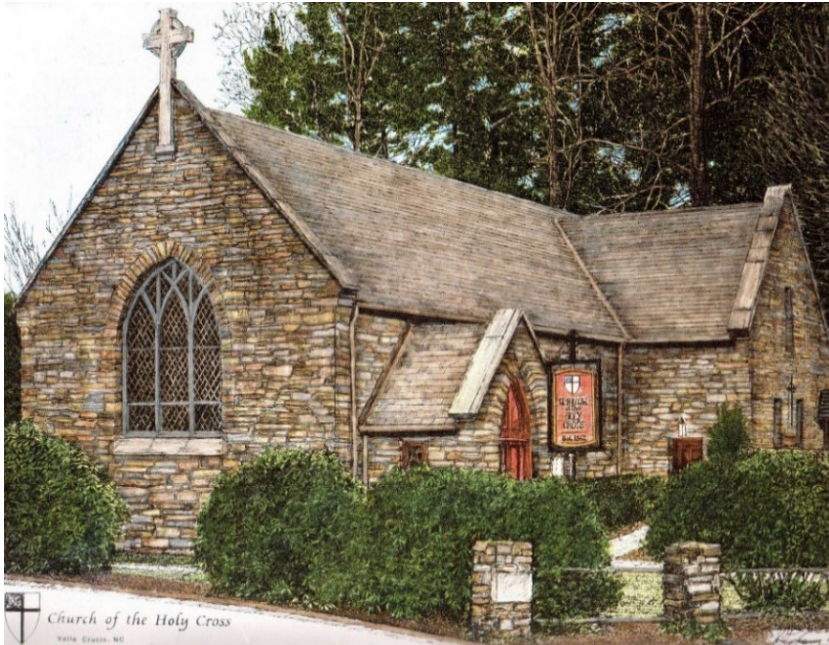


# The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

*The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

**September 1, 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](http://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:** “How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou” Marcel Dupre

*Greetings and Announcements* *Pages 14-16*

**The Processional Hymn: #388 “O Worship the King”** *Hanover*

**Opening Acclamation:** BCP 355

**Priest:** Blessed (†) be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity:** BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

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

**The Gloria:** *#S-278*

**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.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:

Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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 First Lesson:

## Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

## The Response:

## Psalm 45:1-2,7-10

*Eructavit cor meum*



- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the / king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled / writer.

- 2 **You are the fairest of / men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for / ever.**
- 7 **Your throne, O God, endures for ever and / ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate in-/iquity.**
- 8 **Therefore God, your God, has a-/ointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your / fellows.**
- 9 **All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and / cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you / glad.**
- 10 **Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the / court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of / Ophir.**

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

## **The Second Lesson:**

**James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

**The Gradual Hymn: #213**

**“Come Away to the Skies”**

*Middlebury*

**The Holy Gospel:**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon:**

**The Rev. George Greer, Jr.**

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

**The Nicene Creed:**

BCP 358

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
     he came down from heaven:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit  
     he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
     and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
     he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
     in accordance with the Scriptures;  
     he ascended into heaven  
         and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
     and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
     who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the Prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
     and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*All kneel for the prayers as they are able.*

**The 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.

*Continued...*

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 Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints', Linville; and the Church of the Resurrection, Little Switzerland.

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, Sean our Presiding Bishop-Elect, 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) \_\_\_\_\_.

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 Michael Taylor, Steve Bentley, Travis Donovan, David Thomson, Bill Powell, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and for Jim & Brenda Lowman, and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.



We give thanks for those who serve on the *Altar Guild*, 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*)

BCP 393

**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.*



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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(All remain standing.)*

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.

*(All now kneel as they are able.)*

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;**

*Continued...*

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-169*

*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:**

**#318 "Here, O My Lord"**

**#660 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"**

*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:**

**“Ubi Caritas”**

*Taizé 49*

*(Sung 3 Times in Language of Choice)*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 2/4 time. The melody is in B-flat major. The lyrics are: U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est. live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you. The score includes a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of the second system.

*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:**

May the light of God illumine the heart of your soul.  
May the flame of Christ burn within you the divine gift of love.  
May the fire of the Spirit cause you to live freely today, tonight, and forevermore.  
And may the Blessing of God Almighty: (†) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

***People: Amen.***

Processional Hymn: #436

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Truro

**The Dismissal:**

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:**

“O Worship the King”

Robert A. Hobby

*We also thank those who served this morning*

*At St. John’s*

*At Holy Cross*

*9:00 am*

*11:00 am*

*Greeters/Oblationers:*

John & Janice LaCapra

Randy McDonough & Mary Pietan

*Ushers:*

John & Janice LaCapra

Randy McDonough & Mary Pietan

*Lector:*

Katerina Whitley

Andrea McDonough

*Prayers of the People:*

Katerina Whitley

Andrea McDonough

*Chalice:*

Kim Gauss

Dawn Harris

*Acolytes:*

Kim Gauss

Karla Prudhomme

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024***

***The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost***

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

**10:00 am** Fellowship time on the Lawn at St. John’s

**11:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross *(with music and hymnody)*  
*(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)*

**12:00 pm** Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

**5:00 pm** **Final Summer Concert at St. John’s, featuring:**  
***Lauren Hayworth and the Belle Peppers***

***A potluck supper follows.***

***SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024***  
***ST. JOHN'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONCLUDES!***

***Lauren Hayworth and the Belle Peppers*** close out the season on Sunday, September 1. Although one of the newest groups in the region, Hayworth has been hailed as, “A lynchpin in the High Country music scene” who “has earned a reputation as a talented and creative journeywoman with years of experience in performance, music education, and yoga.” Hayworth performs in several popular local bands including Belleville Rendezvous and is known for “jazzy arrangements and outstanding improvisations as well as her original tunes.” ***Be sure to bring a covered dish (or two) to share with the artists and our concert guests.***

***2024 VALLE COUNTRY FAIR POSTER DISTRIBUTION***

Ladies and gentlemen, the 2024 Fair posters and brochures are in Skiles Hall. 8 packets of posters have geographical locations on their envelopes. There are extra posters and brochures should you just like a few. Poster distribution needs to be completed before the first week of September.

***NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024***  
***The Sixteenth 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
- 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 Meeting***

***SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 – 12:45 pm***  
***ECW Monthly Meeting***

ECW will meet **Sunday September 8** in Skiles Hall at 12:45 pm, following the 11:00 am worship service and fellowship time. Hope you can join us!

# The Parish Prayer List: September 1, 2024

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

**For Healing:** Our injured and disabled military personnel, our veterans, all civilians harmed in conflict, and for Dayton C., Laura B., Wendell S., Noyes L., Marilyn W., Gerry P., Rebecca M., Sam Y., Bill B., Roberta T., Gail T., Julia M., Walter B., Randy M., John M., Shane B., Claire M., Sara P., Tav G., Bill M., Andrea M., Charles III, Mack G., Janis B., Anna Jane R., Steve S., Nick H., Pat & Linda H., Kate M., John N., Floyd T., Catherine R., Molly H., Ray L., Leslie S., Hope L., David S., Terry & Jean M., Suzie L., Pam C., Mary M., Cornelia S., Mary B., Ann G., Mary Jane M., Nancy W., Dave P., Pat P., Jan H., Kathy C., Sharon B., Joe U., \_\_\_\_\_.

**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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