

The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 22, 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.

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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 ‘How Firm a Foundation’” James Dasher

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Processional Hymn: #379 “God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him” *Abbot’s Leigh*

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: “The Gloria”

(Spoken at 8:30; Sung at 11:00 as #S-278)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.

The First Lesson:

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Response: Psalm 1 (Prayed responsively at 8:30 as noted in **bold** type; Sung at 11:00)



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the / scornful!
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the / LORD, ***
and they meditate on his law day and / night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither; *
everything they do shall / prosper.
- 4 **It is not so with the / wicked; ***
they are like chaff which the wind blows a-/way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment / comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.
- 6 **For the LORD knows the way of the / righteous, ***
but the way of the wicked is / doomed.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Second Lesson:

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Continued...

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Gradual Hymn: #408 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” *Mit Freuden zart*

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 9:30-37

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. George Greer, Jr.

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.

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.

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 North India (United).
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Messiah, Murphy.

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, Sean our Presiding Bishop-Elect, 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 the peace of Jerusalem and for an end to the war and human suffering throughout the Middle East, Gaza, and the Ukraine.

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 strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth." *Continued...*

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.

We give thanks for Holly Hendricks, William Stone, Thomas Howser, Bert Yates, Mary Frisbie, Malinda Boren, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and for Dan & Carolyn Shepherd, Scott & Elaine Kallestad, and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for those who serve on the *Vestry*, 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.

All stand.

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All 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: “Praise God, Ye Servants of the Lord” arr: Robert Roesch

The Presentation Hymn: “For the Fruit of All Creation” *Ar hyd y nos*

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***Priest and People:* We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit (†) upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified (†) by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brother Skiles, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By (†) him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem:

#S-169

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:

#322 “When Jesus Died to Save Us”

#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:

“Ubi Caritas”

Taizé 49

(Sung 3 Times in Language of Choice)

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas live in char - i - ty;
De - us i - bi est. God will dwell with you.

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

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:

May the light of God illumine the heart of your soul.
May the flame of Christ burn within you the divine gift of love.
May the fire of the Spirit cause you to live freely today, tonight, and forevermore.
And may the Blessing of God Almighty: (†) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you this day and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

The Processional Hymn: #636 “How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

The Dismissal:

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Allegro maestoso e vivace” (Organ Sonata II) Felix Mendelssohn

We thank those who served this morning

8:30 am

11:00 am

<i>Greeters/Oblationers:</i>	Mary Pietan	Katie Hall & Mary Watson
<i>Ushers:</i>	Mary Pietan	Katie Hall & Mary Watson
<i>Lector:</i>	Jane Blackburn	Dawn Harris
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Jane Blackburn	Dawn Harris
<i>Chalice:</i>	Edie Tugman	Karla Prudhomme
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Edie Tugman	Kim Gauss
<i>Linen Fairies:</i>		Jennifer Browning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

- 8:30 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*quiet service with no music*)
- 9:30 am** Fellowship time in Skiles Hall
- 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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Film Screening of The Philadelphia 11 in the Apple Barn – 4:00 pm

Gather, watch and discuss the meaning of this important history about the first women ordained as Episcopal priests. This film is about how to break down barriers with grace, and be true to oneself in the process, and it is about standing up to institutions that do not allow all people to be who they are called to be. The screening is **free**, but we'd appreciate an RSVP to director@vconferences.org for set up and refreshment planning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

Eucharistic Minister & Lay Reader Training – 10:00 am

Have you ever thought about serving at the Altar or becoming a Lay Reader, or are you currently serving in this important ministry and feel like it's time for a refresher? If so, don't miss the upcoming training opportunity, led by Nina Jo Moore! For additional information and to sign up for training, contact Karla Prudhomme. Cell: 423-202-4386
Email: krprudhomme@skybest.com

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

The Valle Rendez-View Gala Dinner – 5:30 pm

The Valle Crucis Conference Center is hosting the first ever Valle Rendez-View Gala Dinner! Music by the FABULOUS Belle Peppers, a gourmet dinner catered by Reid's (arguably the best caterers in the High Country), and general hilarity provided by your VCCC hosts. The event kicks off with drinks and some light schmoozing at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner, music, and possibly some dancing, if we're in the mood. Tickets for the dinner are \$100 per person. All proceeds go to benefit the Valle Crucis Conference Center's ministry of hospitality.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

- 8:30 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*quiet service with no music*)
9:30 am Fellowship time in Skiles Hall
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 ***Luncheon in Skiles Hall*** in honor of Elaine Kallestad & her family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
Elaine Kallestad's Farewell Luncheon

As you know, Elaine Kallestad has announced her retirement as Choir Director/Organist after 17 years of service to Holy Cross Church! Her last Sunday will be September 29, so following the 11:00 am service we will have a covered dish lunch in Skiles Hall with some songs and dance (!) by the choir! There is sign-up sheet in Skiles Hall for the covered dish lunch with various categories such as main dish, salads, vegetables/sides, bread. Dessert will be provided!! We will come together to celebrate and give thanks for Elaine's ministry here at Holy Cross. For information contact Dedy Traver at traverarms@yahoo.com or 828-898-5771.

The Parish Prayer List: September 22, 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., Rebecca M., Sam Y., Bill B., Roberta T., Gail T., Julia M., Walter B., Randy M., Shane B., Claire M., Sara P., Tav G., Bill M., Andrea M., Charles III, Mack G., Janis B., Anna Jane R., Steve S., Nick H., Pat & Linda H., Kate M., John N., Floyd T., Catherine R., Molly H., Ray L., Leslie S., Hope L., David S., Terry & Jean M., Suzie L., Pam C., Mary M., Cornelia S., Ann G., Mary Jane M., Dave P., Pat P., Jan H., Kathy C., Sharon B., Joe U., Kelly C., Jesse H., Jennifer B., _____.

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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