

The Church of the Holy Cross
Valle Crucis, North Carolina
An Order for "Webcast" Worship
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024
Morning Prayer, Rite II

The Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn: #533

"How Wondrous and Great"

Lyons

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed* Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

All remain standing.

Opening Sentence:

BCP 76

(†) From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. (*Malachi 1:11*)

Confession of Sin:

BCP 79

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(*Silence is kept*)

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.

The Invitatory and Psalter:

BCP 80

Lord, open our lips:

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

The Lord has shown forth his glory:

BCP 80

People: Come let us adore him.

The Jubilate: (*Psalm 100*)

(*Prayed aloud in Unison*)

BCP 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

All are seated for the lessons from scripture.

The Lessons

The First Lesson:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 62:6-14

*(Prayed responsively as noted in **Bold type**)*

Nonne Deo

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 **He alone is my rock and my salvation, ***
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 **Put your trust in him always, O people, ***
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 **On the scales they are lighter than a breath, ***
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 **God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, ***
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

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

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

"I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Third Lesson:

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon:

The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin, Rector

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

The Apostles’ Creed:

BCP 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
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.
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. Amen.

The Peace:

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

The Offertory:

Offertory Sentence: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offertory Anthem: “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” Arr: Robert Buckley Farlee
Scott Kallestad, Saxophone

The Presentation Hymn: “The Doxology” Note Hymn Tune: Tallis Canon

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Prayers

People: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

BCP 97

Let us pray.

(All kneel as they are able.)

The Lord’s Prayer:

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,
forever, and ever. Amen.

Recognizing the Inaugural events of this past week, the following Collect precedes the Suffrages this morning.

A Collect for Sound Government

BCP 821

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

The Suffrages:

(Suffrage B)

BCP 98

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The following prayers are now offered:

The Collect of the Day:

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings now follow.

BCP 101

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for José our Bishop, for Allan our Priest, and for all clergy and people.

We pray for the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphaned, for those who are alone and ache for the warmth of human touch, and for those who fear for the future.

We pray for the sick and the suffering, for those whose livelihoods, health, employment and that of their families, friends, and neighbors have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We pray for those in harm's way, especially all healthcare workers and responders at home and abroad.

And we pray for those whom we name aloud at this time: (The people speak aloud the names on their hearts. The Leader concludes saying.)

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who travel this week.

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

We pray for those who have died.

We give thanks for John Persad, Jeff Williams, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and we also give thanks for Gene & Bev Sulzberger, and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries, and ask Almighty God to,

**Watch over your children, 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 hearts may your peace which passes understanding
abide with them all the days of their lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Our Saviour, Lincolnnton.

We give thanks for our *Pastoral Care & Healing Ministers*, and for all the ministries of this parish and pray that God will continue to bless all who partake of, or serve, in them.

People: Amen.

The General Thanksgiving:

BCP 101

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Priest: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world;
And the blessing of God Almighty, (†) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Concluding Hymn:

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

The Summons

Unison

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Postlude:

“Prelude and Fugue in F Major” (BWV 556)

J.S. Bach

We thank those who served this Morning:

Presiding Clergy:

Rev. Allan McCaslin, Rector

Lay Assistant:

Ted Ponko

Lector:

Andrea McDonough

Organist:

Elaine Kallestad

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**All Services Canceled – Morning Prayer is offered online via our
YouTube channel**

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES (ACE)

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 am (Upper Skiles Hall)

January 14, 21, and 28, 2024

This month's ***ACE*** program offers a 3-part series of ongoing Christian Formation for adults and youth alike as Ron McInnes presents an in-depth study of the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Part 1 (January 14) offered an overview of Ecclesiastes: its History, Authorship, Time period, etc. Parts 2 and 3 (January 28) will explore its message and conclusion, and how such applies to our lives today. All are encouraged to bring their preferred translation of the Bible with them to these sessions.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*quiet service with no music*)

9:30 am Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

9:45 am **Adult Christian Education: Ecclesiastes Bible Study**

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

The Parish Prayer List: January 21, 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., Shirley N., Rebecca M., Sam Y., Bill B., Gail T., Julia M., Charlie S., Carla M., Walter B., Randy M., John M., Dawn A., Shane B., Terry S., Claire M., Joe H., Seth Y., Sara P., Tav G., Terry W., Jody V., Patty D., Lynn V., Kristen P., Andrea M., Bonnie R., _____.

For those in Harm's Way: All who serve with the armed forces at home & abroad, all who serve in the Peace Corps, and all health & relief workers throughout the world.

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