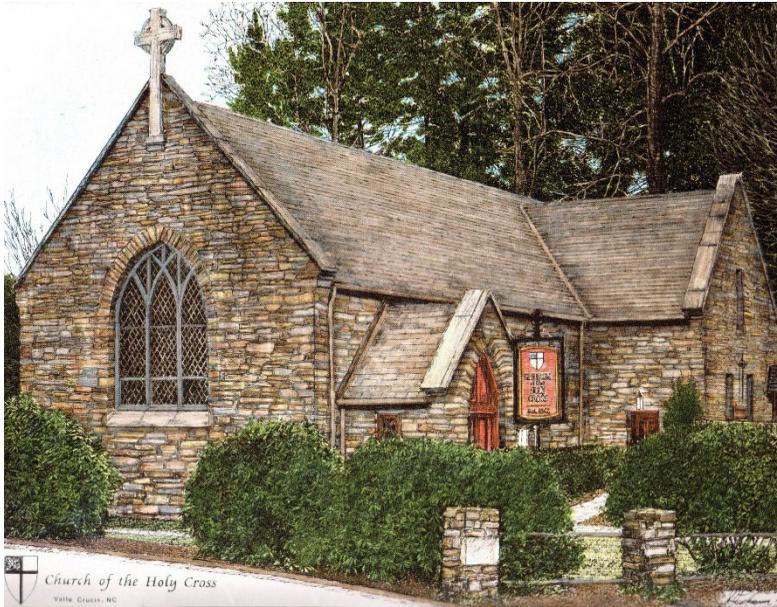


The Church of the Holy Cross

Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Feast of the Holy Cross

September 11, 2022

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Dedication of 2023 Pledges**

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 the Lord 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.*

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

*For those visiting this morning please know that it is our custom to gather in reverent silence.
During the Worship Service itself we invite you
to stand for praise, to sit for instruction, and, as you are able, kneel for prayer.*

The “S” before Hymn numbers refers to songs found at the front of the Hymnal.

The Word of God

The Prelude: “Offertory in F Major” F. Melius Christiansen

Greetings and Announcements (pages 14-16)

Hymn in Procession: #441 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” Rathbun

Opening Acclamation: BCP 355

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 Response: “The Gloria”

(Spoken at 8:30; Sung at 11:00 am as #S-280)

**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:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *People:* **Amen.**

(The people are seated for the Lessons from scripture. Time for silent reflection follows each reading.)

The First Lesson:

Isaiah 45:21-25

Thus says the LORD, Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

The Word of The Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 98:1-4 *(Prayed responsively at 8:30 as noted in **bold** type; Sung at 11:00)*



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new / song, *
for he has done marvelous / things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy / arm ***
has he won for himself the / victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his / victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the / nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel,**
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our / God.

The Second Lesson:

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of The Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: # 680 “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

St. Anne

The Gospel:

John 12:31-36a

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon. Please remain seated until the Altar Ministers stand.

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.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

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

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

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

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

Priest: 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.**

Continued...

Priest: 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.**

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 of Bangladesh.
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Parish of the Holy Communion, Glendale Springs.

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 _____.

We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion, especially "To respond to human need by loving service."

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 Iris Gordon, Darby Logan, Ralph Boswell, Larry Byerly, Norman Locke, Jim Fowles, Jim Vroom, Diana White, Mary Mitchell, Ahren Koenig, Charlie Frisbie, Steve Williams, Hank Wansker, Jennifer Browning, Kristine Copeland, Jack Pendergast, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and for Chris & Kim Grater, Harry & Jo Betts Baxley, John & Tracey Heiss, and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for the ministry of our ECW (*Episcopal Church Women*), 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.

The Priest offers a concluding Collect praying,

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

All Stand.

The Peace:

Priest 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 may your peace which passes understanding abide 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: "Near the Cross" Fanny Crosby/Arr: M. Ward

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.

The Dedication of 2023 Pledges

Open our lips, O God, that we may proclaim your benevolent truth and justice in our communities, and in the world.

People: **Gracious God, open our lips.**

Open our minds, O God, that we might dream a Church reconciled, a Church that knows only your love so abundantly that it bursts with passion for ministry, a desire to give completely, and stewardship that seeks only to give back.

People: **Gracious God, open our minds.**

Open our hearts, O God, to be transformed by the mighty outpouring of your compassion, so that our will to serve others with humility, integrity, and urgency is your desired will for us, your servants.

People: **Gracious God, open our hearts.**

Open our eyes, O God, to the hurts and needs of others and us to ministry. Teach us to see where our abilities and resources, and the world's deep hunger, meet.

People: **Gracious God, open our eyes.**

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-125)

**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.

(The people 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.

(The people 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,

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.

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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:

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.

Priest: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem:

(# S 155)

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 as directed by the Ushers. At the Altar Rail move toward either wall so that those in the center will kneel last. Wait to be dismissed; those in the center depart first.

Hymns during the Communion:

#323 “Bread of Heaven on Thee We Feed”

“The Old Rugged Cross” *(See Text Below)*

An extended time for silent prayer and reflection precedes and follows each communion hymn.

“The Old Rugged Cross”

George Bennard

- 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

- 2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. *[Refrain]*
- 3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. *[Refrain]*
- 4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. *[Refrain]*

When all have communed, the hymn on the following page is sung:

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

An extended time for silent thanksgiving and reflection precedes the following prayer.

Post-communion Prayer:

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

People Amen.

The Dismissal:

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

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Processional Hymn: #473 “Lift High the Cross”

Crucifer

Postlude: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Heinrich Fleischer

We thank those who served this morning

8:30 am

11:00 am

Greeters/Oblationers: Stuart Tugman

Chuck & Kathy Canady

Ushers: Stuart Tugman

Chuck & Kathy Canady

Lector: Pan McCaslin

Dawn Harris

Prayers of the People: Pan McCaslin

Lynne Thomson

Chalice: Edie Tugman

Nina-Jo Moore

Acolytes: Edie Tugman

Nina-Jo Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday, September 11, 2022

The Feast of the Holy Cross

And dedication of 2023 Pledges

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (no music)

9:30 am *All Parish Breakfast (Skiles Hall)*

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (with music and hymnody)

12:00 pm Fellowship (Skiles Hall)

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2023 STEWARDSHIP & PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As announced, we look forward to dedicating all received pledge cards at worship services this morning as a part of “The Feast of the Holy Cross” celebrations.

Thus far, we have received **58** pledges (4 from new contributors) for a total of just over **\$171,000**, over half the number of last year's pledges and over **40%** of pledge mailings. If you have not already done so, please complete and return your pledge card to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Timely return of completed pledge cards will assist the Finance Committee with planning the 2023 budget.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

IT'S TIME FOR THE 2022 VALLE COUNTRY FAIR!

This year's Valle Country Fair is Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. We are excited to hold an in-person fair again this year, and we send a BIG thank you to the many who have been working diligently for months to organize this High Country tradition!

It takes many willing hands to make the Fair happen. We need people to help with set-up on **Thursday, October 13**, a few volunteers to help on **Friday, October 14**, and all available people to **help the day of the Fair**. We have a wide variety of jobs available.

Email Julie Gates at ncgirl3678@gmail.com if you are willing to help as follows:

- Name and contact information
- Day/time available to volunteer (Thursday/Friday/Saturday)
- Type of work (no restrictions / light work / seated work)

Sign-up sheets will be up in Skiles Hall in the next week or two. If you have questions about volunteering, feel free to call Julie Gates at 704-906-2269 or email her at ncgirl3678@gmail.com. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

With The Rev. Sam Tallman, Guest Presider and Preacher

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| 8:30 am | Holy Eucharist, Rite II, <i>(quiet service with no music)</i> |
| 9:30 am | Fellowship time in Skiles Hall |
| 11:00 am | Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross <i>(with music and hymnody)</i> <i>(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)</i> |
| 12:00 pm | Fellowship time in Skiles Hall |

MEN'S NIGHT OUT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 – 5:30-7:30 pm
Stew at Stu's!

The September **Men's Night Out** gathering will be held at the home of Edie and Stuart (Sonny) Tugman from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. Stuart is preparing his famous chicken vegetable stew and appropriate side fixin's, but please advise us of any dietary restrictions so that all may be accommodated. Remember to bring your favorite beverage to enjoy and feel free to bring a friend or two. This is a wonderful opportunity for men from within the parish and in our community to enjoy having an evening together.

The Tugman home is located at 216 Cherry Drive in Boone but, since parking is non-existent, a shuttle will transport folks from the Boone Drug side of the EarthFare parking lot on King Street every five minutes from 5:25 to 5:45 p.m. Please RSVP by **Monday, September 19** to Keith Martin via email - keithtmartin@gmail.com - or by calling **704-608-2755**.

The Parish Prayer List: September 11, 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, Lynda, 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., Mike H., Judy & Phil B., Bill R., Kathy L., 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., Carol J., Claire M., Darlene V., Fred K., Mason S., Sis K., Parry L., Gail T., Carrington T., Shelly T., David H., A.J. M., John & Catherine R., Mary A., Elizabeth Y., Lenny H., Beth B., Catherine M., Sarah D., Tom & Jenise S., Wyatt W., Christine Z., _____.

For those in Harm's Way: Hayley, Nathan, Brittany, John, 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.
