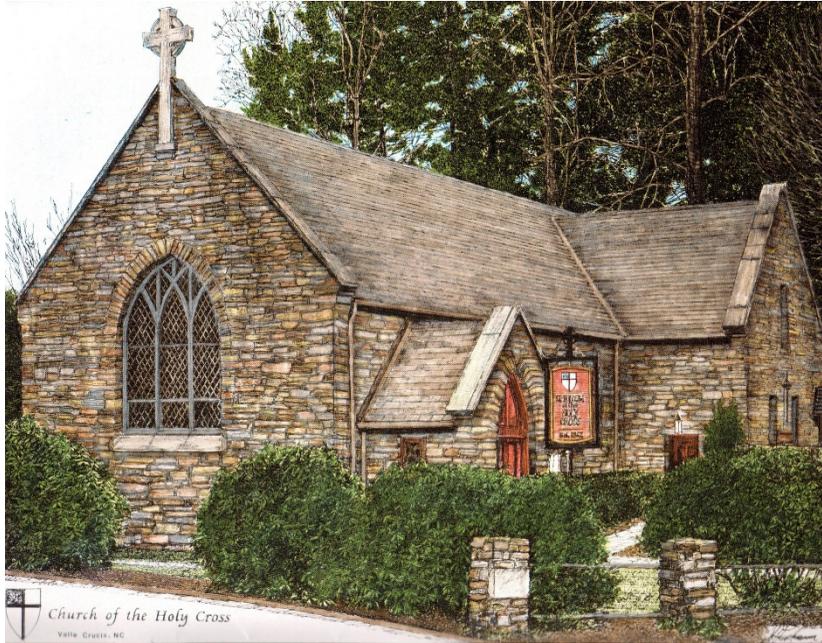


The Church of the Holy Cross

Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Last Sunday After Pentecost

The Feast of Christ the King

November 21, 2021
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
8:30 AM & 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 required for all attendees regardless of vaccination status.

(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, sit for instruction, and, as you are able, kneel for prayer.*

The Word of God

The Prelude: "Fugue in E-Flat" *J.S. Bach*
Offered by Joby Bell, Guest Organist

Greetings and Announcements

Hymn in Procession: #450 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" *Coronation*
(vs. 1-3 and 6 only)

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-277)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The people are seated for the Lessons from Scripture.

First Lesson:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A time for silent reflection is observed.



- 1 Lord, remember / David, *
and all the hardships he en-/dured;
- 2 **How he swore an oath to the / Lord ***
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of / Jacob:
- 3 “I will not come under the roof of my / house,” *
nor climb up into my / bed;
- 4 **I will not allow my eyes to / sleep, ***
nor let my eyelids / slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the / Lord, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of / Jacob.”
- 6 **“The ark! We heard it was in / Ephratah; ***
we found it in the fields of / Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God's / dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his / footstool.”
- 8 **Arise, O Lord, into your / resting-place, ***
you and the ark of your / strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with / righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with / joy.
- 10 **For your servant David's / sake, ***
do not turn away the face of your a-/nointed.
- 11 The Lord has sworn an oath to / David; *
in truth, he will not / break it:
- 12 **“A son, the fruit of your / body ***
will I set upon your / throne.
- 13 **** If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall / teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for ever- / more.”

A time for silent reflection follows the Psalm.

The Second Lesson:

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of The Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows the lesson.

The Gradual Hymn: #460

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

Hyfrydol

The Holy Gospel:

John 18:33-37

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The Gospel the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin

A time of silent reflection follows the sermon. Please remain seated until the Altar Ministers stand.

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.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for Joseph, our President, for Roy, our Governor, for our elected officials; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: We pray for those who are in harm's way, for those who have asked for prayers, for our healthcare workers and responders, and all who struggle with the effects of the pandemic, for the unemployed and lonely, for those who are sick, in sorrow, need, or any adversity, and whom we name aloud at this time:

The people speak the names of those on their hearts. The Leader concludes saying,

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to Bob Stafford, _____ (and) all the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

I invite your prayers of intercession either silently or aloud.

(The people add their own intercessions silently or aloud.)

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

Leader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Advocate, Asheville.

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."

Continued...

We pray for those who travel this week, especially Nina-Jo, Sis & Bobby, Terry, Elaine, Ed & Beth, Frank & Mary,_____.

We give thanks for Lucy Binning, George Devine, Reid Armstrong, Carolyn Shepherd, John Dewees, Marie Kallestad, Adam Kallestad, Beth Loflin, Ed Beck, Susan Poorman, Iona Brigham, and all who celebrate birthdays this week and for Rick & Pat LeVarge, Fr. Allan & Pan McCaslin, and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

We give thanks for those who serve with the Vocal Choir, and for all the ministries and activities of this parish, and pray that God will bless all who partake of, or serve in them.

People: Amen.

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(A time of silence is kept.)

The Confession of Sin:

BCP 360

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Sanctus: WLP #858 “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” *(Green Hymnal)*

**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. Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel (or stand) as they are able.

BCP 373

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer:

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread:

(The Fraction)

The consecrated Bread is broken.

A period of silence follows.

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

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 Usbers. 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:

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

#336 "Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus"

#467 "Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love"

When all have communed, all kneel as they are able and sing the following hymn:

Kneeling Hymn

"Taste and See"

WLP #764

(Sung twice)

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.

The Benediction:

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 forever. Amen.

(All stand)

The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Processional Hymn: #494

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Diademata

Postlude:

“Trumpet Tune”

Calvin Hampton

Offered by Joby Bell, Guest Organist

Gracious thanks to Joby Bell for serving as Organist today!

**A grateful welcome also goes to our Holy Cross Handbell Choir under the
direction of Scott Kallestad for ringing today’s Offertory. Thank you all for
sharing your time and talents!**

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We thank those who served this morning.

	8:30 am	11:00 am
<i>Greeters/Oblationers:</i>	Sis Kinney	Maria Morton
<i>Ushers:</i>	Sis Kinney	Catherine Pfaff
<i>Lector:</i>	Nancy McInnes	Robin Byerly
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Judy Bondi	Carolyn Shepherd
<i>Chalicers:</i>	Edie Tugman	Tav Gauss, Floyd Townsend
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Edie Tugman	Tav Gauss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Sunday, November 21, 2021

The Last Sunday After Pentecost

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8:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (no music)
9:30 am	Fellowship time in Skiles Hall
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music and hymnody) <u>This service is <i>“Live-Streamed”</i> via our YouTube Channel</u>
12:15 pm	Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

ALSO

Feeling overwhelmed by your Thanksgiving dinner plans?

Let ECW come to the rescue! We will be holding a bake sale in Skiles Hall after *both* worship services on Sunday, November 21.

Come get your cake or pie at that time.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday, November 28, 2021

The First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (no music)
9:30 am	Fellowship time in Skiles Hall
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music and hymnody) <u>This service is <i>“Live-Streamed”</i> via our YouTube Channel</u>
12:15 pm	Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

AND LOOKING AHEAD ...

Thursday, December 2, 2021

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**All Women of the church are invited to ...
a Potluck dinner in Skiles Hall**

If you have always wanted to attend an ECW meeting but couldn't during the day because of other obligations, this is your chance to come out, enjoy some food and fellowship, and learn more about how we can support one another, our church, and local communities in 2022. (Regular meetings are held on the 1st Thursday each month at 11 am in Skiles Hall).

Please Note:

The “Valle Crucis Community Tree Lighting and Carol Sing” originally planned and scheduled for Friday, December 3rd, is currently ON HOLD until further notice.

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Taizé-Style Worship Service

6:30 pm at Holy Cross

All are invited and welcome to gather for a time of silence, prayer and music patterned after the style of Christian worship practiced by the ecumenical **Taizé** community in France, characterized by the repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, often in various languages, interspersed with readings, prayers, and periods of silence. Bring a friend, come sit in prayer, be thankful. The service will be *Live-streamed* via *Zoom*. Visit the parish website and click on the daily services link to be connected.

It's Angel Tree Time!

Once again, we are pleased to offer our Angel Tree Program. 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 will also provide gift cards for schoolteachers. 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>

If you have any questions or have no access to email/internet but want to provide Angel Tree gifts, please contact Judy Bondi at 828-297-1998.

The Parish Prayer List: November 21, 2021

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 Robert, Jett, Lynda, Sonny, Stuart, Philip, Dayton, Tony, Luke, Bernie & Joan, Lindsay, Bill, Lenny, Keely, Mary & Ernie, Arthur & Karen, Mary S., Smut, Susan S., Scotty, Humberto, Sperry, Bert, Marlene, Ray G., Lisa, Mason, Joanne M., Donna K., Laura B., Gini H., Alan B., Wendell, Gail I., Ted N., Brianna M., Barry & Bonnie, Gretchen M., Susan D., Noyes L., Ron M., Marilyn W., Rick & Pat L., Pam C., Joe P., June J., Beth B., Jerry H., John W., Gerry P., Janis B., Nancy H., Kevin B., Rich L., Pan Mc., Shirley N., Laura S., Kathryn M., Eunice, Larry L., Kevin W., Dan D., Rebecca M, Bob B., Trey & Jordan B., Shirley M., Barbara L., Ann I., Mike G., Frank W. Tav G., Bill S.,

For those in Harm's Way: John, Harrison, Ian, 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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