

The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

January 21, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

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

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



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: “Variations on ‘Dear Christians, One and All’” Johann M. Bach

Greetings and Announcements Pages 14-16

The Processional Hymn: #423 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” St. Denio

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 Response: (*Canticle 13*) “A Song of Praise” BCP 90
(*Spoken at 8:30 am. Sung at 11:00 am as #S-236*)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Continued...

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.

People: Amen.

(The people are seated for the readings from Scripture.)

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Time for silent reflection follows the reading.)

The Response:

Psalm 62:6-14

Nonne Deo?

*(Prayed responsively at 8:30 as noted in **bold** type; Sung at 11:00)*



- 6 For God alone my soul in silence / waits; *
truly, my hope is in / him.
- 7 **He alone is my rock and my sal-/vation, ***
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.

The Response:

Psalm 62:6-14

Nonne Deo?

*(Prayed responsively at 8:30 as noted in **bold** type; Sung at 11:00)*



- 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 to-/gether.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
 in robbery take no empty / pride; *
 though wealth increase, set not your heart up-/on 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.

(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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

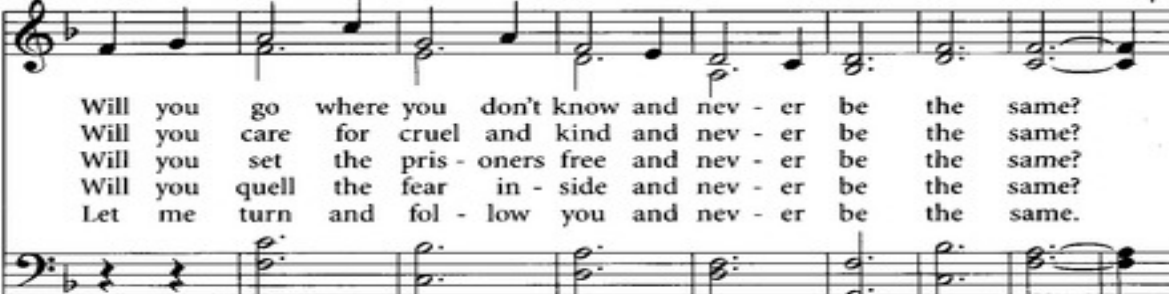
People: Thanks be to God.

(Time for silent reflection follows the reading.)

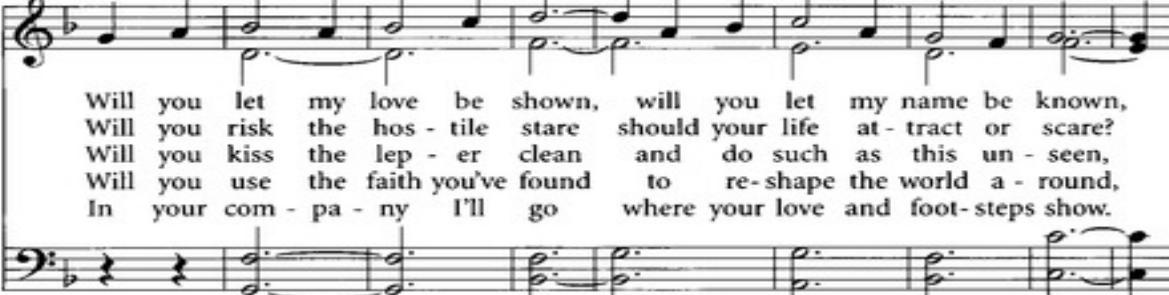
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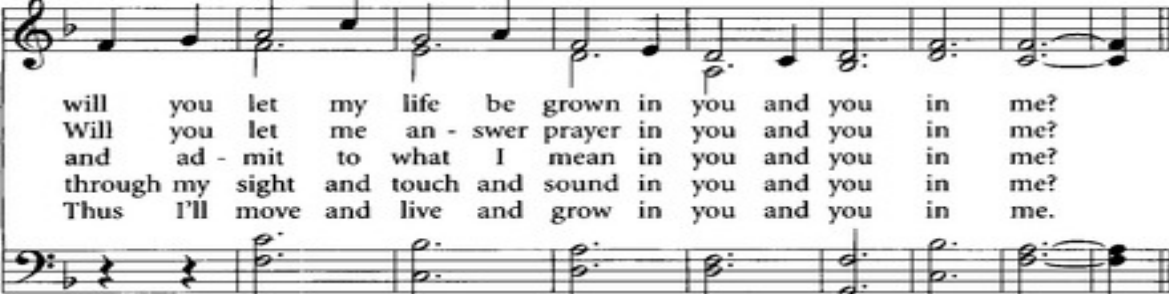
1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call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

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 1:14-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin

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

The Nicene Creed:

BCP 358

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.

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.

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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 South India (United).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Churches of St. Paul at Edneyville, Morganton, and Wilkesboro.

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 teach, baptise and nurture new believers.”

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 Jackie Maness, Terry Jordan, John Persad, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and for Gene & Bev Sulzberger, and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for those who serve as *Linen Faries*, 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.

Dedication of a Chasuble

(From The Book of Occasional Services, 2018)

Antiphon

You shall make holy garments for Aaron, for glory and for beauty.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness:

R. Let your people sing with joy.

Let us pray.

O God, you revealed your Son clothed in majesty and glory: Accept this Chasuble for the use of the clergy of your Church, that, being clothed with humility as they minister to you, they may show forth his eternal splendor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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(s) may your peace which passes understanding,
abide with *them* 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:

“The Goodness of God”

C.P.E. Bach

Macy Crumley, soprano

Presentation Hymn: #43 “All Praise to Thee, My God”

Tallis’ Canon

(*vs. 4 only*)

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

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 him thanks and praise.

Priest: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Priest: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Priest: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Priest: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus:

#S-124

**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.**

(All kneel as they are able)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify (†) them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***People:* We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***People:* Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

***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-154

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:

#321 “My God, Thy Table Now is Spread”

#652 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

*An extended time for silent prayer and reflection precedes and follows each communion hymn.
When all have communed, the following hymn is sung.*

Kneeling Hymn:

“Confitemini Domino”

Taizé 28

Sung four times in language of choice

English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Latin: Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo-nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!

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 in the Season of the Epiphany:

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

And the blessing (†) of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

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: #539 “O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling” *Tidings*

Postlude: “O Zion, Haste” Mark Sedio

Joyful thanks to Macy Crumley for singing today's Offertory!

We also thank those who served this morning

8:30 am

11:00 am

<i>Greeters/Oblationers:</i>	Ed & Beth Beck	Susan Howard & Karla Prudhomme
<i>Ushers:</i>	Ed & Beth Beck	Susan Howard & Karla Prudhomme
<i>Lector:</i>	Sis Kinney	Ann Gerber
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Sis Kinney	Ann Gerber
<i>Chalice:</i>	Edie Tugman	Chuck Canady & Kim Gauss
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Edie Tugman	Kim Gauss

*The green silk damask Chasuble and Stole are offered
to the Greater Glory of God and in honor of Father Allan's ministry
by Leslie Trevathan and Mark Ritch*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

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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

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) offers an overview of Ecclesiastes: its History, Authorship, Time period, etc. Parts 2 and 3 (January 21 & 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.

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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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