

**The Church of the Holy Cross
Valle Crucis, NC**



One Year After: A Day of Prayer

Saturday, October 4, 2025, 9:00 am -1:00 pm

Sponsored by the St. Helena Chapter of Daughters of the King

Welcome

The St. Helena Chapter of the Daughters of the King is sponsoring **One Year After: A Day of Prayer** at the Church of the Holy Cross in Valle Crucis on Saturday, October 4th near the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Helene's catastrophic effects on western North Carolina. Prayers will be offered for those who suffered- and those who continue to suffer- from the storm.

Prayers will also be offered for the world, our nation, the church, our community and our families.

Please join us anytime during the day. We will begin our program of prayer at 9:00 am and end around 1:00 pm. But you are invited to drop in at any time, to stay as long as you want, or to come early and stay late.

The day will consist of congregational prayer, individual spoken prayer, and lots of time for quiet, individual prayers. A short service of healing prayers and Eucharist will be offered at 12:30 pm.

One Year After: A Day of Prayer

9:00-10:00 am (Bell rung)

Welcome-Jane Blackburn

Morning Prayer Rite II

Leader: *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us: that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, Strength us, in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal like. Amen.

Leader: *Lord, open our lips*

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Leader: Together let us pray the **Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Alleluia

The Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Leader:

The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me:

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day, you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name: Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one, in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Leader: Let us now pray for the World.

Lord, we pray for your world. We pray for all those affected by violence of others, for those who lost their lives and all who mourn them, for those who live on with the trauma of mind and body, for those whose homes or communities have been destroyed, and we pray for our future, that we may learn the paths of understanding and peace.

God of all nations, who has called us to be ambassadors of reconciliation in our world, pour out your healing on those who have suffered at others' hands. Bind up the wounds of the broken, restore the hope of the lost and bring those who have died into the joy of your eternal presence. Transform us all that, by learning the lessons of the past and by growing in gentleness, compassion and respect, we may work together for a future in which all peoples will be set free to flourish, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(From: Canterbury Book of New Parish Prayers)

Leader: *Let us now offer up prayers of intercession and thanksgiving either silently or softly aloud.*

10:00-Morning Prayer continued (Ring bell)

A Song of Creation

Leader: Let us continue with Morning Prayer with the Song of Creation.

Together: Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

The Cosmic Order

Together: Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord,

O heavens and all waters above the heavens

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, all winds and fire and heat. Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, drops of dew and flakes of snow. Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, O shining light and enfolding dark. Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

The Earth and its Creatures

Together: Let the earth glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever. Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, O whales and all that move in the waters. All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, and all you flocks and herds, O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

The People of God

Together: Let the people of God glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever. Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, praise him and highly exalt him forever. You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; praise Him and highly exalt him forever. In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

10:30- Ring the bell).

Leader: Now let us turn our prayers to our Nation.

Lord, we pray for your world. In difficult and uncertain times for our nation, we pray for our leaders and for all those who in small and great ways work for the cause of unity and peace in our community.

God, our Father, whose longing is for us to live in peace with one another and in hope for a better future, show your mercy to a land so much in need. Guide our leaders with your wisdom, strengthen our people with your compassion and commitment and show us all that path ahead which leads to you, that we may move from conflict and aggression to understanding and renewal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(From: The Canterbury Book of New Parish Prayers)

Leader:

Let us offer prayers for our community and all in our area affected by Helene.

Lord of all creation, we know that this world is a place of danger as well as of beauty. A place of threat as well as of promise. Defend, we pray, all those who experience or fear flooding in our beautiful North Carolina mountains. Where damage has been done, help them to rebuild, where hopes have been destroyed, help a new future to come into focus, where injuries of mind or body have been caused, help them to heal, that through trust in your faithfulness and through the gift of mutual encouragement, communities that suffer may find new purpose, energy and direction, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(From: The Canterbury Book of New Parish Prayers)

Leader: *Please Pray quietly for individuals, VC Elementary School, VC United Methodist Church, and local businesses throughout our area and surrounding counties.*

Leader: *Please join in praying the General Thanksgiving.*

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of

this life; but above all your immeasurable love in the redemption for the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen

11:00-11:30 Part IV (ring bell)

Noonday Prayers- Book of Common Prayer

Leader O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Alleluia

Leader: Let us pray Psalm 121 together:

All: I lift my eyes to the hills: from where is my help to come? My help comes from the **LORD**, the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber no sleep; The **LORD** himself watches over you; the **LORD** is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The **LORD** shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The **LORD** shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

All: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through The Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Thanks be to God.

Leader: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy.

Leader: Together let us pray the Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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.

Leader: Lord, hear our prayers

People: And let our cry come to you

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty Savior, who at noonday called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you: for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

11:30- 12:00-Prayers for family, friends and all who need prayers. (Ring the bell)

Leader: Please come to the altar and light a candle and offer up your personal prayers during this time of quiet prayer and contemplation.

Lord, grant us your grace, that with kind and generous hearts we may serve our family, our neighbors, our society and our world.

Bell is rung

Priest:

12:30-1:00 Eucharist & Healing Prayers

The Great Litany

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Officiant  *People* 

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

Officiant  *People* 

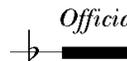
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

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

Officiant  *People* 

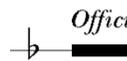
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

Officiant 

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People 

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law, by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

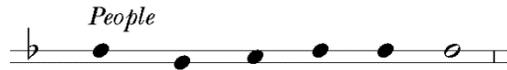
By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial;

by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People

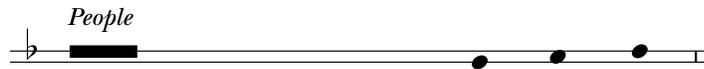
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,



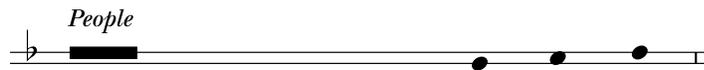
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,



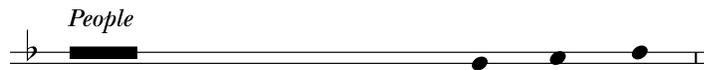
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,



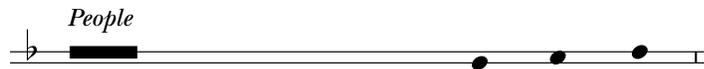
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,



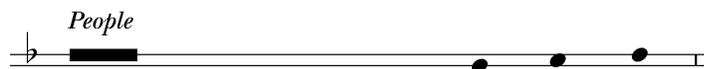
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of this nation, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,



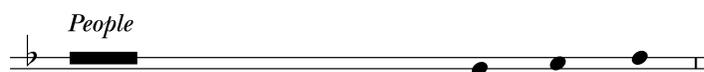
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

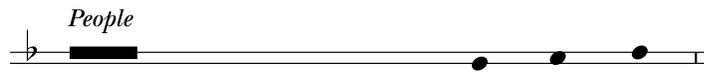
That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by

strife,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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 those who are failing and infirm,



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,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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



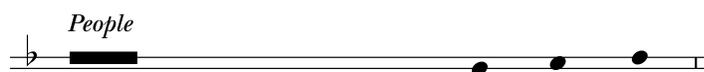
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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 Satan down under our feet,



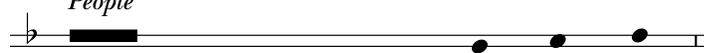
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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 Mother Mary,
 Brother Skiles, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

People


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.

Officiant


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.

Officiant


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

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

The Lord be with you,

People And also with you

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our Human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. AMEN

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

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be they 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.

Alleluia- Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

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.

Celebrant Let us Pray
Celebrant and People

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.

Dismissal and blessing

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia