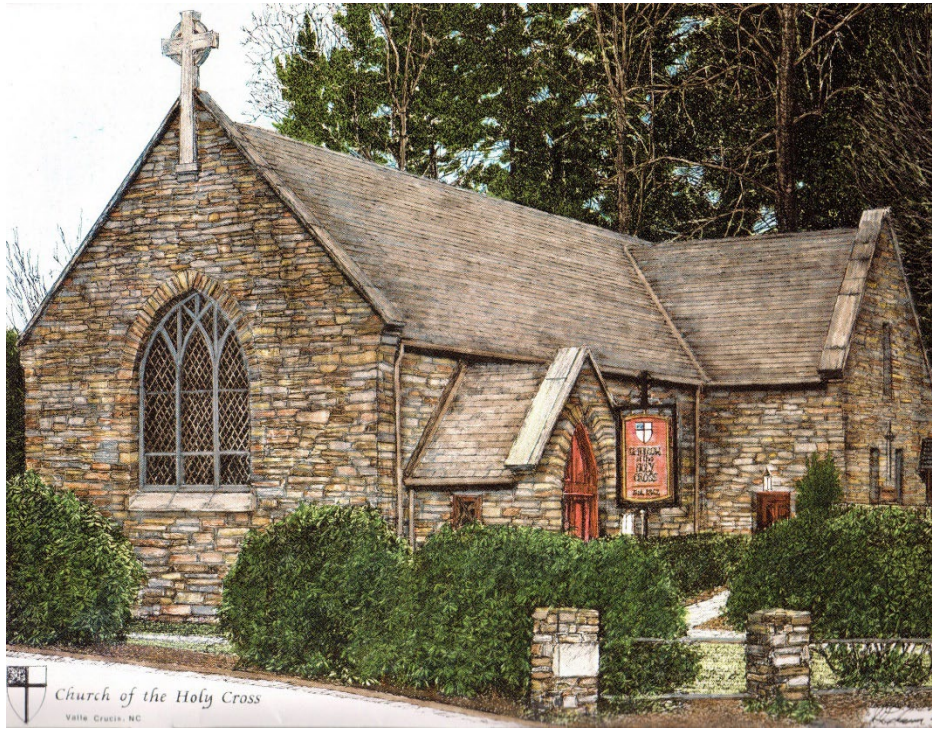


The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

The Great Litany and Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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.

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Liturgical Notes

As we enter the Season of Lent, the form of our weekly liturgy makes a dramatic shift. Gone is the chanting at the Eucharistic Prayer, and times for silent reflection especially following scripture readings are more pronounced. A significant part of our weekly worship services will include portions of:

“The Great Litany”

“To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately; especially in Lent and on Rogation Days.” (*BCP p 148*)

The Great Litany, one of the most important musical rites of the Anglican (Episcopal) tradition, was the very first English-language rite created by Archbishop Cranmer (author of the first prayer book) as he set about the creation of the English liturgy in the 1540s. He adapted plainsong chants and translated the Latin to English. A litany is a long prayer rite involving use of versicles said or prayed by a leader and responses from the congregation. **The Great Litany** was originally written to be sung in procession.

In our liturgies throughout Lent this year and rather than offer the *entire* Litany on the First Sunday in Lent *only*, the Litany is divided into segments according to a weekly theme. It is hoped that so doing might lead all of us into a time of deeper reflection on our life in Christ. The themes are:

- Week One – Sin and Destruction
- Week Two – The Life of Jesus Christ
- Week Three – The Church
- Week Four – The World, Nation, and Community
- *Week Five – The Wellbeing of All People*

The Great Litany is followed by either the Trisagion (weeks 3 and 5) or the traditional Kyrie (weeks 2, and 4).

The Trisagion is an ancient hymn of the eastern church. “Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.” The term is from the Greek, meaning “thrice holy.” The 1979 Book of Common Prayer is the first Prayer Book to use the Trisagion as an alternative for the Kyrie at the opening of the eucharistic rite. The Kyrie or Trisagion are normally used at the opening of the service in Advent and Lent, when the Gloria is not used.

The Kyrie is more familiar to many given that it is more often recited in various liturgies. While it might appear to be a *petition* for God’s mercy, it is actually an *affirmation* of the mercy and grace of God. Thus, the Kyrie is always proclaimed with a sense of bold confidence in the assurance of God’s grace and mercy.

It is the custom of The Episcopal Church to prepare for worship by gathering in reverent silence and prayer. Please respect the devotional needs of others by turning off cell phones and speaking in hushed voices.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Prelude:

“Cantabile on St. Patrick’s Breastplate”

Joseph H. Clokey

Greetings and Announcements:

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The Opening Procession: *As the Procession begins, all who are able, stand and sing,*

The Great Litany:

BCP 148

Officiant *People*

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant *People*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant *People*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant *People*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People

preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Part 5: The Wellbeing of All People

Officiant

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence

People

those who are failing and in - firm,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, especially the people of the Ukraine, the Middle East, and neighboring lands,

People

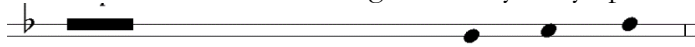
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all humankind,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances;
and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,



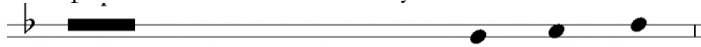
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise
up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

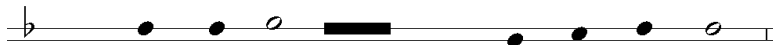


We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Brother Skiles, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



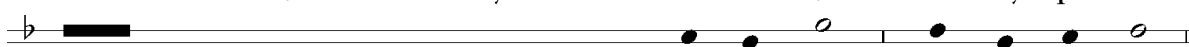
Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

All now kneel as they are able.

The Trisagion:

(Sung three times)

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Priest: Hear what our Lord Jesus saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The Prayer of Confession (*All say together*)

Almighty and most merciful Father,
**we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**
**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto humankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,
and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name.**
Amen.

The Absolution:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you (†) absolution and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

All stand.

The Opening Acclamation:

Bless (†) the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: God's mercy endureth for ever.

The Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The people are seated for the readings from Scripture.

The First Lesson:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows the Lesson.

The Response: Psalm 51:1-13

Miserere mei, Deus

Tone II.1



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-/kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out / my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my / wickedness *
and cleanse me / from my sin.
- 3 For I know my trans-/gressions, *
and my sin is / ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I / sinned *
and done what is evil / in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you / speak *
and upright / in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my / birth, *
a sinner from my / mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep with-/in me, *
and will make me understand / wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be / pure; *
wash me, and I shall be / clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and / gladness, *
that the body you have broken / may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my / sins *
and blot out / all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O / God, *
and renew a right / spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your / presence *
and take not your holy / Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help a-/gain *
and sustain me with your / bountiful Spirit.

A time for silent reflection is observed.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection is observed.

The Gradual Hymn: #603

“When Christ was Lifted from the Earth”

St. Botolph

The Holy Gospel:

John 12:20-33

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 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 Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin

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

The Nicene Creed *(All say together)*

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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.

Continued...

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.

At the conclusion of the Creed, all kneel as they are able for the Prayers of the people.

The Prayers of the People:

BCP 328

Priest: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

A time for silent prayer is kept.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, José, our Bishop, and all priests and deacons, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, and the elected officials who serve the people of this nation, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially those in harm's way and those who have asked for prayers each of whom we name aloud at this time:

(The people speak aloud the names of those on their hearts. The leader concludes saying,)

Lord, in thy mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

We give thee thanks for Mike Galleher, Henry McGuire, Barbara Pariseau, Kazuko Ehrhardt, Jennifer Henigin, Lisa Griffin, and all who celebrate birthdays this week, and for Mike & Debbie Galleher, and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church in Wales.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Joseph's Chapel and students, staff & faculty of Christ School.

We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the *Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion*, especially "To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation."

We pray thy blessing on those who travel this week, especially Pan, _____.

We give thee thanks for those who serve with the *Vocal Choir*, and for all the ministries of this parish, and pray thy continued blessing and direction on the lives of those who serve on, or partake in them.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear (especially _____), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and Advocate.

People: Amen.

The Priest adds the following Collect:

BCP 155

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

(All stand)

The Peace:

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

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

The Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:

Watch over thy 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 thy peace which passeth understanding,

abide with *them* all the days of *their* lives;

through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Concerning The Holy Communion

Instructions for receiving the Communion are now offered.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence:

Offertory Anthem:

“Hymn of St. Patrick”

Dwight Beal

Christ be with me and within me, Christ behind me and before.
Christ beside me and to win me, Christ to comfort and restore.
Christ beneath me and above me, Christ in quiet and in danger.
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. *Repeat*

Christ in ev'ry heart that's broken, Christ in every joy and pain.
Christ in ev'ry word that's spoken, Christ in sun and moon and rain.
Christ in resting and in rising, Christ the Lord of all my life.
Christ to guide me and to shield me, Christ protecting me in strife.

Repeat vs 1

Presentation Hymn: #143

**“The Glory of These Forty Days”
(vs. 5 only)**

Erhalt uns, Herr

**O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
To Thee be every prayer addressed,
Who art in threefold Name adored,
From age to age, the only Lord.**

Eucharistic Prayer I

Priest: The Lord be with you.

BCP 333

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus:

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**Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All kneel as they are able.

BCP 334

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless (†) and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain (†) remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled (†) with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, (†) and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People: AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer:

(Traditional)

BCP 336

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.

The Breaking of the Bread:

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Fraction Anthem:

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The Prayer of Humble Access: *(All pray together)*

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Priest invites the people to Communion saying,

BCP 338

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart 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:

#336 “Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus”

#482 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

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:

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

(Taizé Song #20)

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two lines of lyrics. The second system also has two lines of lyrics and includes a 'fine' marking at the end of each line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with block chords used for accompaniment.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O
Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life. The

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

Almighty and everliving God,
 we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in
 these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most
 precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
 and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of
 thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also
 heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
 And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us
 with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and
 do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy
 Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Solemn Prayer and Blessing for Lent:

Bow down before the Lord.

*All **kneel** as they are able.*

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their
 sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty, (†) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
 be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

(All stand)

The Dismissal:

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Retiring Processional Hymn: #495 “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!”

In Babilone

The Postlude: “Toccata in D Minor”

Johann Ernst Eberlin

We thank those who served this morning

8:30 am

11:00 am

Greeters/Oblationers:

Sis Kinney

Susan Howard & Karla Prudhomme

Ushers:

Sis Kinney

Susan Howard & Karla Prudhomme

Lector:

Jane Blackburn

Jan Skopecek

Prayers of the People:

Jane Blackburn

Jan Skopecek

Chalice:

Ted Ponko

David Johnston

Acolytes:

Ted Ponko

Randy McDonough

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

The Fifth and Last Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 am The Great Litany and Holy Eucharist, Rite I, *without music*
9:45 am **Christian Education Class: “A Good Enough Lent”**
11:00 am The Great Litany and Holy Eucharist, Rite I, *with music*.
This service is ***“Live-Streamed”*** via our **YouTube Channel**
12:30 pm Fellowship time
12:45 pm Worship Committee Meeting

DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS & MEMORIALS

Easter will soon be here and the church will be arrayed with beautiful fresh flowers. Please consider making a **donation to the Flower Fund for Easter flowers**. There are flower envelopes available for your use. All memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please place in collection plate or give to Ahren by March 24, 2024.

EASTER BRUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ECW will be hosting the annual parish Easter Brunch between the 8:30 and 11:00 services on Easter morning, March 31.

We will provide ham, biscuits, juice, milk, and coffee. We need parish members to help by signing up to bring their favorite brunch items (casseroles, fruit, pastries, etc.). There will be a sign up board in Skiles Hall beginning **Sunday, March 17**.

We would also appreciate any help setting up on **Saturday, March 30** and with clean up after brunch on Sunday.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

Men’s Night Out at Lost Province Brewing Company – 5:45-7:30 pm

The first ***Men’s Night Out*** gathering of 2024 -- our eighth consecutive year! -- will be a dutch treat cocktail hour and dinner in the mainfloor private patio area at **Lost Province Brewing Company**, 130 North Depot Street in Boone, from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 on Tuesday, March 19.

Men’s Night Out is an opportunity for men from within the parish and in our community to enjoy having an evening of fellowship together. We're very flexible, so feel free to bring a friend... or two! On street parking is FREE after 5 pm every day, as are all public parking lots. Please RSVP by noon on Monday, March 18 via email to KeithTMartin@gmail.com or by text or phone to (704) 608-2755 so that we can reserve the appropriate number of seats at the restaurant.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 4-6, 2024

Becoming a Writer: First Steps

Only a few seats remain for Fr. Scott Oxford’s and Noyes Capehart Long’s writers’ workshop at the Conference Center. Join Scott and Noyes as they share their creativity to spark you to take your first steps to become a writer.

If interested, give either one a call and reserve your seat. Fr. Oxford: 828-712-4776 / Noyes Capehart: 828-264-0685.

Schedule of Services in Holy Week:

March 24 – *The Sunday of the Passion*

- 8:30 am Gather in Skiles Hall for the Great Procession into the Church,
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and the recitation of the Passion Story.
- 9:45 am Crafting of Palm Crosses in Skiles Hall
- 11:00 am Gather in Skiles Hall for the Great Procession into the Church,
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and the recitation of the Passion Story.

March 27 – *Holy Wednesday* – 5:30 pm

“Mary’s Way of the Cross”

Gather for this unique opportunity to walk the Stations of the Cross offered from the perspective of Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ.

March 28 - *Holy Thursday* – 7:00 pm

The Maundy Thursday Liturgy
with footwashing and celebration of the Lord’s Supper,
the Solemn procession to Gethsemane and Stripping of the Altars.
Silent vigil before for the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 pm – Midnight.

March 29 - *Good Friday*

- 12 Noon: Walking the Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm: The Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday

March 30 - *Holy Saturday*

9:30 am Morning Prayer

March 31 - *Easter Sunday*

“The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ”

Bring a bell and ring in the glorious news of our Salvation!

- 8:30 am Festival Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Rite II with special music
- 9:45 am Annual Parish Easter Brunch (*Skiles Hall*)
- 11:00 am Festival Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Rite II with special music

The Parish Prayer List: March 17, 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., Roberta T., Gail T., Julia M., Walter B., Randy M., John M., Shane B., Terry S., Claire M., Sara P., Tav G., Terry W., Jody V., Patty D., Bill M., Lynn V., Andrea M., Bonnie R., Sheila W., Betty H., Charles III, Mack G., Janis B., Anna Jane R., Joe H., Tony W., Rebecca H., Steve S., Nick H., Pat & Linda H., Peggy F., _____.

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

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