

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOLY EUCHARIST

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 2024

9:00 a.m. Rite I

A Welcome from the Rector

Welcome to Holy Cross! We are so glad that you are here with us to celebrate the wonderful grace of God given to us in Jesus Christ. If you're new to Holy Cross or the Episcopal tradition, I want to offer a couple of quick notes about worshipping with us.

First, we are a Prayer Book tradition. There are no secrets to the liturgy, no twists or turns or surprises. The whole liturgy is written out in the red Book of Common Prayer in the pew back in front of you. The book is "common" because we use it for everything and everyone. It harkens back to the Church of England, where the poorest saint and the Queen herself are buried with the same prayer book liturgy. The bones of the liturgy we'll do today have been done by Anglicans all over the world for hundreds of years.

We also sing hymns. All the music played is played by real people with real instruments, and the songs are sung with real voices in the congregation. This means you! I know it might take a couple weeks to get the hang of it, but my hope for you is that the rich tradition of hymnody found in our hymnal (the blue book in the pew back in front of you) becomes something you sing and sing loudly! From time immemorial, people have gathered together and sung about what is important to them. This is none truer than in the church, where we are commanded to "be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:18b-19)"

Next, Christian worship on the Lord's Day is meant for the entire church, not just the adults. We are a covenant community. A people who exist in a legal relationship with God. He has made promises to us and covenanted himself to us. And we believe children are a part of that covenant and are recipients of that promise! So, parents, we want your children to worship with us. Which also means we expect them to be children. Their laughter, cries, coos, and whatever other noise they make is a vital part of the worship service. We do have children's bulletins that they can color and keep busy, but don't worry: the sermons are short!

Finally, it is the Lord who has called us to worship today. This service is not meant for our entertainment, nor is it designed to manipulate you into giving us your money. It simply exists for your good! If you feel at any moment that you are unworthy to worship a holy and righteous God, or perhaps even ashamed to be at church, please know that it is God himself who has invited you to this place. It's His table that He has set for you, and He invites you to come and lay your burdens down and find rest for your soul. You are in good company.

The Rev. Jared L. Jones, *Rector*

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude Te Lucis Ante Terminum (Before the End of the Day)—John Rutter

Procession

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymn 460

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit”

People **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ 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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, Have mercy upon us.

Gloria in excelsis

Glory be to God on high,

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Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,

we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory:

O Lord God, heavenly King; God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:

That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art the most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

People **Amen.**

The First Lesson

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. *2 Kings 2:1-12*

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50 (Please stand and sing to the tune of "Crown Him with Many Crowns")

The mighty God, the Lord, Hath spoken unto all;
From rising to the setting sun, He unto earth doth call.
From Zion, his own hill, Where perfect beauty dwells,
Jehovah hath his glory shown, In brightness that excels.

Our God shall surely come, And silence shall not keep;
Before him fire shall waste, and storms Tempestuous round him sweep.
He to the heav'ns above Shall then send forth his call,
And likewise to the earth, that he May judge his people all.

"Together let my saints Unto me gathered be,
Those that by sacrifice have made A covenant with me."
Then shall the heav'ns declare His righteousness abroad;
Because the Lord himself is judge, Yea, none is judge, but God.

The Second Lesson

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

Jesus Lover of my Soul

Hymn 699

The Gospel

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. *Mark 9:2-9*

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jared L. Jones

The Nicene Creed

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.

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.

Prayers of the People

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

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: 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 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, Ronald, and Art 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.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples 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. **Amen**

Confession of Sin

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Minister and People

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed,
against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them
is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and
please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Communion

BCP 333

Offertory Air –Georg F Handel (1685-1759)

Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer I*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Celebrant and People

**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.**

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The people kneel or stand.

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 offenses, 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. **Amen**

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

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 Prayer of Humble Access

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 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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to the altar rail to receive communion. Please come forward, kneel at the rail, and extend your hands to receive the bread. You may eat the bread yourself and then drink wine from the chalice when it is presented to you, or you may intinct (dip) the bread in the cup and consume both elements simultaneously. If you have not been baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the minister.

Communion

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide

Hymn 662

Let us pray.

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.

The Benediction

Procession

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn 376

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fugue from Sonata 6 –Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Service Participants

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Jared L. Jones

Crucifer/Acolyte: David Kenison

Lector: Fran Westerfield

Chalice: Judee Fontaine and David Johnson

Ushers: David Lewis and Dede Durham

Livestream: Brian Simmons and Tehiara Wimberley

Organist: Dr. Terry Yount

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Birthdays

February 14th: Brenda Rutherford Terry Suber

February 15th: Debbie Bowman

Prayer Concerns

Diocesan & Anglican Cycles of Prayer: Iglesia Episcopal San Cristobal and St. John the Baptist Church, Orlando, and the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Parishioners: Mike, Bo, Dede, Sarah, Sharon, Drew, Larry, Ginger, Christy, Ann, Don, Theodora, Sam, Verona, Rachel, Roscoe, Sheila, Glen, Bonnie, O.H., Justin, Keith, Paul, Shirley, Susan, Dorothy, Steven, Beverly, Jeb.

Homebound: Peggy, Noemie, Alice, Mary, Norina

Family & Friends: Shaun, Celia, Carol Baker, Barbara & Jonathan, Shawn Putnam, Dan Butler (Kathy Krasnoff's nephew), Jacqueline Marie Torres (daughter of Naomi Gonzalez-Longstaff), and Arden Fontaine, Jr.

The flowers on the high altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Joe Miller by Pat Miller.

The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bobby and Elaine Hall by Clark, Fran and James Westerfield.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Naomi, Bill, Bob and Tom from the Durham family.

Our Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb, *Bishop of Central Florida*

The Rev. Jared L. Jones, *Rector*

Larry Seigler, *Lay Eucharistic Minister Warden*, David Lewis, *Usher Warden*

Mike Vernon, *Senior Warden*, Lay Eucharistic Visitor Warden

Alison 'Dede' Durham, *Junior Warden*, Judee Fontaine, *Clerk of the Vestry*,

Drew Radenhausen, *Vestry, Treasurer*

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