

The Church of the Holy Cross

Valle Crucis, North Carolina



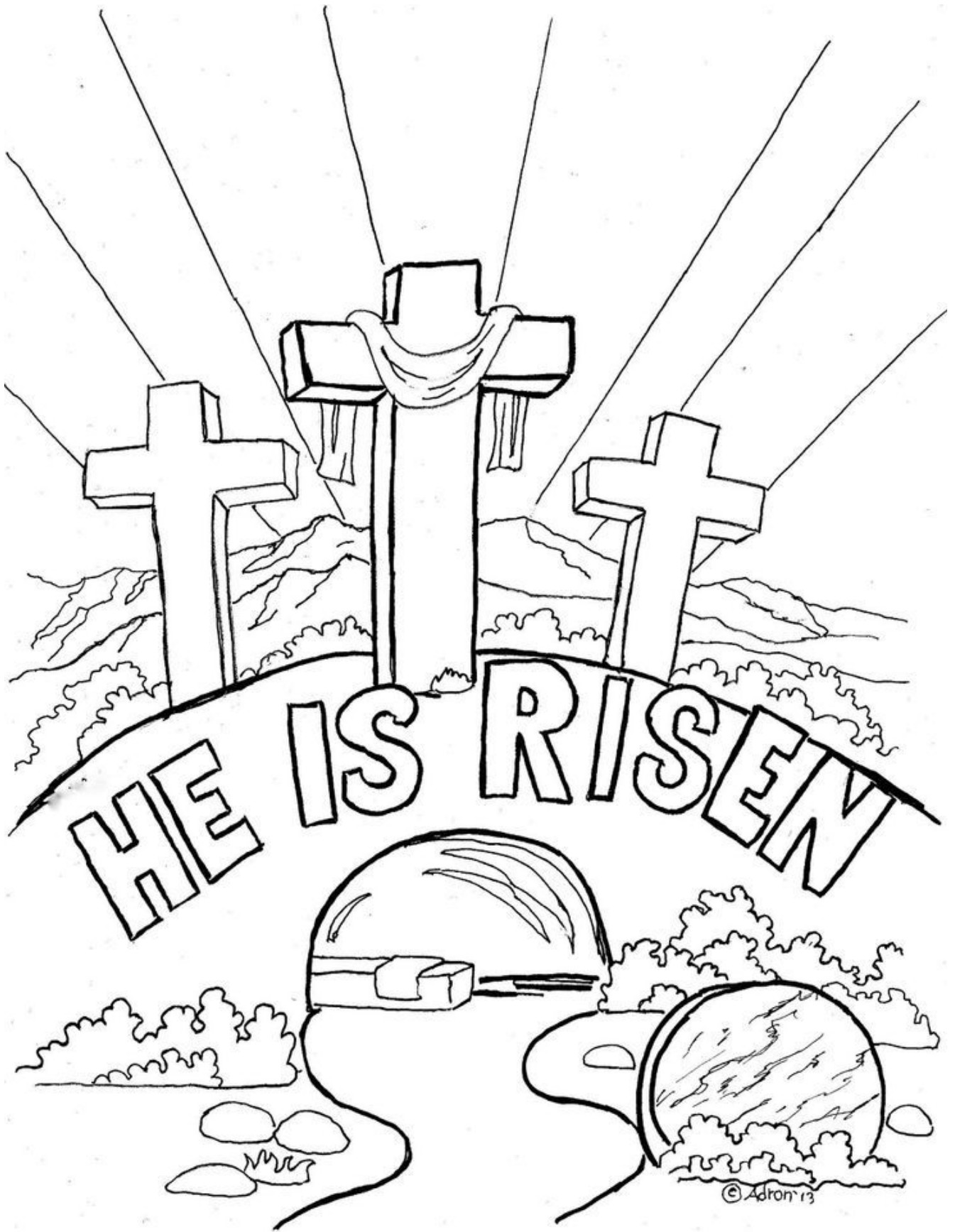
The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Easter Sunday)

April 20, 2025

Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II
from Enriching Our Worship I

11:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Offered by Shane Watson

The Prelude:

All stand at the sound of the bell.

The Processional Hymn: #207

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Easter Proclamation:

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity:

Priest: 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 Hymn of Praise: MHSO #9

“Gloria, Gloria”

Jacques Berthier

(sung two times)

Refrain

1
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2
in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect of the Day:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The congregation is seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson:

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

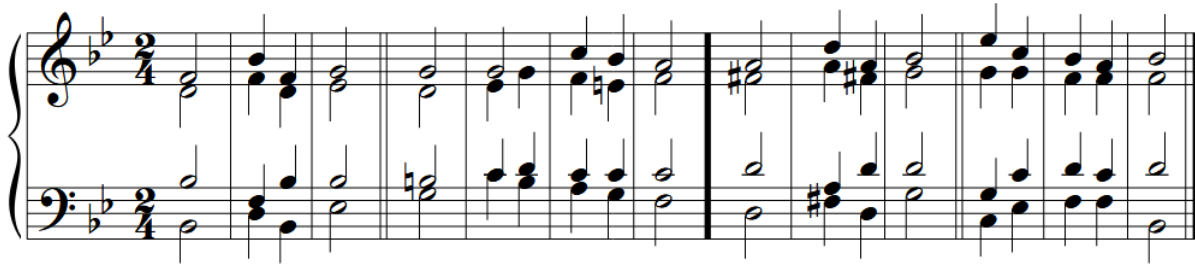
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection now follows.

The Response follows as printed on the next page.



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Children’s Homily:

“The Mystery of Easter”

The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans

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

After the story all are invited to rejoin their parents or to join Patty and Mary for activities in Skiles Hall. Children will return at the Passing of the Peace.

The Second Lesson:

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Gradual Hymn: #203 (vs. 1-3) “O Sons and Daughters”

O filii et filiae

Antiphon (at the beginning)

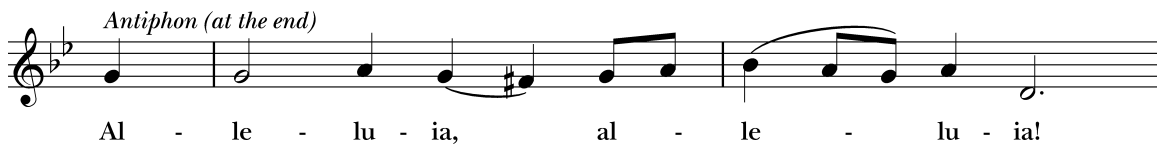
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daugh-ters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful wo - men
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and spake un -

1 glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose tri - um - phing.
 2 went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 3 to the three, “Your Lord doth go to Gal - i - lee.”

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



All remain standing for the Reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 24:1-12

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans

A time for silent reflection follows the Sermon. Please remain seated until the Altar Ministers stand.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

BCP 304

Priest: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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.

Continued...

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.

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 Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All greet each other in the Name of the risen Christ.

The Welcome:

The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans

Concerning The Holy Communion

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

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

To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive the bread and wine together via intinction, place your right hand over your left shoulder. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, cross your arms across your chest. If you have a gluten allergy, simply inform the priest when you come to the rail.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem:

“Forth He Came at Easter”

arr: David H. Williams

At the conclusion of the Offertory Anthem, the Ushers present the offerings of God's people as all stand and sing,

The Presentation Hymn: #380

“The Doxology”

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

EOW 60

The Sursum Corda:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

The Sanctus:

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

WLP #785

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Mother Mary, Brother Skiles, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People: AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer:

Traditional Version

BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven,
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.

The Fraction Anthem:

#S-169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir*

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

All

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

The Invitation:

The Priest invites the people to Communion.

Please come to the Altar to receive Communion. At the Altar Rail move toward either wall so that those in the center will kneel last. Please wait to be dismissed; those in the center depart first.

During the Communion, the following hymns are sung as needed:

Hymns during the Communion:

- #208 "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"
- #321 "My God, Thy Table Now is Spread"
- #325 "Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees"

When all have communed, all kneel as they are able and sing the hymn on the following page.

(sung two times)

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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

The Post-communion Prayer:

EOW 69

God of abundance,
 you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us
 with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth
 in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
 Amen.

All stand.

The Blessing:

The Priest offers a blessing concluding with,

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

People: Amen.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

The Dismissal:

Priest: Alleluia. Alleluia! Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia!

The Postlude:

“Trumpet Tune”

Jeremiah Clarke

Luke Judd, trumpet

Shane Watson, organ

We thank Luke Judd for sharing his musical gifts with us today!

We also thank those who served this morning:

	<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>
<i>Organist:</i>	Shane Watson	Shane Watson
<i>Greeters/Oblationers:</i>	Ed & Beth Beck	Jim & Darby Logan
<i>Ushers:</i>	Ed & Beth Beck	Jim & Darby Logan
<i>Lector:</i>	Jane Blackburn	Dawn Harris
<i>Chalice:</i>	Sis Kinney & Edie Tugman	John Goodrich & Karla Prudhomme
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Sis Kinney	William McGuire & Kai Rabley
<i>Torches:</i>		Henry McGuire & Madeleine McGuire
<i>Healing Ministers:</i>		Kim Gauss
<i>Linen Fairies:</i>		Sis Kinney

TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

***The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Easter Sunday***

- 8:30 am** Festival Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 9:30 am** Annual Parish Easter Brunch in Skiles Hall
- 9:40 am** Easter Egg Hunt in Holy Cross Cemetery
- 11:00 am** Festival Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Children's Homily and Unction
Nursery care will be provided at this service.
(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)
- 12:30 pm** Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

The Second Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 am** Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service
- 11:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross *with sacred music and hymnody*
(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)
- 12:30 pm** Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

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and In Loving Memory of:*

<i>Departed members of the families of Jennifer and Walter</i>	<i>by The Brownings</i>
<i>Martha & Allen Leonard</i>	<i>by Angela Williams</i>
<i>Mary Lou Alford and Virginia Henson</i>	<i>by Mike and Rebecca Alford</i>
<i>Tyler</i>	<i>by The Beck Family</i>
<i>Ava K. Hartmans</i>	<i>by The Rev. Robert Hartmans & Casey Miller</i>
<i>Lucette White, Harold White, and James Logan</i>	<i>by Jim & Darby Logan</i>
<i>Tom and Scott McDonough</i>	<i>by Claire McDonough</i>
<i>Dot & Ralph Tugman and Frank & Martha Howell</i>	<i>by Stuart & Edie Tugman</i>
<i>Fred and James Rippy</i>	<i>by their family</i>
<i>Our parents</i>	<i>by Sis & Bob Kinney</i>
<i>My husband, John, my father and mother, Louis & Stella Skinner, my brothers, Austin and James, my sister, Kathleen, and Ruth, Dede, Joy, and Maureen</i>	<i>by Stella Barbato</i>
<i>Ethel Szerepi and Ruth Koenig</i>	<i>by Stacey & Ahren</i>
<i>Carlo & Hilda Bondi and Warner & Dorothy Scott</i>	<i>by Bob & Judy Bondi</i>
<i>Jerry Boulton</i>	<i>by Doris Boulton</i>
<i>Adam Davis Galleher</i>	<i>by Debbie & Mike Galleher</i>
<i>William Allen & Ada Traver, Al & Edith Traver, Bud & Ellie Eastwood, Bob & Shirley Allen, Steve Schuett, Debbie Traver, Gene Dickson, and Rachel Dillard</i>	<i>by Dedy Traver</i>
<i>My husband Tory</i>	<i>by Jan Skopecek</i>



*The flowers on the altar and throughout the church are given to the Glory of God
and holding up the families and friends affected by Hurricane Helene,
Los Angeles fires, and other disasters that have impacted our communities*





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and In Thanksgiving for:*

*Mission and Outreach Commission
and the Daughters of the King*

by Vickie Traynum

Simon and Faye Miller Hartmans

by The Rev. Robert Hartmans & Casey Miller

*Rev. Robert Hartmans, Casey Hartmans,
Simon and Faye*

by Jim & Darby Logan

Randy & Andrea McDonough

by Claire McDonough

Our children and grandchildren

by Sis & Bob Kinney

Jerry Boulton

by Doris Boulton

Katerina Whitley and Doris Boulton

by Susan Poorman and Jennifer Henigin



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and In Honor of:*

*The Church of the Holy Cross
for allowing us to worship here*

by The Watson Family

Our Holy Cross family and these mountains

by Sis & Bob Kinney

*Our children and grandchildren: Randy, Jenn, Andrew and Aidan,
Jeff, Jamia, Lila and Grant, and Suzanne, Max and Emma*

by Jan Skopecek



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