you all in advance for your generosity! For information about what gifts are needed, and/or sign up to donate gifts, visit the parish website or go directly to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084FADAC23A2FB6-holy1>

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

ECW Bake Sale

ECW is holding a Bake Sale on **November 20** after **both** services. Get your Thanksgiving pies and cakes early!

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After 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 Ron McInnes (*Upper Skiles*)
- 11:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*with music and hymnody*)
We welcome special musical guests, the Choir of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Charlotte!
(*This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel*)
- 12:00 pm** Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

Looking Ahead...

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING QUIET DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022 – 9am-3pm

Led by Katerina Whitley, the Daughters of the King will host a quiet day on **Saturday, December 3, 2022, 9:00 am-3:00 pm in Skiles Hall**. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. A program of prayer and quiet reflection will be presented, followed by lunch. All are welcome to attend. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Sis Kinney at **828-260-0485**, or by email at kinivan06@gmail.com.

The Parish Prayer List: November 13, 2022

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, Stuart, Philip, Dayton, Luke, Bernie & Joan, Lindsay, Keely, Mary S., Smut S., Scotty, Ray G., Lisa, Laura B., Gini H., Wendell, Ted N., Brianna M., Gretchen M., Noyes L., Marilyn W., Rick & Pat L., Pam C., Gerry P., Shirley N., Kathryn M., Rebecca M., Barbara L., Judy & Phil B., Bill R., Babette M., Anita, Sam Y., Jim P., Al & Susan T., Emily, Dave L., Frances S., Bill B., Greg M., Laura S., Laura B., Roberta T., Rossi T., Barbara A., Bill M., Cindy M., Elizabeth B., Claire M., Fred K., Mason S., Parry L., Gail T., Carrington T., Shelly T., David H., A.J. M., John & Catherine R., Mary A., Elizabeth Y., Lenny H., Tom & Jenise S., Christine Z., Ben C., Antonia, John S., Walt B., Doris B., Randy M., Sandy J., Elizabeth L., _____.

For those in Harm's Way: Hayley, Nathan, Brittany, Harrison, Ian, Galena, Ruslan, all Peace Corps workers & volunteers, all who serve in the armed forces, and all health & relief workers at home and abroad.

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